News briefs

Alum makes donation to journalism school

Jonathan Marshall, the former publisher and editor of the Scottsdale Progress, and his wife, Maxine, donated \$1.25 million to create a chair dedicated to the study of the First Amendment at the journalism school.

Journalism school Dean Tim Gleason said the Marshall chair, along with two other chairs established last year, "gives us the potential to become a national leader in research and teaching of communication law and policy."

The Marshalls have repeatedly shown support of the journalism school. In 1990, they established the Jonathan Marshall Award for Innovative Teaching to reward excellence in teaching.

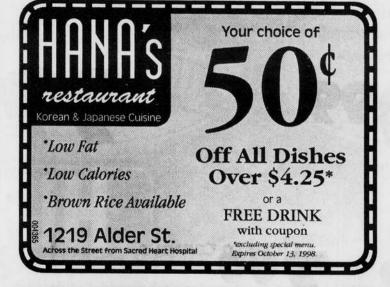
"This chair is a fitting legacy to the Marshalls' careers in the newspaper business and as advocates for a better society," Gleason said. The Marshalls have shown a strong commitment to civil rights causes, even if doing so endangered the Scottsdale Progress' survival, he said.

"At a time when First Amendment rights of journalists and of the public are under attack from many sides, this chair will send an important signal about the school's commitment to free speech and the press," Gleason said.

Career Center holds orientation sessions

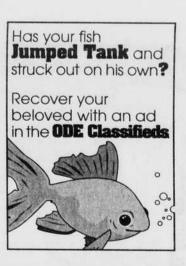
The Career Center will hold its first round of orientation sessions for seniors interested in participating in the campus recruitment program. Sessions will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room today and Wednesday.

On Monday, Oct. 5, the Career Center will hold another session in Hendricks Room 12 at 5 p.m. Any senior planning to interview with recruiters coming to campus must attend an orientation session.









Frequently Asked Questions About the New Student Sexual Misconduct Code

- 1. Do you really need to get written consent to have sex, under the new code?

 No! The new code does call for "explicit consent," which means "voluntary, non-coercive, and clear communication indicating a willingness to engage in the particular act."

 Verbal consent must be obtained unless the sexual act is clearly mutually initiated. The best way to give and gain consent, whether the act is mutually initiated or not, is very simple IUST ASK.
- 2. Is there going to be a permission police that will barge into my bedroom?

 No! Of course, the university won't create a "permission police."The new code isn't a regulatory measure, but will serve as a guideline for determining whether sexual misconduct has taken place in situations where someone files a complaint.

In fact, these changes weren't initiated by the university. They were originally created by a group of students after a Take Back the Night March in spring 1995. The students felt that the old code didn't provide a safe environment for survivors.

3. Can I have sex with someone who has been drinking?

There is not a yes or no to this question. Studies indicate that alcohol is involved in 75-90 percent of all campus sexual assaults. The conduct code states that, if a person is intoxicated, they are unable to give meaningful consent. Since the definition of intoxicated is different for every person, initiating sex with someone who has been drinking is risky.

Does the Student Conduct Code apply if an assault happens off-campus? Yes, with a few conditions. First, the perpetrator must be a currently enrolled student at the university. In addition, the survivor's grades or performance at the university has to have been adversely affected or the perpetrator must pose a threat to the campus community. The new code extends jurisdiction off campus to reflect the reality of students' lives. Eighty percent of students live off-campus in apartments, fraternities, sororities, or other housing. Therefore, a majority of rapes occur off-campus and this extension of jurisdiction reflects the fact that it doesn't matter where rape happens rape is rape!

Know the Facts! Spread the Word!

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For questions, call the Office of the Dean of Student Life, 346-3216,
or the ASUO Women's Center, 346-4095
For a complete copy of the sexual misconduct code,
look at the policies in the schedule of classes, or go to
http://oregon.uoregon.edu/~conduct/index.html
All statistics from I Never Called it Rape, by Robin Warshaw

