



## Hoping for fast times

Everyone who's anyone in American track and field will be at the Mount SAC Relays this weekend, including members of the Oregon men's and women's team. **PAGE 9**

## The Flash

### Deadline postponed

Procrastinators will be receiving a reprieve when it comes to filing their income taxes this year. The traditional April 15 deadline for filing state and federal income taxes falls on Saturday this year, prompting the Internal Revenue Service to extend the deadline until April 17.

Tax returns must be post-marked no later than midnight Monday to avoid fines and penalties.

### CIS department will open doors to public

In celebration of its 30-year anniversary, the Department of Computer and Information Science will hold an open house and dinner Saturday. The event will feature a speech by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Dough Hofstadter.

The open house will begin at 1:30 p.m. in Deschutes Hall. Hofstadter's lecture, "Will Spiritual Robots Replace Humanity by 2100?" will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Willamette Hall. **PAGE 3**

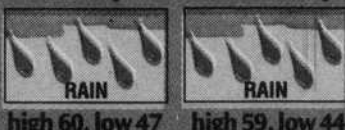
### Elian departure stalled

After Elian Gonzalez's great-uncle's failure to surrender the boy Thursday, the government extended its deadline to seize him, allowing a delay of three or four days, according to the Justice Department.

A momentary feeling of relief and triumph overcame Little Havana residents and Elian's Miami relatives. **PAGE 4**

## WEATHER

Today Saturday



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## Deal could steal student seats

■ To increase revenue, the athletic department proposes selling a portion of student seats to the general public

“The University is for students, and the students are ... the ones who are the most enthusiastic.”

Jennifer Greenough  
ADFC

By Simone Ripke  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Students might have to scoot over and make room for the general public at pre-season, non-conference football games at Autzen Stadium next fall, giving up what students say are prime seats.

The athletic department Finance Committee and the Athletic Department stagnated in negotiations Tuesday about pre-season student tickets when the ADFC refused to sign a contract that would move students out of Section 9 at the stadium.

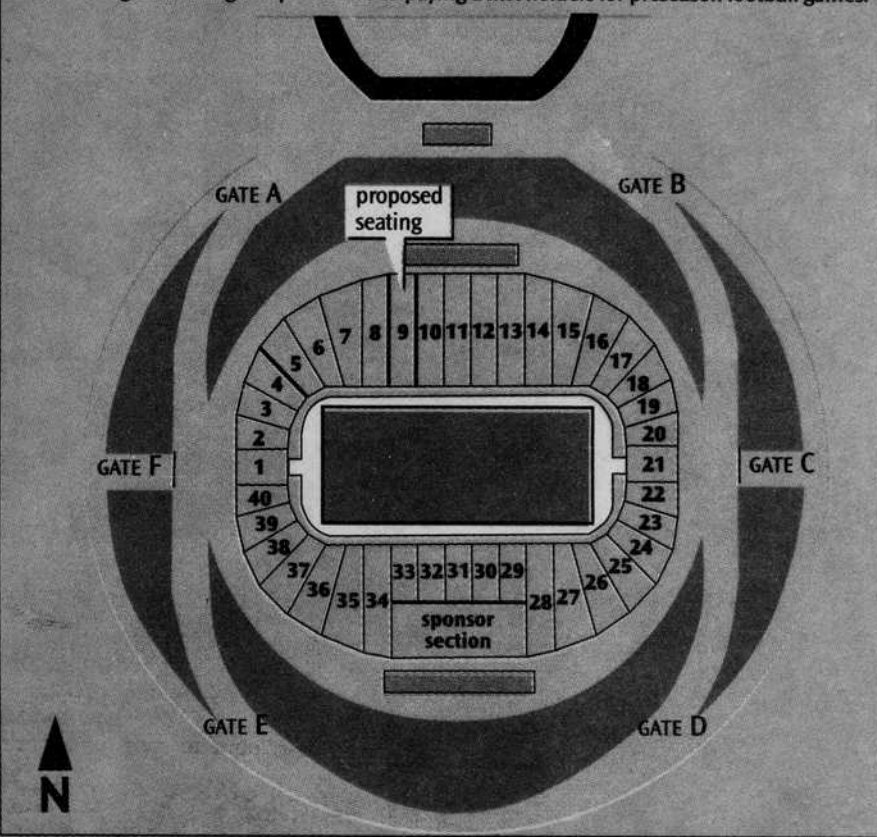
The Ducks will play against the University of Nevada and the University of Idaho before the beginning of fall term.

Students have had Sections 5 through 9 for the past 13 years during regular and pre-season games, but only about 2,500 students have attended pre-season football

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### Autzen Stadium seating in dispute

Students might have to give up Section 9 to paying ticket holders for pre-season football games.



## Supporters explain WRC, their passion

### Other universities also members

While none of the other schools in the Oregon University System have signed the WRC, 44 schools around the nation are members, including:

UCLA  
Indiana  
University of Michigan  
University of Wisconsin

DePaul University  
University of Minnesota  
Georgetown University  
Boston College  
University of Illinois  
Columbia University  
University of North Carolina  
University of Iowa

■ The WRC, which strives to educate consumers about university apparel, has been backed by Rep. Peter DeFazio

By Ben Romano  
Oregon Daily Emerald

The Worker Rights Consortium has recently garnered much attention at college campuses across the nation. Still, many in the University community don't know what the or-

ganization does or who is in support of it.

The WRC "comes out of what students were doing against sweatshops," said Maria Roeper, a spokeswoman at the consortium's New York headquarters. "Students developed this concept or this vision of how they could change things in sweatshops."

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“We're very supportive of the WRC.”

Peter DeFazio  
U.S. representative

## Weekend conference set to educate residents

The Eco-Design Arts Conference gives citizens and students a chance to contribute to the development of the area

By Serena Markstrom  
Oregon Daily Emerald

At this year's Eco-Design Arts Conference, "Ecology of Home," which started Thursday, students, faculty and community members had the opportunity to have direct input into a Eugene development project's final stage. This intensive final stage is called a charrette, and proposed suggestions to this particular project will be reviewed this afternoon from 4 to 6 p.m. in room 206 of Lawrence Hall.

This project focuses on the 160 acres slated for development in the west Eugene area, which the federal government has designated wetlands.

The charrette was only one aspect of the conference, which continues today through Sunday and is hosted in Lawrence Hall. Anyone who wants to learn more about sustainability and how it can be incorporated into all types of design projects is welcome to attend the annual conference put on by the group Holistic Options for Planet Earth Sustainability (HOPES).

"The conference will provide a forum to

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## Discussion at protest sparks controversy

■ Two GTFs hold their discussion sections on the steps of Johnson Hall, claiming the protest illustrated the themes of the class

By Jeremy Lang  
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Elissa Farjah was looking forward to having some of her spring term classes outside — she just didn't think it would include holding class in the middle of a protest.

On Monday, the freshman's social inequalities discussion section moved out of the classroom and onto the steps of Johnson Hall, where students have spent more than a week protesting in support of the Worker Rights Consortium.

"I felt like I was put on display right there on the steps," Farjah said. "I felt like a protester, but I didn't want to."

The leaders for the two discussion sections held at the protest and professor for the class stand behind their actions. They claim the labor and power issues that have sparked the

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### Protest update

Protesters outside Johnson Hall have vowed to remain on the lawn until their demands are met for improved University governance and a five-year contract with the WRC.

Wednesday, University President Dave Frohnmayer signed on with the WRC, but only for a one-year contract.