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Soromundi Lesbian Chorus will hold a benefit concert to support opposition to Measure 9. **PAGE 6**

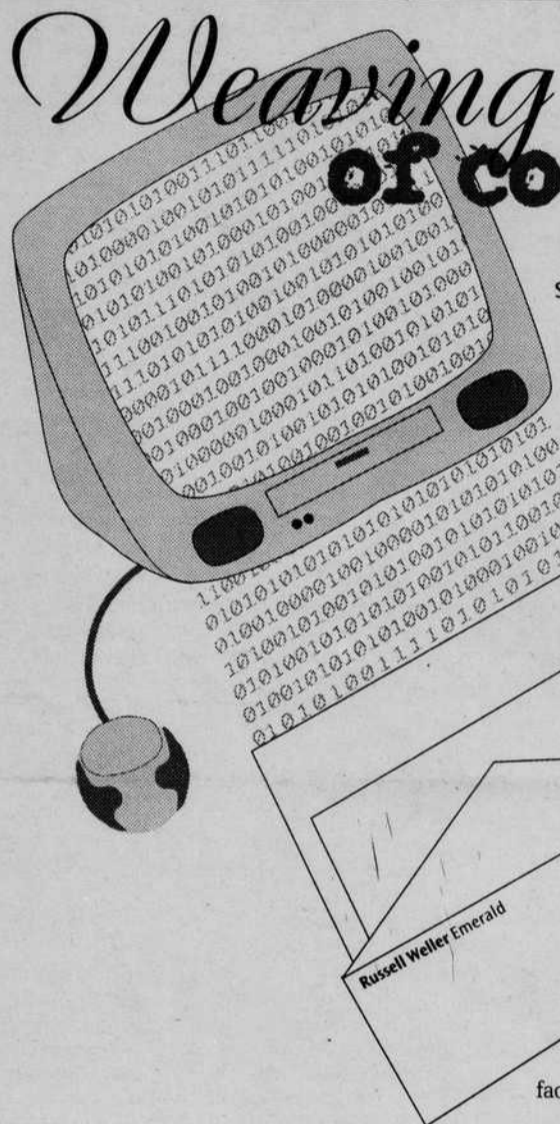
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Weaving the Web of communication



Despite advancements of online technology, many students and professors still prefer face-to-face contact

By Simone Ripke
Oregon Daily Emerald

In this age of information technology, e-mail and the Internet have made their way onto college campuses and class syllabi to change communication between professors and students.

That doesn't mean e-mail has replaced office hours. E-mail enables students to get a quick question answered late at night, and many students are able to print notes off the Web. However, most people agree there is nothing quite like a face-to-face conversation.

Arthur Farley, a professor in the computer and information science department, said he uses the Internet to manage a class Web site and to post lecture notes online. He said he thinks e-mail is a useful tool to ask simple questions.

"It does provide another channel for interaction that wasn't there before," he said. "[But] it is not as full of a channel as when you're talking to a student in person."

Victor Bliss, an undeclared sophomore, agreed, saying that although he appreciates professors posting notes on the Web, he still likes to go to professors' office hours when he has questions about a class.

"If I've ever e-mailed a GTF or a professor, it was to arrange a meeting," Bliss said. "I'd rather get help in person."

Despite the tools at hand, many professors would rather help a student in person as opposed to writing an impersonal, faceless e-mail.

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Measures will affect funding

Proposed tax reform Measures 91 and 8 would decrease government spending as well as education funding

By Darren Freeman
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Two tax reform measures on the Nov. 7 ballot that would cut billions from the state budget have supporters clamoring for smaller government and opponents warning about suffocated programs.

Ballot Measures 91 and 8 would overhaul Oregon's tax system and reduce funding for the state's universities, K-12 schools, emergency services and health programs.

"The effects would be immediate and drastic," said John Coney, a spokesman for Gov. John Kitzhaber, who has spoken against the measures. "The measures are very, very significant."

If passed, Measure 91 would allow individual and corporate taxpayers to deduct all federal tax payments from their state income tax returns. Currently, federal tax deductions are limited to \$3,000, and corporations receive no deduction at all. Measure 91, sponsored by Bill Sizemore's Oregon Taxpayers United, would eliminate the deduction limit and offer the tax break to corporations.

The projected impact would be a \$1 billion cut in the state's annual income,

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Chief Chad Smith, principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, speaks Monday evening at the law school.

Maintaining cultural legacy

Chief Chad Smith speaks about law being a tool to effect social change

By Lisa Toth
Oregon Daily Emerald

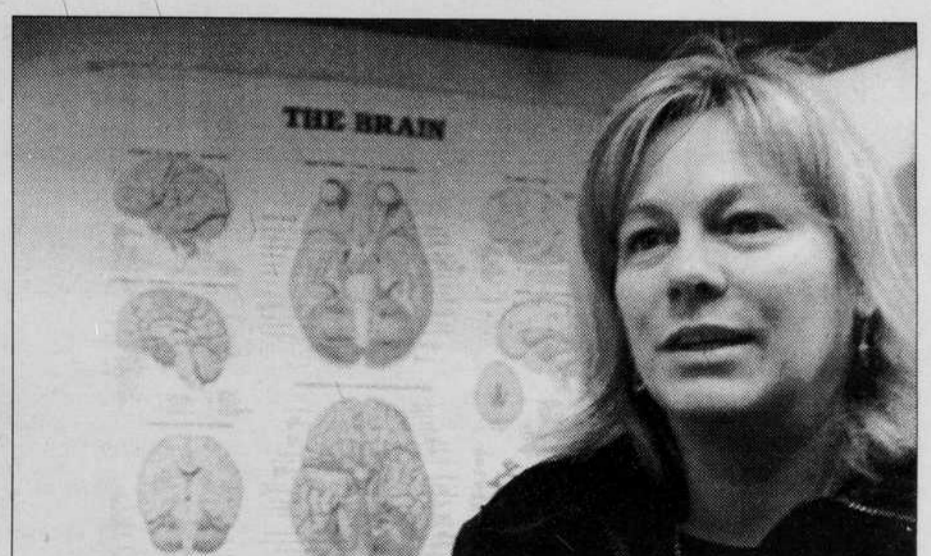
Before beginning his presentation, Chief Chad Smith, the principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, was presented with two gifts.

Native American Law Students Association members Brian DeSoto and Mike Haller offered Smith a twist of natural tobacco and a necklace made of

dentalia. Haller said the dentalia shell is found off the Oregon and Washington coasts, and it was used by Native Americans in trading.

Smith began the public lecture on Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Knight Law Center. There were approximately 200 people in attendance, ranging from pro-

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Dan Brunell Emerald

Lynn McDougal of the Institute of Cognitive and Decision Sciences. The Institute is dedicated to researching the brain and understanding basic human thought.

'Neural Net' catches waves

Researchers on campus are using a Geodesic Sensor Net to track brain response and mood disorders

By Eric Martin
for the Emerald

In the depths of Straub Hall, researchers in the Brain Electrophysiology Lab (BEL) are using advanced measurements of brain activity to show how mood disorders motivate

the brain's interpretation of daily events.

It would make sense that a depressed person could see things in a negative way. But through the measurement of electrical waves emitted by the brain, researchers for BEL have determined that moods have a direct effect on other cognitive processes in the brain, such as attention span and memory.

"We're looking at different brain functionality as a function of depression," said Lynn Mc-

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