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Weather forecast

Today
Showers
High 46, Low 41

Friday
Mostly cloudy
High 48, Low 36

The tower and the power

ASUO Executive candidate Michael Atkinson wants a new clock tower while Melissa Logan wants to give students more power / **PAGES 3, 6**

Dawgs bite Ducks

Missing two of their top players, the women's tennis team falls to a Huskies lineup they beat just a month ago / **PAGE 11**

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Back to books

Using the new medium of the Internet, students can buy an old, but still useful, medium: books

By Tricia Schwennesen
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Students no longer have to trudge down to the University Bookstore through torrential rains just to buy their textbooks.

There's a new option available to students all across the United States.

Computer savvy classgoers can purchase their textbooks on-line and even have them delivered right to their doorstep — for a small price.

In fact, varsitybooks.com, an on-line book dealer, advertises a \$4.95 flat rate for shipping plus a lower cost on books than the average university bookstore, sometimes up to 40 percent less.

"We provide savings and convenience that they haven't had before," said Jodi Gershoni, the communications director for Varsity. "We are empowering students with a purchasing alternative."

Gershoni said that, in the past, students had no place for price comparisons and were stuck paying high prices at their local bookstore.

With the emergence of several on-line book brokers, such as varsitybooks.com, amazon.com and buybooks.com, students can get greater variety, lower prices and the luxury of front-door delivery.

"Tens of thousands of students buy from us," Gershoni said. "Every semester it grows dramatically."

On-line book-buying has yet to affect business at the University Bookstore, but the on-

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Services available to assist with taxes

Many places provide materials to help people better prepare for the April 15 deadline

By Felicity Ayles
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This time of year, everyone could use a little professional help — with their taxes.

As if student loans weren't enough, this month many students might discover they owe the federal government hundreds, even thousands, of dollars.

But have no fear, Eugene offers many resources for first-time taxpayers as well as more experienced students who haven't quite gotten around to filing yet.

The Eugene branch of Kinko's Copies at the corner of 13th Avenue and Willamette Street has three tax books in stock from which customers can copy tax forms and instructions. The store also has computers set up with Internet links to the Internal Revenue Service so people can file on-line.

Kinko's will be fully staffed the night of April 15 and will make a run to the Eugene Post Office around 11:30 p.m., Kinko's manager Jennifer Willis said.

The store provides the service every year, but this year they are also providing food for hungry late-night taxpayers, she said.

Before attempting to file taxes for the first time, students should seek some professional advice, said Rick Nelson, H&R Block tax consultant.

"It gets you oriented and gives you an idea of what to expect," Nelson said.

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Tax form pick-up locations:

- Many U.S. post offices, including the EMU location
- Kinko's Copies, 13th and Willamette
- Knight Library
- Eugene Public Library
- On-line at: www.irs.ustreas.gov
- Order by fax: Call 1-703-368-9694 for fax requests
- Order by phone: 1-800-829-3676
- On CD ROM: Call 1-877-CDFORMS to order

Final ballot measures approved for election

Gardenburgers and OSPIRG are among issues to be decided

By Sarah Skidmore
Oregon Daily Emerald

Six ballot measures will appear on the spring election ballot on April 21 and 22. The deadline for decisions on the measures was Tuesday at 5 p.m. Eight measures were submitted and two were denied.

For a measure to appear on the ballot, the sponsor must take several steps. The wording of the measure must be submitted to the Constitution Court for approval, and once it is approved there are three ways it can be permitted to appear. One option is to get a referral from the ASUO Executive. The second option is to have it approved by a Student Senate vote. The last option is to collect enough student signatures to validate the measure.

If the measure proposes

changes to the ASUO constitution, signatures from 10 percent of the student body must be collected. If the measure does not propose a change to the constitution, the sponsor must collect signatures from 5 percent of the student body. After following one of these steps, the measures are then turned in to the elections coordinator.

Students will vote on ballot measures during the elections on April 21 and 22. However, voting on ASUO presidential candidates and other student representative seats will take place during the primary elections on April 14 and 15 in addition to the final elections.

Measures Approved

The measures that will appear on the spring election ballot are the following:

Ballot Measure #1, Designated Driver Shuttle, if approved, will transfer funds from DDS to the ASUO Executive.

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