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## Oregon's charged and ready

The Ducks begin their quest for the "Big Dance" as they kick off their 1999-2000 season tonight at McArthur Court against the Basketball Travelers. **PAGE 7A**



## Cottage Grove commute

Lane Transit District will offer service between Eugene and Cottage Grove throughout the week beginning in February to better serve distant commuters. **PAGE 5A**

## AT THE COFFEE COUNTER



The Buzz employee Jason Lanning serves Tara Payne, a senior business major, a cup of coffee.

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By Brian Goodell  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Coffee has been a staple of the American diet for years. And for years, the health effects of caffeine have been a source of heated debate. But one fact is without question — the coffee industry is brimming with delight as sales are up across the board, and the University is no exception.

Coffee consumption on campus has shown a dramatic increase from last year. EMU Food Service, which manages all coffee outlets on campus not associated with University Housing, reports a first-quarter increase in coffee sales from \$47,087 in 1998 to \$63,238 in 1999.

Victoria Varble-Goss, EMU assistant food service director, attributed the increase to java-savvy freshmen.

"In the last several years, if you walk into any high school,

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Coffee consumption among University students has increased dramatically within the last year

they have espresso bars," Varble-Goss said. "When those students come to college, they already know exactly what they want."

Fred Babcock has served as director of food service for University Housing since 1979 and has noticed a significant change in coffee consumption.

"I've recently noticed an increase in consumption as freshman become more familiar with

coffee," Babcock said. "Students coming to school now have already been exposed to the coffee culture."

Babcock said that when he first came to the University, students were not really into drinking coffee. University Housing now conducts surveys every year to measure coffee preferences of students.

"They're drinking a lot more of it now," Babcock said.

Nutritionists are not convinced that this recent boom is a good thing, but they are reluctant to condemn coffee consumption, as long as it's done in moderation.

"There are no studies that show caffeine in small doses has ill health effects for an individual," University Health Center Dietitian Kristen Olmos said.

Although caffeine has been linked to heart disease, cancer, os-

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## New grievance filed in senate

University student Scott Austin accuses five student senators of breaking ASUO rules and demands they each be removed from office

By Jeremy Lang  
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Five hours and \$25 might not be the only punishment for the student senators accused last week of breaking ASUO rules.

On Thursday, student Scott Austin filed an eight-page grievance with the ASUO Constitution Court against summer-session Sens. Jessica Timpany, C.J. Gabbe, Jereme Grzybowski, Spencer Hamlin and Andrew Schneider. Austin accused the five senators of breaking ASUO rules by not holding office hours and abusing power by allocating \$400 to family housing, a non-ASUO recognized group.

Austin also demanded in his grievance that all five senators be removed from office for non-fulfillment of duties and pay back the \$75 stipend they received for their work on the summer senate.

Gabbe said he disagreed with the charges and spent more than adequate time during the summer working on student issues even though he didn't post office hours.

"The accusations of nonfulfillment are unreasonable," Gabbe said. "I went above and beyond what was required of me, and it's unfortunate that this is about whether I posted hours and not what I accomplished over the summer."

As of late Thursday, Grzybowski and Hamlin said they didn't have a chance to read the grievance and would not comment

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## Student Senate

### Timeline

**Nov. 3:** Former Student Senator Autumn DePoe files a grievance against four senators for failing to hold office hours.

**Nov. 10:** In response, the senate demands the senators return \$25 of the \$75 received in stipends during summer session.

**Nov. 11:** Student Scott Austin files a grievance against five senators for not fulfilling ASUO responsibilities, suggesting they each be removed from office and repay the entire \$75.

## African student group to foster community

Junior Aleyao Binioube is looking to re-establish an organization for African students in Eugene

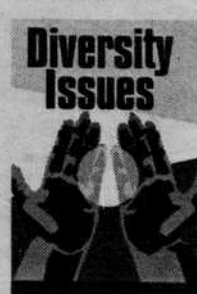
By Edward Yuen  
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Diversity on campus will soon be broadened with the addition of a new ethnic student group at the University.

Aleyao Binioube, a junior majoring in international studies, is trying to re-establish an organization for students from Africa. The organization will tentatively be called African Student Association, Binioube said.

Binioube, who is from the Republic of Togo, has been working in different African countries for various international organizations, such as the African Refugee Committee and ADIS (Afrique, Action for Integral and Sustainable Development in Africa in Benin and Togo).

Binioube came to the University in September and decided he wanted to establish the group so students from Africa can share their experiences with other African students and for other students to learn more



about African issues. Binioube also said he has many goals for the student group. He said he wants to build an African community at the University through the group. He said the student group will provide information to students in Africa about studying in the United States. In addition, the group will provide career information for African students in their home countries.

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