

College of Education ranks 16th

The education program can use the ranking to gain greater visibility

By Tricia Schwennesen
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Reputation has been questioned, research activity scrutinized and the caliber of previous graduate students examined.

Now the votes are in, and the tally totaled leaving the University's College of Education ranked 16th in the nation by U.S. News and World Report.

According to the magazine's special edition, the education program jumped 11 spots, ranking it one of the best in the country for the year 2000. The report also lists the University's Special Education Program sixth in the country.

Martin Kaufman, dean of the College of Education, said the new ranking is extraordinary and may be a reflection of the high impact and greater visibility the faculty has had in the past year.

"I think the faculty are fully making a difference," Kaufman said. "I think the redesigned teacher education program and the redesigned school administrative program, coupled with research, is contributing to that

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Faculty research has actually changed things for kids and their families. That national visibility may have affected the college's reputation, Kaufman said.

"It just tells us how excellent our faculty are — to achieve that ranking at a small college in a low population area," Kaufman said. "We are the best, by this listing, the best in the Northwest."

The nation's 188 graduate education programs that grant Ph.D. or Ed.D. degrees were ranked based on a weighted average comprised of 40 percent reputation, 20 percent student selectivity, 20 percent faculty resources and 20 percent research activity.

U.S. News touts the rankings as a way for potential applicants to make a better-informed decision on where to apply and where to attend graduate school. "U.S. News is a credible

magazine and, yes, there are more scientific rankings ... but from the public's point of view, they read U.S. News and World Report and it will attract more inquiries," Kaufman said. "And it will probably affect the rankings next year too."

Kaufman said people planning for graduate school next year will look back on this year's ranking and think, "Well, the college was ranked highly last year, so it must be a good investment."

"It's kind of like the rich get richer, and the poor get poorer," Kaufman said. "It's certainly not going to have a negative effect. If nothing else, at least we will feel good about it."

Joe Swinehart, a graduate student in elementary education, said the rankings are an important way to get the University's College of Education name out there.

"It does hold the University to a standard," Swinehart said. "The people you're going to get a job from are the people who read U.S. News and World Report."

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Lane County campgrounds preparing for busy months

The Outdoor Program offers a good resource for prospective campers

By Felicity Ayles
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It's finally spring, and Lane County is offering a chance for anyone to get outdoors and enjoy the sunshine — or the rain.

All three of the county's campsites will soon be open and ready to accept the masses of potential campers this spring.

Baker Bay Campground, located on the Dorena Reservoir, opened Friday and includes a marina and boat rentals. Richardson campground is located on Fern Ridge Reservoir in Veneta and is scheduled to open on April 16.

The third campground, Harbor Vista, is open year round and is located on the Siuslaw River north of Florence.

The main differences between the campsites are location and features, said Carol Ann Peters, Lane County marketing and volunteer coordinator.

"There is a difference in the amenities. There's no electricity at Baker Bay," Peters said.

But despite the lack of modern conveniences, the campgrounds book up rather quickly, she said.

"People started reserving in January," she said. "We only have a few spots left for the Fourth of July weekend."

The busiest season is during the summer months, but Peters said the sites are busy from April to Oc-

tober.

"People are looking to camp as soon as the sun comes out," she said.

In addition to Lane County, the University Outdoor Program is a source for students who are looking to enjoy the spring weather.

The program works as a cooperative, where students can put up a trip sheet for any activity and other students can join in. The Outdoor Program then provides all the equipment needed for the trip, said Bruce Mason, Outdoor Program coordinator.

"We act as a resource center for anyone who wants information on places to go for camping," he said.

But unlike Lane County's sites, Mason said, the Outdoor Program does not focus on car camping.

"Camping is something that happens with the other activities we do," he said. "We do car camping on our way somewhere."

Group activities are a major part of the program, but Mason said many students come in looking to take trips by themselves. There are lots of places to go in Lane County, from the coast to the mountains, he said.

"Spending the night outdoors is still very popular," he said. "In just an hour or an hour and a half's drive from Eugene you can get some high-quality camping experiences."

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Pope begins Easter ceremony with thoughts toward Kosovo

By Frances D'Emilio
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VATICAN CITY — Striking a note of sorrow on Christianity's most joyous day, Pope John Paul II implored Yugoslav authorities Sunday to open a "humanitarian corridor" so aid can reach Kosovo's desperate refugees.

"On this holy day I feel duty-bound to make a heartfelt appeal to the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to allow a humanitarian corridor to be opened in order for help to be brought to the mass of people gathered at the border of Kosovo," the pope said in his Easter address.

In an extemporaneous addition to his written text, John Paul added: "There are always numerous corridors of hope!"

Vatican envoys have been working for both an end to the NATO bombings and a return of Yugoslav leaders and ethnic Albanians to the negotiating table.

For the pope, Easter was tinged with sorrow over the war.

He expressed dismay over both Yugoslavia's violence against ethnic Albanians and the NATO airstrikes aimed at trying to induce Yugoslavia back to the peace table.

"How can we speak of peace when people are forced to flee, when they are hunted down and their homes are burnt to the ground?" the pope asked during his Easter message after late-morning Mass in St. Peter's Square attended by tens of thousands of faithful and broadcast worldwide.

Community Briefs

DeGeneres to speak at Silva Concert Hall

Tickets go on sale today for an April 19 speech at the Silva Concert Hall by comedian Ellen DeGeneres. The talk, "Acceptance Through Laughter," will be at 7 p.m.

Tickets cost \$17 for University students and \$27 for the general public. They will be available at 10 a.m. in the EMU Ticket Office or by

phone at the Hult Center Box Office, 682-5000.

Following the speech, DeGeneres will attend a reception. Tickets for this event are available for a \$100 donation by calling Stephanie Carnahan at 346-1134.

The plans are for the proceeds from the reception to go for a scholarship fund for University students who are cut off financially from their family after revealing they are gay.

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