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Weather forecast

Today
Showers
High 67, Low 52

Wednesday
Showers
High 63, Low 42

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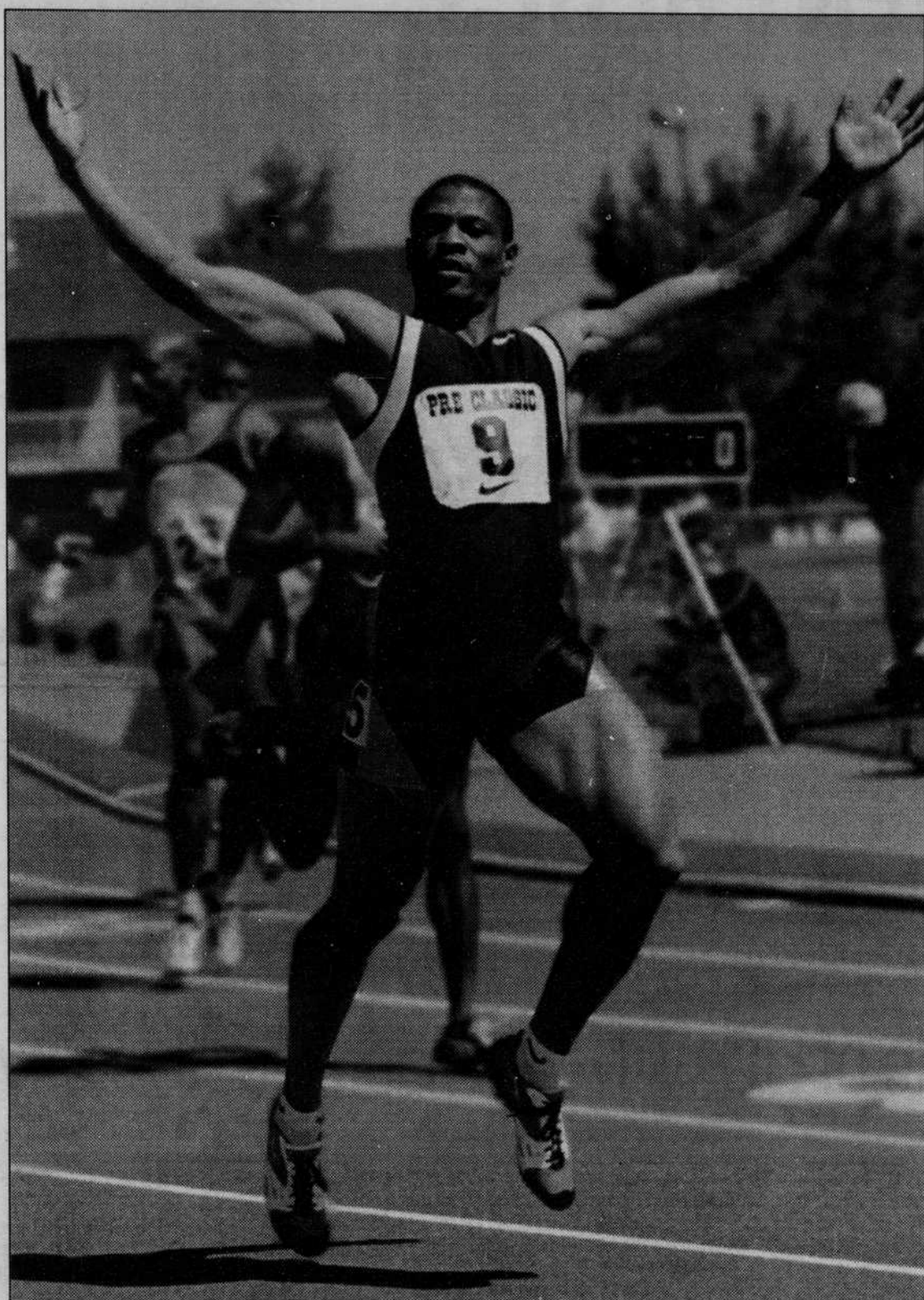
Volunteers will restore the hiking paths of Spencer Butte Saturday in recognition of National Trails Day / **PAGE 7**

Blazers blow game-long lead

Sean Elliott makes six-of-seven threes — two in the last minute of the game — to boost the Spurs to an 86-85 victory in game two / **PAGE 16**

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For the second straight year, sprinter Maurice Greene shined at the Prefontaine Classic, defending titles in both the 100 and 200.

25th Pre Classic field ignites crowd

The thousands of fans present witnessed world-class competitors

By Scott Pesznecker
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They arrived early Sunday morning, streaming through the Hayward Field gates and filling the stands to witness America's greatest track meet.

The younger portion of the 12,247 fans flocked toward the interview areas searching for a signature of a world-famous athlete. Meanwhile, the older citi-

zens of Tracktown stood and took it all in.

Just before the first race, an announcement boomed over the loudspeaker: "Ladies and gentlemen, we are now live on CBS to the nation."

The crowd roared in response, and the 25th anniversary of the Steve Prefontaine Classic was underway.

The Prefontaine Classic is one of the few chances Americans

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have to watch a 2 1/2 hour track meet with a loaded field. Europe is home to most of the world's elite meets.

This year's Prefontaine Classic lived up to its always high expectations. The Hayward crowd saw a field of high-profile athletes in a number of close finishes.

In the day's second event, Regina Jacobs ran the world's fastest 1,500 meters this year in 4 minutes, 7.90 seconds.

Jacobs crossed the finish line and parted the sea of reporters to

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Bookstore security system is elaborate

A large mix of cameras, alarms and undercover officers target shoplifters

By Jason George
Oregon Daily Emerald

Many students do not know that a trip to the University Bookstore is an event under a microscope — the microscope of security.

Jim Williams, bookstore general manager, admitted that catching thieves "is an invisible part of the store." But just because you can't see it, does not mean it's not there.

Williams, a University alumnus who started working at the bookstore in 1965, was the creator of the store's first loss prevention program. Now, after 4,000 arrests and approximate-

ly \$150,000 of goods returned, the invisible part of the store is a big part in its own right.

"[Shoplifting] is a crime, and it needs to be handled as such," Williams said.

And this is just the way the store handles it; however, Williams and Loss Prevention Supervisor Debra Peña said catching and proving someone is shoplifting is a difficult task.

"First, the store has to prove that we have probable cause. Then we have to prove intent," Williams said.

The way the bookstore proves probable cause for apprehension is with a wealth of security equipment and personnel. One part of the system is the Electronic Alarm System

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Tradition of protest continues in 1990s

Student challenges to budget cuts, violence, discrimination and authority urged change

By Kameron Cole
Oregon Daily Emerald

From Generation X to Y2K, from "Seinfeld" to the Spice Girls, the 90s may not have been pretty, but they sure as hell weren't boring.

On campus continued a long tradition of political involvement and civil disobedience. Groups such as Students for Choice; Students Against Apartheid and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Alliance were formed, dissolved and retooled to fit into the mold cast by national and international events.

Out in the real world, war at the begin-

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History through the reporter's eyes
1990 — 1999



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University students and community members march down Agate Street to protest the Persian Gulf War in January 1991.