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## Preventative measures

The Eugene Police Department is taking precautions this year and — based on events that occurred the previous two Halloweens — are preparing for a potential riot. **PAGE 6**



## Migrating to the Ducks

Top colleges around the country recruited Jason Hartmann, but he came cross country to Oregon to join Eugene's rich running history. **PAGE 7**

## Catching some air



Christopher Steidle, a freshman majoring in archeology, skates off steps adjacent to Fenton Hall.

Jeffrey Stockton Emerald

## Former SNL star brings act to UO

■ The Cultural forum is bringing comedian David Spade to McArthur Court and, if successful, will sponsor other shows later this year

By Erin Shires  
for the Emerald

David Spade, the popular comedian from "Saturday Night Live" and "Just Shoot Me," is taking over McArthur Court — at least for a night.

Spade, whose performance is being sponsored by the Cultural Forum, will bring his razor-blade brand of humor to campus on Oct. 30 at 9 p.m.

Spade will face some tough competition that night with Family Weekend and the Homecoming game against Arizona State. But Ian Clayman, Cultural Forum performing arts coordinator, said his performance is not meant to combat the possibility of a third-in-a row Halloween riot. Instead, he said, Oct. 30 is the only date when McArthur Court is available for Spade's event.

"It's really hard for us to get McArthur Court during the athletic season," Clayman said.

Spade's performance is not the first event the Cultural Forum has sponsored. In the past, the forum has sponsored mostly musical performances. Spade's appearance is the first comedy show the forum has sponsored in a while.

Clayman said he hopes that the Cultural Forum can sell 4,000 to 5,000 tickets to Spade's show. If the show is successful, the

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### David Spade



Where: McArthur Court

When: 9 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 30

How Much: \$10 for students, \$20 for the general public

Tickets go on sale today at the EMU Ticket Office.

For more information, contact the Cultural Forum at 346-4373.

## OUS task force strives to curb insurance cost

■ Decreasing costs will allow health coverage to be more accessible to students

By Ben Romano  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Controlling the increasing cost of student health insurance is the goal of a newly appointed Oregon University System special task force.

"Our charge is to explore the whole field of student health insurance options," said Elizabeth Dickenson, OUS risk manager and the facilitator of the 13-member Student Health Insurance Task Force.

There is a significant number of students attending Oregon's public universities that cannot continue insurance coverage under a parent's or employer's plan. Without affordable health insurance through their universities, these students may be left uninsured, she said.

Health insurance rates are "inflating exponentially," said se-

### Increasing health insurance premiums

Percentage increase in health insurance premiums for the Eugene/Springfield area:

1997-98: 7 to 10 percent

1998-99: 10 percent

1999-00: 10 to 15 percent (anticipated)

SOURCE: Bob Pettit, medical administrator, University Health Center

nior Greg Byrd, a student representative to the task force.

For example, the premiums for the University Graduate Teaching Fellows insurance policy went up 90 percent last year. The reason for the rising cost of insurance is because of what Byrd called adverse selection.

The majority of insurance policies at Oregon's public universities are voluntary. As costs of insurance increase, fewer stu-

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By Maggie Young  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Growing up in middle-class India and watching impoverished children with few opportunities inspired Shanka Chakraborty to study ways to strengthen economies around the world.

It was this goal that brought him to a new position as an economics professor at the University.

A recent doctorate recipient from UCLA, Chakraborty began his first teaching position this term as a professor of economics at the University. His research and teaching focus on growth and development economics.

Although many students have expressed an interest in economics,

## Making lives better with economics

Shanka Chakraborty begins a new economics position and 'fits right in'

that specific position had not been offered on a full-time basis in the past, said economics Associate Professor Van Kolpin. Chakraborty's presence will enable the department to fill in the holes in this area.

"We are always striving to give our students a wide-exposure to the areas of economics," Kolpin said. "Chakraborty will allow us to expand the courses we can offer in any given year and strengthens the

department as a whole."

Chakraborty questions why so many countries are poor and why other parts of the world do so much better. The center point of Chakraborty's research has been to answer the question: What can we do to make people's lives

better, increase their income levels and give them command over their economic resources?

He said he hopes to be able to use growth and development programs in a way so that people of all social classes can take advantage of them.

He began his studies at Presidency College in Calcutta and the Delhi School of Economics in New Dehli. As his career progressed,

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