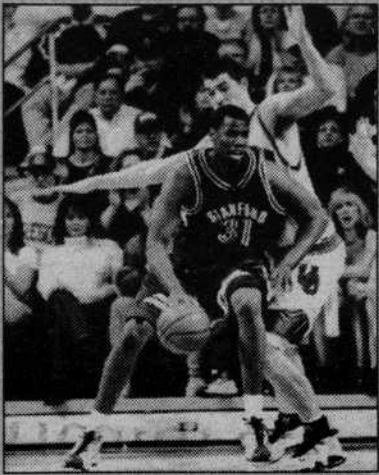


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**Card withstands
Mac Court attack**
It's closer than the final score indicates, but No. 3 Stanford proves to be too much for the Ducks, as it holds on for an 85-71 win at the Pit. PAGE 11A

The Flash

University welcomes award-winning writers

The Creative Writing Reading Series, which will run through the month of May, will feature readings from prize-winning authors throughout the country.

Today, author Ehud Havazelet and visiting fiction writer Grace Talusan are scheduled to read their works in the Browsing Room in the Knight Library. **PAGE 4A**

Wind storm hits Oregon

Sunday, Oregon experienced strong gusts of wind coming from the south—as high as 115 mph at Cannon Beach. The storm resulted in power outages for more than 100,000 Portland General Electric customers, mostly because of fallen trees or limbs.

The aftermath of the storm also included roof damage and highway closures. No deaths or injuries were reported as a result of the storm. **PAGE 5A**

Bradley/Gore debate targets racial issues

Bill Bradley challenged Vice President Al Gore to demand the administration ban racial profiling, one of several racial topics discussed in the debate Monday.

Both presidential hopefuls agreed the Confederate flag, which still flies atop the South Carolina statehouse, should come down, and both condemned the recent racial remarks made by Atlanta Braves pitcher John Rocker.

The debate was televised live on MSNBC. **PAGE 6A**

Letterman feeling better after heart surgery

NEW YORK (AP) — David Letterman, host of "Late Show with David Letterman" on CBS, was in a private room at New York-Presbyterian Hospital recovering from heart surgery.

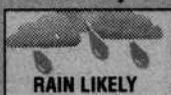
Letterman, 52, had emergency quintuple bypass surgery Friday after tests showed that one of his arteries was clogged.

His doctors said that they are pleased with his progress and that he might be able to go home Friday.

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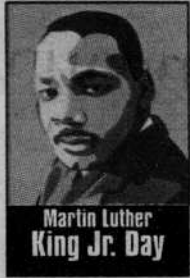
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Observances slated to honor King



■ Celebration activities will be held in remembrance of the slain civil rights leader

By Edward Yuen
Oregon Daily Emerald

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. I have a dream ..."

Martin Luther King Jr. presented this speech in the Civil Rights March in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 28, 1963.

A birthday celebration for King will be held at the Gerlinger Hall Alumni Lounge starting at 6 p.m. tonight, followed by the Unity Walk. A candlelight vigil will follow in the EMU Amphitheater at 9 p.m.

To remember the civil rights changes that King has

University MLK Jr. celebration

MLK Birthday Celebration and Unity Walk; Tonight, 6 p.m. in Gerlinger Hall Alumni Lounge

Candlelight Vigil; 9 p.m. in the EMU Amphitheater

University Convocation, with John Kitzhaber as keynote speaker; 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19 in the EMU Ballroom

SOURCE: Black Student Union, Office of Communication

brought to the American society, students from the Black Student Union will turn to **MLK Jr. Day**, page 8A

On the lookout



Scott Barnett Emerald

West University Guides Craig Hunt and Steve Thompson patrol the West University area helping the police keep it free of crime.

'Men in red' provide added security

■ Since patrols have begun, businesses and those in the community say the West University area is cleaner, safer

By Sara Lieberth
Oregon Daily Emerald

You've heard of the men in black, men in white coats and even little green men. But walking through the streets west of campus one is apt to catch sight of Eugene's answer to these colorful comrades — the men in red.

Paired in teams patrolling from Mill to Kincaid Streets primarily on East 13th Avenue, these West

University Guides provide information, help out the police substation on Alder Street, where they also have an office, and offer a security presence to local businesses.

Craig Hunt and Steve Thompson have each been on the "beat" for several months in their distinctive matching red hats and jackets. They traverse the streets and network of alleys near campus each

Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thompson said their primary focus is to be a noticeable presence in the area he acknowledged looks a lot different than it did before the patrols began.

"Our business is slow, I guess you could say," he said. "But that's definitely a good thing."

The program, developed in 1997, was initiated by those business and property owners surrounding 13th Avenue who wanted to replicate the success similar

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“Business is slow ... But that's definitely a good thing.”

Steve Thompson
West University Guide

Health center encourages STD awareness

Although the spread of diseases are down, health officials warn students to protect themselves

By Jessica Blanchard
Oregon Daily Emerald

No one thinks it will happen to them.

But University Health Center officials and peer health educators want students to remember that no one is immune to sexually transmitted diseases.

"I know a lot of students wouldn't consider [sexually transmitted infections] to be a health risk for themselves," said Liz Clifton, a peer health educator who specializes in safer sex and contraception education. "They recognize it's a

health risk for the University community, but they don't think they're going to get it."

But 18 to 24-year-olds are the most likely to contract a STD, according to a national study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The good news is that most STD rates have slowly been declining.

The national trend mirrors the current trend at the University, said Judy Ogasawara, medical lab supervisor at the health center.

Statistics from the health

Nobody's immune

A 1998 study of sexually transmitted diseases on campus revealed that STD rates are declining on campus, though there were still cases of the following STDs:

Chlamydia

Herpes
Venereal/genital warts (HPV)
Gonorrhea
Trichomonas

SOURCE: Oregon Survey Research Laboratory 1998 Health Center Survey

center's 1998 survey show that while students in the 18 to 24-year-old range are most likely to contract a sexually transmitted dis-

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