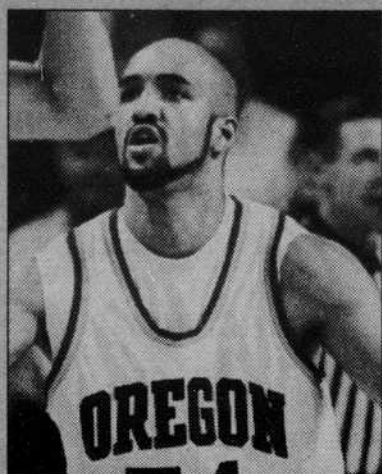


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Ducks ready for swing through Washington

The Oregon men's basketball team faces the Huskies and Cougars this weekend. **PAGE 11**

The Flash

University senior sets sights on Beaverton mayor position

Senior public policy major Brian Lynott is setting an example for student activism by running for mayor of Beaverton.

Although he admits his chances of winning the post are slim, Lynott says that he wants to restore public enthusiasm about government. Lynott is currently dividing most of his time between discussing his platforms with city employees, business owners and Beaverton residents and attending city council, planning commission and neighborhood meetings.

Lynott's interest in public policy was sparked in part by the urban sprawl that enveloped his home in Beaverton over the years. **PAGE 4**

LTD to track University bus usage

Lane Transit District is concerned about how the University's transit needs are being met and has devised a new program to track usage.

Students will now swipe their identification card in a scanner, which will then be used to download information about University transit habits. LTD wants to make sure demand is met.

ASUO Vice President Mitra Anoushirvani said that tracking student bus habits could come in handy when the ASUO negotiates its contract with LTD, as the new data should reveal if students are using their passes. **PAGE 6**

Oregonians concerned with population growth

Oregon Survey Research Laboratory recently released its second Oregon Annual Social Indicators Survey to find out exactly what people think about the events that have affected Oregonians in the past year.

Among the most pressing issues were increasing population, the water supply and the Kip Kinkel sentencing.

Population increases were the most principle concern, the survey indicated. Sixty-five percent of respondents said that the state was "about the right size," while 29 percent found it too large. **PAGE 5**

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PFC not slowed by grievances

Despite a formal complaint filed by Aaron Weck, Project Saferide received a budget increase of 5 percent

By Cathlene McGraw and Jeremy Lang
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Project Saferide, which shuttles women from place to place at night, might soon have a male counterpart after a heated Programs Finance Committee meeting Tuesday night.

On Tuesday, PFC member Aaron Weck filed a grievance with the University's Affirmative Action Center. He took issue with the fact that Saferide is a shuttle service only for women that hires only women as drivers. To comply with federal law, Saferide needs to offer equal opportunity for both men and women.

That would mean adding a shuttle service for men that hires only men as drivers.

At Tuesday night's PFC meeting, more than 30 students and faculty packed the EMU's Century Room A in support of Saferide. Weck at-

tempted to postpone a decision on the group's 2000-01 budget until his grievance is decided, but the other PFC members and ASUO President Wylie Chen disagreed.

Chen said although Saferide might not comply with federal law, it currently complies with ASUO rules, which are all that matter to the PFC. He said the PFC had a right to make the decision based on precedents set in both the ASUO Constitution Court and the Oregon University System.

"Right now, [Saferide] is an ASUO-recognized program and completely legal under our jurisdiction," Chen said.

After the PFC decided to hear Saferide, Weck left the meeting until the group's budget hearing was over. He would not comment on his grievance or the decision.

Chen said he would start working on creating a male version of

Saferide soon.

"I want to make sure Saferide isn't bothered again," Chen said.

With Weck absent from voting, the PFC approved a 5.6 percent increase for Saferide, only slightly less than its proposed 8 percent increase. The money will help Saferide better maintain its four vehicles.

In a similar situation, the PFC will now hold a budget hearing for the Oregon Marching Band. The band's hearing was postponed last Tuesday after band member Scott Austin filed a grievance against the band in the constitution court.

Austin claimed that the band was breaking ASUO rules by not allowing all OMB members to vote for its council, which controls the allocation of its incidental fee money.

Austin dropped his grievance after the band agreed to change its voting procedure. PFC vice chairperson Emily Sedgwick said, at the time, she thought the PFC was doing the right thing.

"We were not aware that we

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Remembering MLK



Junior Darlene Espinoza Dadras attends the vigil in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tuesday night.

Remembering his Spirit

By Edward Yuen
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Students from the Black Student Union organized activities for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration Tuesday night.

The celebration started with a reception at the Gerlinger Hall Alumni Lounge, and about 20 students, faculty and community members attended the gathering.

"I think it is a great day to celebrate what Martin Luther King Jr. set out for us to do," ASUO President

Students, faculty and community members gather to sing "Amazing Grace" and give thanks to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s memory

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Student runs company from his residence hall

Gabe Silverman puts a spin on working your way through school by running his own business

By Simone Ripke
Oregon Daily Emerald

Most students in the residence halls can barely fit a television into their rooms.

Sophomore Gabe Silverman has found the space — and the time — to run a successful business out of his.

When he is not in class, fulfilling his duties as a resident assistant or having fun with his friends, he maintains his business, Gecko Designs. The 19-year-old entrepreneur started his company as a sophomore in high school and now as a sophomore majoring in visual design, he operates his business out of his room in DeBusk Hall.

But his clients don't know that. Many of them think Gecko Designs has its office in an impressive skyscraper, not a small

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Accurately counting minorities a challenge

Lane County will work toward including everyone in its 2000 census, which begins in April

By Serena Markstrom
Oregon Daily Emerald

Native Americans in Lane County are disproportionately under-represented through the census. This year, the Lane County Complete Count Committee is working to remedy that.

The committee, which is co-chaired by Lane County Commissioner Peter Sorenson and City Counselor Bobby Lee, is trying to increase the number of people who successfully complete the census form, which will increase revenue for the state.

At the committee's kick-off meeting Tuesday night, Rennard Strickland, Uni-

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Census 2000 Meetings

Black Americans, 6 p.m., Jan. 20, Peterson Barn, 870 Bertzen Road.

Hispanics, 5:30 p.m., Jan. 27, Library Meeting Room, Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth St.

Asian Americans, 5:30 p.m., Jan. 27, Hilyard Community Center, 2580 Hilyard St.