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Get down, get romantic

The Eugene Symphony strikes up the orchestra tonight all in the name of love. Miguel Harth-Bedoya conducts; violinist Brian Lewis visits. PULSE

The Flash

OUS to host town-hall meeting

University students, faculty and staff have the opportunity to interact with members of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education at an informal, town-hall style meeting today from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Community members can bring their questions, concerns and ideas to Room 142 of the William W. Knight Law Center.

Some of the board members planning to attend are: President Tom Imeson, Herbert Aschkenasy, Leslie Lehmann, Jim Willis and Geri Richmond.

The board members will tour the new law center after the meeting.

Pac-10 students make pledge for diversity

Student leaders from every Pacific-10 Conference school held press conferences today to show solidarity in conviction over the retention and recruitment of minorities.

The Pac-10 student presidents had an annual conference two weeks ago, and ASUO President Wylie Chen said diversity was the most prominent issue at every campus.

"All schools are declining in recruitment and retention of students of color," Chen said. "But each campus is facing different issues." PAGE 4

Sears pulls Benetton contract after taking heat over ads

CHICAGO (AP) — Sears, Roebuck & Co. terminated its contract with the trendy Benetton clothing company Wednesday under pressure from victims' rights groups who objected to an advertising campaign featuring death row inmates.

Sears chairman and chief executive Arthur C. Martinez was "outraged," as were many customers, at ads, said company spokesman Tom Nicholson.

The ads, which began appearing in magazines and on billboards last month, feature portraits of American death row inmates in prison uniforms over the words, "Sentenced to Death." The ads also give the inmate's name, date of birth, crime and expected method of execution.

WEATHER

Today

Friday



high 50, low 45

high 45, low 31

This year's incidental fee



Some of the students in the U.S. Supreme Court class participated in a mock trial about the Southworth case. If the Supreme Court rules in favor of Southworth, more than 2.5 million in incidental fee money might disappear.

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The Right Not To Fund

The student incidental fee is essential to the finances of University programs and ASUO government, but a soon-to-come U.S. Supreme Court decision could overturn the whole system

By Jeremy Lang
Oregon Daily Emerald

Student government, University administrators and Oregon legislators are all playing a waiting game.

Next year, student groups, such as the Black Student Union and the Women's Center, as well as the ASUO elections and student government, might function exactly like they do this year.

Or, the University might lose the more than \$5.5 million that supports student football tickets, ASUO programs, EMU business and everything else that receives money from the student incidental fee.

It all depends on what the U.S. Supreme Court decides on Southworth vs. the University of Wisconsin, a case that has brought the entire fee sys-

tem into question at Wisconsin and here at the University as well. The case began during the 1995-96 school year when University of Wisconsin students Scott Southworth, Amy Schoepke and Keith Banach objected to paying incidental fees to groups with political views that differed from theirs. They felt funding groups such

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Critic blasts media over WTO coverage

Norman Solomon says that the mainstream media had a decidedly anti-protester slant in its reporting last November

By Serena Markstrom
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The mass media's treatment of American labor, bias in last November's World Trade Organization protest in Seattle and their role in politics will all come under the close scrutiny of media critic Norman Solomon at two Eugene-area speaking engagements today and Friday.

"He's an outstanding media critic," said David Zupan, who works for Eugene Media Action, co-sponsor of Solomon's visit with the University Cultural Forum.

Solomon's speech on campus, titled "WTO: how the media distorted the story in Seattle," will explore messages presented by mainstream media.

"The media spin was ferocious," Solomon said. The story was presented in a way that favored corporations and big-name politicians while depicting protesters as wacky or weird, he said.

Solomon will encourage audience mem-

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Two robberies hit West University area

Despite a decrease in crime in the University area, two robbery suspects remain at large after Tuesday's incidents on Hilyard street and 19th Avenue

By Brian Goodell
Oregon Daily Emerald

Eugene police are investigating two apparently unrelated robberies that occurred in the West University neighborhood Tuesday evening.

The first robbery was at Jabberwocky Cards and Gifts at 1308 Hilyard St. at 4:20 p.m. The suspect in this case approached two female clerks and demanded money. He fled from the scene after stealing an undisclosed amount of cash and has yet to be apprehended by police.

The suspect was described as a white-male adult, approximately 28

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Eugene criminal offenses: 1997-1998

Robbery	1998: 7,338
1997: 312	Car Theft
1998: 250	1997: 783
Burglary	1998: 792
1997: 2,022	Total
1998: 2,060	1997: 11,354
Theft	1998: 10,440
1997: 8,237	SOURCE: Eugene Police Department

Breslow, Magner: offering a different perspective

ASUO executive candidates Breslow and Magner focus on student and community involvement

By Simone Ripke
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Jay Breslow is a senior psychology and Spanish major. He is running for ASUO president with Holly Magner, a sophomore sociology major.

Q: What is your platform?

A: [JB]What we are basically running on is a student empowerment campaign. ... One of our goals is to make sure that the

ASUO is out there, and if we have to stand on the corner and hand stuff out, all day, every day ... we are going to do it in order to make sure that students know who we are ... and that we are there for them.

[HM] Another one of our platforms would also be community involvement because we believe the University is such a large entity in itself.

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BRESLOW



MAGNER