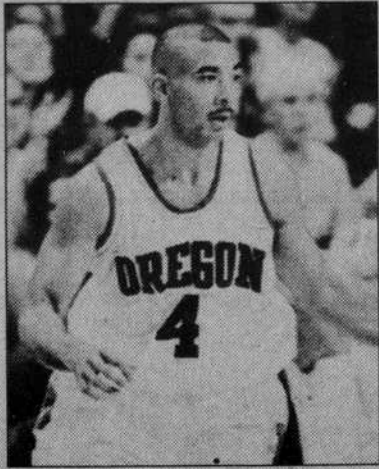


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Ducks ready to rock the Pit

Head coach Ernie Kent emphasizes the importance of Oregon's first homestand during Pac-10 play. **PAGE 7**

The Flash

Wet weather not as bad as it seems to students

Rain isn't exactly uncommon in Eugene, and these last few days are no exception. But students can take heart that The Emerald City is actually experiencing lower-than-average rainfall since October.

The drizzles are projected to continue through the week, but due to increasing temperatures even some snow has dusted the tops of South Eugene and the Coburg hills. Traffic advisories are in effect throughout the state. **PAGE 6**

Deputy secretary of defense to leave Pentagon

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Hamre, the deputy secretary of defense who oversaw the Pentagon's largely successful inoculations against the Y2K computer bug, is resigning to become head of a major think tank.

In announcing the surprise move Monday, Defense Secretary William Cohen said he had recommended that President Clinton nominate Rudy de Leon to replace Hamre. De Leon has been the Pentagon's under secretary for personnel and readiness for the past two years and previously was under secretary of the Air Force.

Hamre, 49, came to the Pentagon in 1993 to be comptroller during the late Les Aspin's tenure as defense secretary.

No woman is too old for the blessing of children

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — At an age when most women are going through menopause, 54-year-old Arcelia Garcia is once again dealing with diapers and night feedings. She gave birth to triplets over the weekend — 16 years after her last child was born.

Garcia, of Sunnyside, delivered three healthy girls — Arianna, Brianna and CeCelia — by Caesarean section at about 5 p.m. Saturday at Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital. The babies were conceived without fertility drugs.

Garcia and her husband, Guillermo, 60, now have 11 children and 13 grandchildren, with two more grandchildren on the way.

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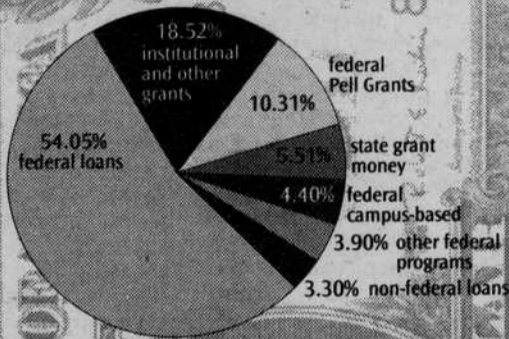
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Estimated student aid by source for academic year 1997-98

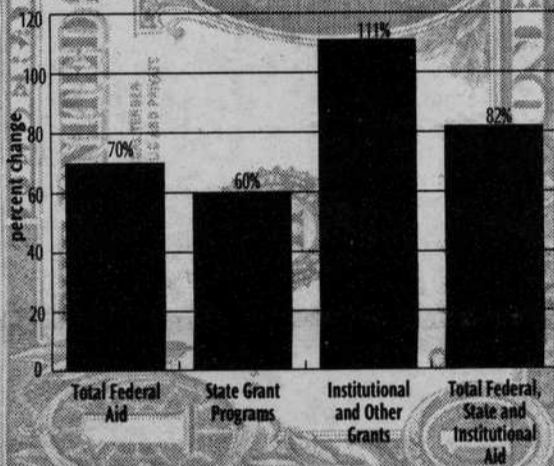
National figures show that federal money makes up 72.69 percent of all money awarded.



SOURCE: The College Board

Percent change in aid dollars allocated to college students

The amount of financial aid money available to students has almost doubled in most cases from 1987-88 school year to the 1997-98 school year.



