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After making it through the regular season schedule, the Pacific-10 Championships and the West Regionals, the Oregon women's golf team is ready to tee off in the NCAA's. **PAGE 11**

The Flash

University represents at race conference

Joining students from across the country, 11 University students will travel to Santa Fe, N.M., this summer as part of "The Leading and Most Comprehensive National Forum on Issues of Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education." Out of 30 scholarships given nationwide, eight were University students, including ASUO President-elect Jay Breslow. No school or college has ever received this many scholarships to the forum, which includes 24 hours of workshops and community outreach work. **PAGE 3**

Writers get chance to 'hit' the wall

Graffiti artists or "writers" have the opportunity to tag or "hit" a mural thanks to Art Wall, a program sponsored by the Lane Arts Council. A \$25,000 grant from the city supplies graffiti artists, whose expression has been persecuted by the law and businesses whose buildings are common canvases, a sanctified series of murals where they can display their unique style of art. Taggers who wish to participate can pick up applications for the program at the Lane Arts Council. **PAGE 4**

Early entomologists display tools

Proud smiles joined the decorative art on the wall of The Buzz Tuesday as 40 youngsters from University child care centers were recognized for their contributions to bug collecting. Spectators were graced with the tots presence for a short while as Child Care Coordinator Dennis Reynolds praised the artists for the plastic-cup bug-catchers. **PAGE 5**

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Torrey re-elected, salary in doubt

■ The mayor wins in a landslide and local school bond measures appear to be passing

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Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey easily reclaimed his position in Tuesday night's local primary election and, with only 45.4 percent of the total votes counted as of midnight, Bonnie Bettman led Tracy Olsen in the City Council's

Ward 3 race.

Voters, however, seemed undecided on the issue of compensation for the mayor and the council: Measure 20-29 was barely failing 50.4 percent to 49.5 percent.

Breathless anticipation filled the election air at the Lane County Fairgrounds as about 400 people awaited the results of the local primary election. Mayoral candidate Lazar Makyadath, whose platform included having a party every weekend in down-

town Eugene, said the overall voter turnout appeared to be low.

"I guess everyone's still partying and they forgot to vote," he said.

Partying or not, voters made sure that Torrey defeated Makyadath and five other candidates by a landslide to keep his position with 71.2 percent of the vote.

"We were hoping to get 55 percent of the vote," Torrey said. "If we had gotten one point over 50 percent, we would have been

very excited."

Bettman was positioned to win the race for the Ward 3 seat with about 57.3 percent of the vote.

"I want to focus on the issues of affordability, livability and allocating scarce resources," Bettman said of her anticipated future plans as councilor. "I want to continue to insure that all citizens have a voice in decisions that are made in city council."

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Bush's Social Security plan: you pick

He says he would try to reform the struggling system by giving workers the choice to stay with the current system or invest their money into a private savings account

