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How 'bout them Ducks

Oregon tennis' Chris Russell is honored as the Pac-10's Coach of the Year, and senior Guillermo Carter is recognized as first-team Pac-10. **PAGE 13**

The Flash

Cartoonist makes fun at the University

John Callahan, a nationally syndicated cartoonist, visited the University Tuesday to talk about life as a quadriplegic celebrity. Members of the University's Disability Project Committee sponsored Callahan's visit, which attracted a crowd of more than 300. Callahan is known for his cutting-edge humor and over-the-top illustrations that poke fun at all groups. **PAGE 4**

ASUO Constitution Court moves

The judicial branch of the ASUO has finally found a permanent home in Room 20 of the EMU. The Constitution Court has been working out of various locations, with no consistent locale for storing documents. Projects in the works for the newly settled judiciary group include creating a Web site and new fall term office hours for the justices. Students with grievances, questions or ballot measures they wish to present would have an easier time accessing the court. **PAGE 5**

Gas measures could impact roads

Oregon Ballot Measures 80 and 82 could have an important impact on roadways and highway policing if voters approve the initiatives in the May elections. Measure 80 seeks to amend the Oregon Constitution to give state and local governments the ability to use money from the current 29 cent gas tax to fund training for more patrol officers. Measure 82 would increase the current gas tax by five cents, and would exchange trucking weight and mile taxes for a diesel tax. **PAGE 6**

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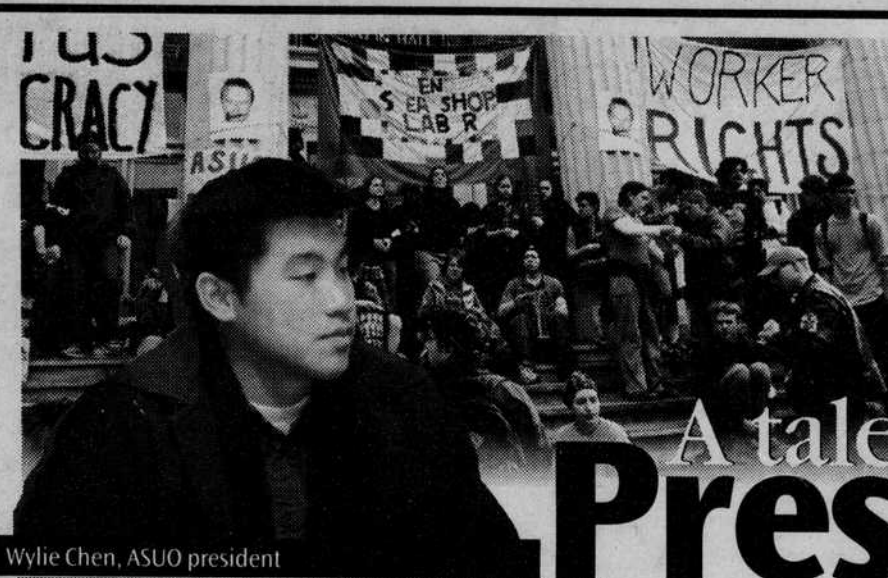
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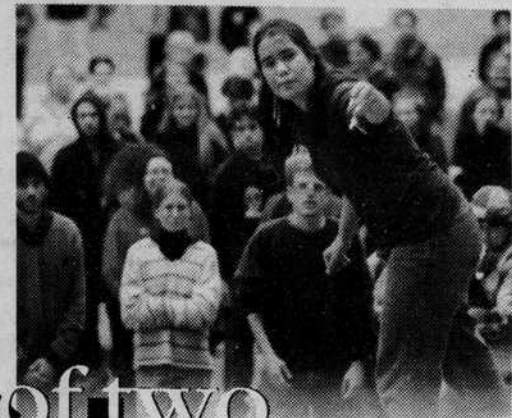
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Wylie Chen, ASUO president



A tale of two Presidents

Dave Frohnmayer and Wylie Chen share their ideas and reflections

By Jeremy Lang and Ben Romano
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With the announcement of Nike CEO Phil Knight's displeasure at the University's decision to join the Worker Rights Consortium



sortium three weeks in the past, University President Dave Frohnmayer and ASUO President Wylie Chen have had time to reflect on the tumultuous months that have divided the campus over the issue of sweatshop labor.

Frohnmayer and Chen, interviewed separately, revealed to the Emerald how the past month has affected them as presidents.

Community members, students and alumni have attacked Frohnmayer's and Chen's presidencies since Knight's decision to end all personal donations to the University. His reaction stemmed from the University's pledge of membership to the WRC, an organization with the goal of monitoring working conditions in overseas factories

where university licensed apparel is manufactured. Frohnmayer made the final decision to join on April 12 after a vote of the University Senate and a 10-day occupation of Johnson Hall.

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Dave Frohnmayer, University president

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The two presidents reveal their thoughts on the events stemming from the University's decision to join the Worker Rights Consortium, including protests at Johnson Hall, Nike CEO Phil Knight's withdrawal of donations and heated public commentary.

Apparel industry defends its labor record

Businesses claim labor monitoring groups aren't necessary and companies are providing valuable jobs

By Darren Freeman
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While supporters of the Worker Rights Consortium have recently been the most outspoken voices on the labor rights issue, many members of the business community firmly maintain that American-based international corporations are not exploiting lesser developed nations and that labor monitoring organizations aren't necessary.

"We'd be stupid not to do the right thing," Russell Athletic spokeswoman Nancy Young

said. "We have a set of global standards, which in some cases is more stringent than anything the [labor monitoring organizations] have come up with. It's just good business."

The WRC, which the University joined April 12, and other labor-rights monitoring organizations are intended to make American corporations

comply with basic labor standards in foreign countries

Young said that employees of companies making products for Russell Athletic are at least 15 years old, are paid the minimum wage of their countries plus overtime pay and are not subjected to corporal punishment or unsafe working conditions.

"Our concern is for the people who work for us and the people who work for our suppliers," she said. "It's our number

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Russell Athletic
spokeswoman

Forum seeks cure for medical error deaths

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John Rother
Quality Forum
board member

A non-profit organization is studying the health-care industry, hoping to reduce the 50,000 to 100,000 deaths which are attributed to medical errors each year

By Adam Jude
Oregon Daily Emerald

As one of nine experts selected to design a report on the quality of the country's health care, Judith Hibbard, University professor of planning, public policy and management, believes many improvements should be made in the medical field.

A recent increase in the awareness of problems in the medical field has prompted the creation of the National Health

Care Quality Forum, a non-profit organization that studies the medical industry. Board members of the forum chose a panel of health policy experts to establish a national system that will improve conditions.

One of the major concerns of the forum's panel is the number of deaths that are caused by medical errors. More Americans die every year — an estimated 50,000 to 100,000 — as a result of health-related errors than in automobile accidents,

Hibbard said.

The Quality Forum seeks to cut the number of medical error deaths and injuries in half in the next five years.

"Experts in the field have known that there are serious health care problems," board member John Rother said. "People are not getting the care they need."

Often, the medical errors are a result of faulty prescription, Hibbard said. But in most cases, it is not the fault of an individual; the necessary tools are not always used or are not available.

"Even when we know some-

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Study

Medical errors cause an estimated 50,000 to 100,000 American deaths each year.

The National Health Care Quality Forum seeks to cut erroneous deaths by 50 percent in five years. Nearly one in five Americans do not have health insurance.

SOURCE: Institute of Medicine