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The volleyball team looks to end its 5-game conference losing streak. **PAGE 5**

Gore vs. Bush, round one

Al Gore and George W. Bush met Tuesday night for the first of three presidential debates. **PAGE 4**

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Fledgling WRC group endures growing pains

The labor watchdog consortium is rocked by the unexpected resignation of its chairman

By Simone Ripke
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University representatives returned from the Worker Rights Consortium's second governing board meeting Tuesday with new impressions of where the labor watchdog group stands.

Vice President of Public Affairs and Development Duncan McDonald and marketing professor Lynn Kahle are not on the WRC's 15-member governing board, but attended the meeting, which took place in Washington, D.C., as observers. Both said

they came back with the feeling that much remains to be done before the group can begin functioning as a labor monitoring group, especially after the group's chairman unexpectedly resigned.

"I think the viability of the group continues to be in question just because of the slowness of the progress," McDonald said. "But it may not be for a lack of trying."

He said the WRC still has not received important incorporation papers that would make it an official non-profit group and

would allow member universities to begin paying fees.

"There is not a group to pay," McDonald said. "The group needs to grow, but in order to grow, they need to show they're viable."

Thus, the WRC is in a peculiar position, trying to gain momentum and support while still in the process of getting off the ground and having few concrete accomplishments to show. The WRC is also still looking to replace the group's interim executive director, Maria

Roeper, with a permanent director. Roeper could not be reached for comment by press time.

Kahle, who said he and McDonald were able to have some input about the meeting through interaction with the governing board's university representatives, said the group has already scaled back its goals on how to conduct monitoring.

While the group passed its bylaws as expected, Kahle and McDonald said they were surprised to see the board's chairman, George Miller, D-Rep.

Calif., resign from his position and the WRC over-all.

"The fact that he was pulling away from this group certainly takes away some of the luster," McDonald said. "That certainly hurts the WRC."

Daniel Weiss, Miller's chief of staff, said the congressman continues to support the WRC, but did not feel that his obligations as a U.S. representative allowed him to meet all expectations of a WRC chairman.

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Campus brightens up to safety issues

Facilities Services, ASUO and DPS install lights on campus

By Brooke Ross
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It is an issue that affects all University students: the need to feel safe walking around campus at night.

In an effort to make students feel safer, Facilities Services started working on an extensive lighting project to improve certain areas around campus.

"My main concern as a woman on this campus is sexual assault," said Jennifer Eliot, a former ASUO safety advocate. "Many students have evening classes, and the campus is spread out."

Concerns like Eliot's have prompted the completion of the fifth phase of the campus lighting project, which is concentrated on the east side of the campus and includes the residence halls.

Facilities Services began the project at the beginning of the summer and works with the ASUO and the University Department of Public Safety to repair the lighting around campus.

According to Bob Springer, Facilities Services electrical supervisor, phase five should be completed by next week.

Facilities Services installed lights along Agate Street and near the EMU. Two new lights were also installed north of the Walton Complex, two new lights near the outdoor tennis courts, one new light near the Agate Street crosswalk and two replacement lights on

What: Phase five of the Campus Lighting Project

Locations of new lights: Two lights north of Walton Complex, two at the outdoor tennis courts, two lights east of Earl Complex

Funded by: Facilities Services, ASUO Senate and University Housing

Future improvements: Parking lots 19 and 20

the east side of Earl. "The more lighting, the better," said Sean Strahon, a University patrol sergeant. "I think it will definitely help student safety."

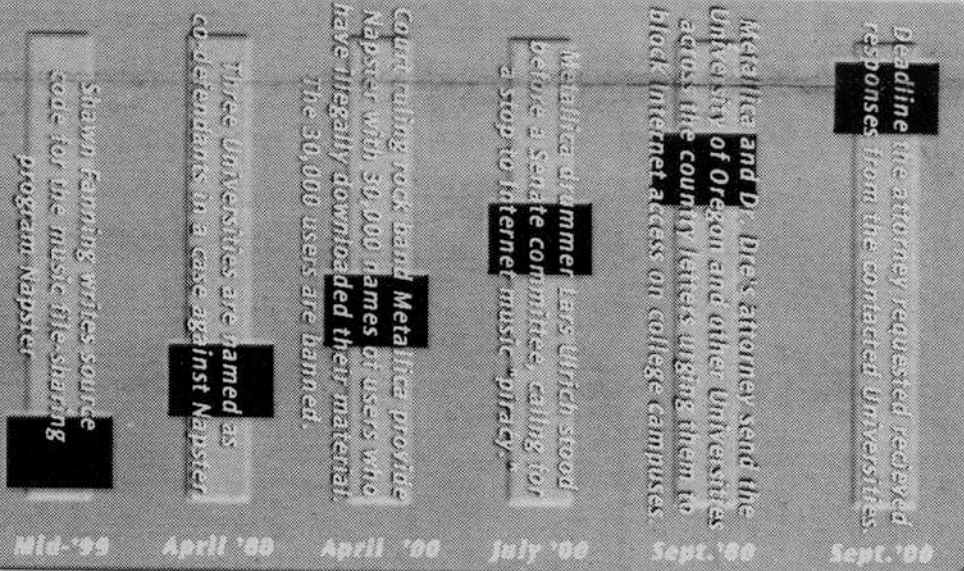
In addition to these improvements, Facilities Services replaced and moved several lights in the area between Agate Street and the EMU.

To determine areas of the campus that still need better lighting, the ASUO and DPS meet frequently with representatives of Facilities Services. Together, the three groups decide where lighting improvements need to be made.

Future lighting additions include the area between the Bean Complex and Agate Street and the parking lot south of the EMU. Springer also hopes to tackle parts of parking lots 19 and 20 this fall - areas he said need improvement.

As for funding the campus lighting improvements, the ASUO Senate has already contributed \$7,500 and University Housing has contributed \$12,000. Facilities Services will begin the next phase of the project this fall.

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The timeline of events associated with Napster, from its creation until the most recent action

University will join other universities in refusing to ban access to Napster

Officials will not change the current policy regarding copyrighted material

By Kristy Hessman
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To some students, the word Napster is synonymous with "free music," but to many universities it may mean "lawsuit."

The University has been added to the handful of universities across the country that have received letters from Metallica and Dr. Dre's attorney, Howard E. King, urging them to ban access to Napster on their campuses.

Napster, the computer program that allows users to download and upload a number of MP3 music files, many of which are protected by copyright law, has been the center of a growing controversy, especially on college campuses where students have ac-

cess to faster computer networks.

In his letter, King stated that, "an estimated 20 million users regularly commit copyright infringements through Napster," and he also referred to the activity as "piracy on a massive scale."

In April, King filed a lawsuit on the behalf of the two music artists against Napster, also naming Indiana University, the University of Southern California and Yale University as co-defendants. The lawsuit against those schools was dropped when they agreed to block Napster access on their campuses.

In the letter that was sent to the University on Sept. 8, King stated that the University had

a "moral, ethical and legal obligation to take appropriate steps to assure that it is not a willing participant in the theft of intellectual property."

The University will respond to the letter in much of the same way as other universities.

"We are drafting a response right now," said Melinda Grier, general legal counsel for the University. "It will be consistent with the policies we have had in the past."

The University has never blocked Napster use in the past but does have a code which deals with illegal downloading of copyrighted material. There currently are no plans to block access to the

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