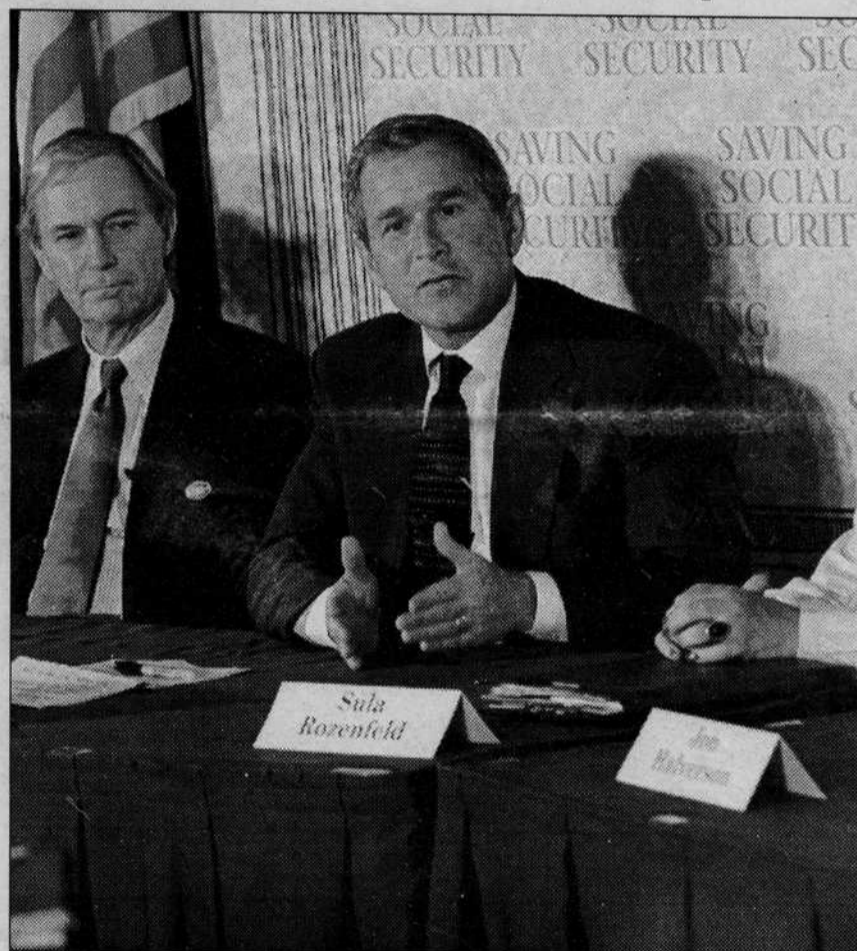
By Andrew Adams
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PORTLAND — Texas Governor George W. Bush arrived Tuesday in Oregon to promote his plans for Social Security reform and speak with employees of Gunderson Inc. about their company's 401(K) plan, which he said is proof the average American worker could handle his own retirement funds.

Bush's visit coincided with Oregon's primary election, which he won by a landslide.

During his afternoon stop at the rail car factory in the Northwest industrial area, Bush participated in a panel discussion with his financial advisor, Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Pendleton, and four Gunderson Inc. employees. A crowd of about 30 factory workers, who came into the meeting straight off the factory floor in their hard hats, and at least 30 journalists watched the discussion.

Bush's public appearance came four days after Vice President Al Gore, his expected opponent in the November presidential election, also came to Portland to discuss the Social Security issue. Ore-



Dan Brunell for the Emerald
Presidential hopeful George W. Bush discusses the problems of Social Security with employees of Gunderson Incorporated in Portland Tuesday afternoon.

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Campus groups angered over rape ruling

The Supreme Court's decision in a Virginia rape case leaves victims with no federal statute under which they can sue their attackers

By Lisa Toth
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University groups and community organizations reacted in frustration to a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that rejected a federal measure giving victims of rape and sexual violence the right to sue their attackers.

Monday's 5-4 Supreme Court decision said that rape victims of "gender-motivated violence" cannot sue their attackers under the U.S. Violence Against Women Act of 1994. The ruling also brought into question a federal "hate crime" bill regarding sexual orientation.

The justices ruled the measure unconstitutional because only the state govern-

ment, not the federal government, has the right to regulate a private act, such as rape.

"I think people should be allowed to sue anyone they want," said Gabrielle Hendel, the co-director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Alliance and a senior psychology and women's studies major. "Rape is so under-reported and discredited by the legal system, the judiciary system and the police that often times suing someone is the last option for personal reconciliation."

Because of this decision "women will be less likely to report violent crimes in the first place, and I think that is tragic," she said.

Associate dean and profes-

sor at the School of Law Jim O'Fallon said the decision simply means that the particular federal rights remedy on top of state rules can't be enforced.

"The court of appeals, [which] has in its jurisdiction Virginia Tech, struck it down and provided an opportunity for the court to look at it," O'Fallon said.

The justices barred a federal lawsuit filed by former Virginia Polytechnic Institute student Christy Brzonkala against two football players she said raped her as a freshman in a dormitory room. Student athletes Antonio Morrison and James Crawford were accused of assaulting Br-

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