

Twilight highlights

John Bello is one of several Ducks to PR at the Twilight; Santiago Lorenzo takes second in the decathlon, Jenny Kenyon is fourth in the heptathlon. **PAGE 9**

The Flash

Ballot deadline nearing

Ballots for Oregon's May 16 primary election may be dropped off in the EMU outside the ASUO Executive office Monday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Other drop-off locations are listed on the Lane County Elections Web site www.co.lane.or.us/elections/dropoff.htm. It's too late to mail ballots via regular mail.

Students seeks Pell Grant increase

Members of OSPIRG and other PIRGs nationwide are lobbying members of Congress to increase the individual amounts of Pell Grants. Currently, the Senate Appropriations committee is expected to examine a proposal that would increase the maximum amount for a Pell Grant by \$350. A similar House proposal recommends a \$200 increase. Oregon students would receive \$4.5 million in grant money from the House bill. **PAGE 3**

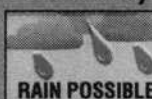
'Boobs' one topic at Feminist Fair

Jan Eliot, a local cartoonist, discussed the virtue of being able to print the word "boobs" in her comic strip "Stone Soup" at the first Feminist Fair last Friday. Eliot, one of only eight syndicated female cartoonists, came to the event to dispel misconceptions about what feminism is. Others came to the EMU Amphitheater to help raise support for Planned Parenthood of Eugene. The event was sponsored by several women's groups including Saferide and Men Against Sexism. **PAGE 4**

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Gore responds to state's cares

■ The candidate focused on Social Security, but questions of education and salmon were raised

By Darren Freeman
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Portland — Vice President Al Gore became the first major presidential candidate to visit Oregon this election year, stopping briefly in Portland Friday afternoon to outline his strategy to shore up Social Security, while also discussing plans to make higher education more affordable and vowing to protect Oregon's salmon runs.

At the Portland Community College Sylvania campus, Gore spoke before an audience of more than 250 supporters, educators, students and a "who's who" gathering of Oregon Democrats — including Gov. John Kitzhaber; Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore.; and State Representatives Earl Blumenauer, David Wu and Darlene Hooley. Gore called Social Security a "solemn compact" between America and its elderly citizens and said he would preserve it if elected.

"Our deepest obligation to one another is a commitment to make sure that no one is forced to live in poverty after a lifetime of hard work," Gore said. "No one should be faced with financial ruin because of a serious disability. No one should be faced



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Vice President Al Gore greets attendants at his talk on Social Security on Friday during his trip to Portland.

with devastation financially when a spouse dies."

Gore campaign spokesman David Chai said Gore's visit was intended to boost voter turnout for the primary election and garner support for the Democrat in the November general election, in which Texas Gov. George W. Bush is expected to be the Republican candidate.

Though Gore supporters expect little opposition in Oregon's May 16 primary election, polls show Oregonians are split nearly 50-50 between Gore and Bush.

Oregon, which has voted for Democratic presidential candidates in the past three elections, is an important state for Gore because of its focus on issues that Gore has been outspoken about, including the environment, education and technology, Chai said.

Bush is scheduled to visit Portland on Tuesday. At Friday's invitation-only gathering, Gore opened the floor to questions after outlining his Social Security plan. While

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Randy Newnham (left), Gypse Walukones, and Ami Ingram hold signs and hand out leaflets in front of the Target store.

Protesters target store for selling clothing line

■ Demonstrators informed customers about a factory that manufactures No Fear and High Sierra clothes

By Emily Gust
Oregon Daily Emerald

Since January, the Human Rights Alliance claims more than 200 workers at the Mil Colores clothing plant in Nicaragua

have been fired, with 68 facing what the local organization describes as "trumped-up criminal charges and prison time."

The alleged reason for their termination: belonging to a union.

Joining the Nicaraguan workers' call to solidarity, about 15 people hailing from the HRA, the Committee in Solidarity

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“... workers' rights are human rights.”

Randy Newnham
HRA member

Ferry Street bike bridge opens in celebration

■ Community members showed up for the opening including Peter DeFazio, former mayor Ruth Bascom and Eugene's slug queen

“This is a tremendous honor.”

Peter DeFazio representative
D-springfield

By Josh Ryneal
Oregon Daily Emerald

Wielding a giant pair of golden scissors Friday, Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Springfield, cut a ceremonial ribbon opening the bridge that is his namesake and officially declared the Ferry Street Bridge expansion and renovation complete.

Christened the Peter DeFazio Bridge by an act of the Eugene City Council, the bike and pedestrian bridge had been under construction since June

1997 and is considered the crown jewel of the Ferry Street Bridge project.

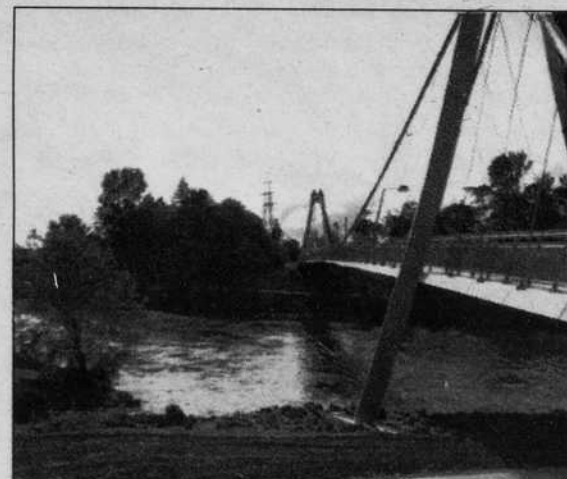
The project also widened two lanes on the main bridge and other features to relieve traffic congestion.

"This is a tremendous honor," DeFazio said. "I am extremely grateful to have this bridge named after me."

DeFazio was one of the main backers of the bridge renovation and pushed for federal money in Washington, D.C. to raise the \$30 million necessary.

"I have been deeply involved in the fight to divert federal dol-

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The DeFazio Bridge crosses the Willamette River, and stands 66 feet tall and 338 feet long.