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Financial aid deadlines near

Officials say no applications will be accepted after Feb. 1

By Jessica Blanchard
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Time is running out for students who want to take advantage of the millions of dollars in scholarships available for the next school year.

In the next few weeks, the University Office of Student Financial Aid expects to be inundated with thousands of University scholarship applications, according to Jim Buch, the associate vice president for student academic affairs and interim director of financial aid.

Searchable on-line scholarship databases have taken a lot of the hassle out of searching for scholarships. That fact, coupled with the increasing cost of a college education, translates into increasing competition among students for scholarship dollars.

For example, last year only 2,575 students out of the roughly 5,500 who applied for scholarships from the Oregon Student Assistance Commission actually won awards. The commission awarded approximately \$6.3 million in scholarships last year. In general, not many scholarships go unclaimed, said Alan Baas, a scholarship coordinator for the commission.

"It's kind of a mythology people use to sell books," he said, referring to the current market for scholarship help books.

At the University, about 3,000 students are expected to apply for the general scholarships, according to Buch. But only about 25 percent of those who apply will receive awards.

Buch said the best way to stay competitive with other students is to follow basic rules: Read the application directions, follow them and avoid the common errors of forgetting to spell check and proofread applications.

"It's very hard to give scholarships to peo-
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University general scholarships

The deadline is Feb. 1. No exceptions will be allowed, so plan accordingly.

3,000 students are expected to apply, but only 25 percent will receive awards.

Watch for spelling and other common errors, and proofread closely.

Read application directions carefully.

For applications, go see the Office of Financial Aid in Oregon Hall.

ASUO elections to debut on-line voting

Democracy goes digital with the premiere of Duck Web voting for upcoming ASUO elections

By Jeremy Lang
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When University elections begin in late February, polling booths will once again pop-up across campus.

But for the first time ever, the entire voting process will be conducted via computer. Polling booths will remain on campus, housing two computer terminals each on which students can vote. Students will vote for

the ASUO Executive, student senators, ballot measures and committee members using the Duck Web system in both the primary and general elections.

ASUO Elections Coordinator Ken Best said he hopes the added convenience of computer voting will improve voter turnout, a major goal of this year's elections board.

"Polling booths are only
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Timeline for the 2000-01 ASUO Elections:

Jan. 21: Deadline for candidate filing and voter's guide statements.

Jan. 24: Deadline to turn in ballot measures requiring signatures to the Constitution Court.

Feb. 1: Deadline to turn in ballot measures from the ASUO Executive or

Student Senate to the Constitution Court.

Feb. 23 and 24: Primary elections held on Duck Web.

March 1 and 2: General Elections held on Duck Web.

SOURCE: ASUO Elections Board

Communication breakdown bogs campus

A malfunction in campus messaging systems briefly stifles access to voice mail

By Ben Romano
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The campus awoke to find half of its voice mail systems malfunctioning Monday.

"Early this morning people started reporting the problem," said Aaron Tarlton, assistant director of University Telecommunications Services.

According to Tarlton, two computer chips in Audix One died. Audix One is one of two large computers that control the entire campus telephone and voice-mail system. This resulted in a system failure, he said.

Lucent Technologies, the company that provides telecommunica-

tions hardware for the entire Oregon University System, dispatched a technician from Salem to fix the problem and by late Monday afternoon the system was back on-line.

The two computer chips had to be replaced at a cost estimated to be in excess of \$3,000. The University has a maintenance contract with Lucent Technologies, which covers the cost of replacements such as these.

"Everyone who had a voice mailbox in [the Audix One system] could

neither receive nor access voice-mail," Tarlton said.

Callers attempting to leave voice-mail messages were told by a recorded message that their call was being transferred to the appropriate mailbox. They were then put on hold. And they stayed on hold indefinitely.

Accessing voice-mail was a problem, too.

"I've got a blinking light that tells me I've got messages," said Ross West, assistant director for science and technology in the office of communications. "I've got a Pavlovian response when I see the blinking light. My first instinct is to respond

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