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## Scandalous

Arizona wins the Pac-10 title Wednesday at the Eugene Country Club — but only after USC players provide some drama at the top. Meanwhile, the Ducks place seventh. **PAGE 7A**

## The Flash

### Campus Link kiosk decision postponed

The decision on whether to implement the Campus Link kiosk was postponed at the EMU Board meeting Wednesday until its next meeting on May 10 because information is still being compiled. The issue might not be decided until the next school year. Next year's board would be given the background research provided by this year's committee — consisting of Student Senate President and EMU Board member Jessica Timpany and EMU Board members Bryan Myss, Scott Rich and Campbell Kid.

### Student Senate approves funding

In its Wednesday night meeting, the Student Senate approved \$3,549 to four student groups.

The ASUO Executive received \$1,500 to recover costs for diversity speaker Tim Wise, the Women's Center received \$900 to pay for the upcoming feminist speaker Jean Kilbourne, the Coalition Against Environmental Racism received \$999 for this weekend's conference, and the Survival Center received \$150 to recover Earth Day speaker costs.

### Census-takers make visits starting today

CHANTILLY, Va. (AP) — If you live in one of the 42 million households that haven't mailed back census forms yet, you can expect someone to be knocking on your front door soon.

Today, the Census Bureau begins its 10-week operation of sending out some 440,000 census-takers to visit those homes and gather information considered vital to getting an accurate snapshot of the country's population.

## WEATHER

Today Friday



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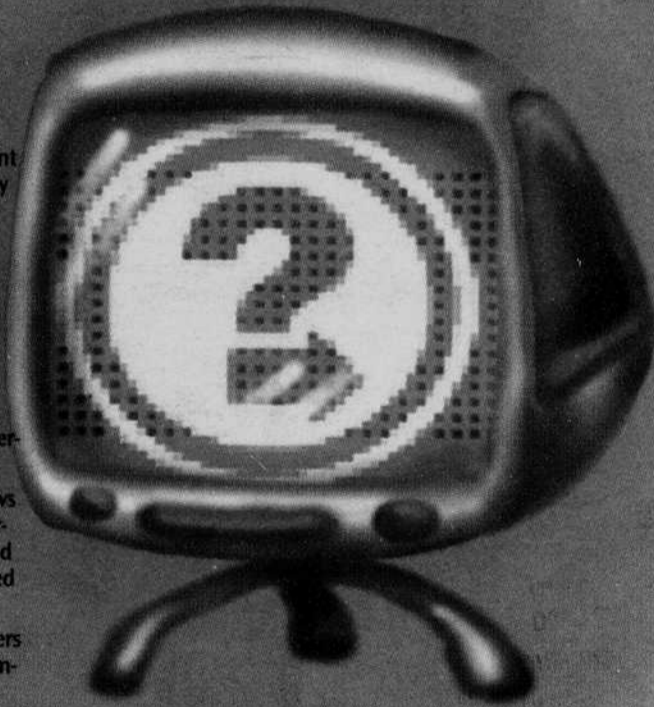
# Worldwide travel ON THE World Wide Web

## Wherenext.com offers:

Weekly previews, current events and commentary  
Destination Guide: features hotels, hostels, clubs, shopping and sights

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Developed in part by University alumni, Wherenext.com provides travel tips and resources to young adults

By Emily Gust  
Oregon Daily Emerald

A group of nine recent college graduates are rewriting the way people travel.

Wherenext.com, the brainchild of five of the six University graduates on staff, was launched just more than a month ago and is one of the newest ways for young travelers to look at the world. An on-line travel guide that rivals traditional printed resources, it provides up-to-date information targeted at college students and young professionals.

"It's a resource that I think a lot of people have been looking for for a while," said Wherenext.com's editor in

chief and University graduate Kaarin Knudson.

One of the Web site's nine full-time staff members is University alumnus Gregg Bleakney, now the company's president. To make the organization run, representatives have been placed in selected cities in Europe, and hundreds of freelancers are utilized to contribute to the site. "It's a total planning network," said Jeremy French, an account coordinator with Wave Rock Communications, the group that is overseeing the management of Wherenext.com.

In other words, the site offers everything from feature articles on intriguing locations to offering discounts at vari-

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# Students do Nike audits

■ The firm that monitors conditions in Nike's factories has University students conduct the audits, and the results are positive

By Adam Jude  
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Nike has been the target of recent campus protesters alleging the company does not meet acceptable labor standards. A few University students even go as far as saying that Nike CEO Phil Knight's decision to halt future donations to the school is proof that there are Nike sweatshops.

The company, however, is trying to portray a different picture.

University senior Louis Capobianco, one of 16 students selected from across the country to monitor international factories that produce collegiate apparel, described his experience in Mexico as very positive.

"It was definitely a worthwhile experience," said Capobianco, a political science major.

Through an application and interview process last December, Capobianco was selected to represent the University and the United States as an investigator of labor standards in Mexican factories. A total of 32 factories in North America, Latin America and Asia were audited by university students who filed a report for Nike.

The merits of this program are extremely valuable, said Dusty Kidd, Nike's director of labor practices.

"The students told us we can definitely improve and we're doing that right away," Kidd said.

While many people have knowledge about workers' conditions in Nike factories, Capobianco said most have a negative perspective. Based on what he experienced in two Mexican factories, however, Capobianco said that the labor violations were minimal.

"I hope that (the report) informs a lot of people about both sides of the issue," Capobianco said. "I feel that people know a lot about the negatives. We want

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“[The students] have taught us a great deal. We take their observations and recommendations very seriously and commit to report back in three months what we and the factories have accomplished.”

Dusty Kidd  
Nike director of labor practices

# Chancellor's remarks offend employees

■ A Native American man has begun the formal grievance process, but union officials say there's little chance of success

By Ben Romano  
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Comments reportedly made by Oregon University System Chancellor Joseph Cox at a meeting with University classified employees Tuesday have "totally devastated" a Native American man and prompted him to pursue a grievance against Cox.

Jon Clark, a painter for facilities services and an enrolled member of the Oklahoma tribe of Comanche Indians, said Cox compared himself to Ward Bond, an actor who played the leader of a wagon train in a television series about pioneers traveling across the west.

"Ward Bond kills Indians during the series," Clark said.

Clark said Cox's comments about a need to "circle wagons" had obvious racist connotations for him.

He said the comments represented a Hollywood stereotypical view of Native Americans that was very offensive.

"I'm totally devastated," Clark said. "I can't tell you how much that hurt me."

Cox's office responded to the issue late on Wednesday with only a brief comment, because a formal grievance hasn't been filed.

"There was no offense intended in any of the chancellor's remarks," said Philip Bransford, OUS spokesman. "The chancellor has long stood for inclusion and diversity for all people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds."

Oregon Public Employees Union stewards, who are familiar with the process of filing a discrimination grievance, were skeptical about Clark's chances of success after an early review of the case.

Randy Collins, a power plant operator and the OPEU steward who talked with Clark, said the grievance was probably not actionable as a violation of the OPEU contract.

Because Cox is not Clark's supervisor, nor is he in his direct chain of command, Clark may not have any recourse.

At the meeting, about 75 people gathered in the EMU Ballroom Tuesday morning listened to updates and asked questions of University officials including University President Dave Frohnmayer. Cox does not regularly at-

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