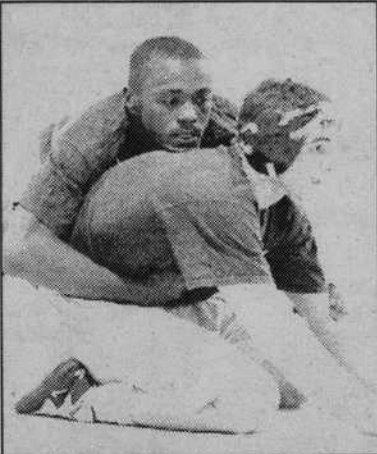


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Harris keeps on keeping on

Despite still recovering from a torn ACL, Harris is one of the Ducks' best wrestlers with a 16-9 record this season.

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The Flash

Departures dominate Student Senate meeting

In its first meeting of winter term, the Student Senate saw three resignations Wednesday night. Sens. Andrew Schneider and Scott Shoji announced their departure from the senate, and Sen. Eric Pfeiffer left his position of senate ombudsman.

Pfeiffer will remain a senator but relinquishes his ombudsman post, which is responsible for interpreting ASUO rules and investigating grievances filed by students in the senate.

The two senator resignations Wednesday and one from last term leave three open spots on the Student Senate.

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Author of 'Caucasia' to give reading

Author Danzy Senna will read her new novel at 8 p.m. tonight at 123 Pacific Hall. Senna's book is currently a work-in-progress with a title that has yet to be released.

Her first novel, "Caucasia," was a story that probed into the various aspects and difficulties of interracial marriage. Senna has had a strong background in writing and race, as her mother was a white poet and novelist, and her father was a black scholar of race and history.

Debra Gwartney, assistant director of the University's program in creative writing, said Senna was invited to the University because of the style and content of her writing, which Gwartney described as clear and distinctive about interracial family life.

For more information, call 346-3944.

White House earmarks \$27 million for toxicity tests

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House wants to spend \$27 million to develop blood tests for measuring toxic substances in humans. The money also would be used to help communities use the tests to investigate unusually high cancer rates or chemical accidents.

The funds, to be included in President Clinton's 2001 budget, would more than double what the government spent last year to develop ways of measuring toxic exposure in humans.

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State of the city



Catharine Kendall Emerald

Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey reflected on the past year and set goals for the next during his State-of-the-City address.

Mayor Jim Torrey delivered his State-of-the-City speech to a receptive audience Wednesday

Mayor addresses Eugene

By Darren Freeman
Oregon Daily Emerald

Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey's third annual State-of-the-City address was interrupted early Wednesday afternoon, when a member of Eugene Anarchists for Torrey (EAT) stood up and yelled, "I'd hate to interrupt this schmooze fest, but ..."

Leaning into his microphone, Torrey interrupted the man and promised to later meet with the an-

archists if he were allowed to continue his speech without further interference.

Unfazed, Torrey applauded the city's encouragement of public input, reflected on the past year's achievements and set new goals.

Citing citizen participation in transportation planning, land management and public safety legislation, Torrey said, "We give people an opportunity to tell us what

they think, and we listen to what they say."

Except for a handful of quips shouted by one of the about half dozen EAT members present, the remainder of the speech went smoothly and received several volleys of applause from the nearly 300 people convened at the Eugene Hilton.

One of Torrey's most passionate—Turn to **State of city**, page 4A

Debate continues over compensation



■ The University Senate continues to debate a plan to redistribute the funds for faculty salaries

By Ben Romano
Oregon Daily Emerald

The debate on faculty compensation intensified during the University Senate meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Presented before the group of professors, administrators and students was US9900-7, a resolution to redistribute faculty salary increases in a more equitable way, and the Senate Budget Committee White Paper, a comprehensive, long-term plan to elevate faculty compensation to bring the University in line with comparator universities.

The new Oregon University System budget model, which went into affect in July 1999, is one major factor responsible for the discussion of faculty compensation

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Hillel awarded grant for community use

■ The Jewish student union receives the Cummings Award, a grant to be disbursed over two years

By Jeremy Lang
Oregon Daily Emerald

When Oregon Hillel, the foundation for Jewish life at the University, decided to focus on social activism this year, its members didn't know they'd be spending \$10,000 to do it.

In December, just before winter break, Hillel was given Cummings Award, designating it as a "Tzedek Hillel" (Tzedek is Hebrew for justice and fairness) and requiring it to spend \$10,000 each year on social activism programs on campus, such as homelessness and environmental issues.

The Cummings foundation will grant the group \$5000 in 2000-01 and \$2500 in 2001-02, with Hillel responsible for coming up with the rest of the funds.

The grant is part of a shift in the focus of

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