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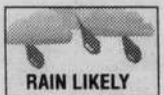
## Spring Break!

Time to call the travel agent, book your getaway plans and get ready to go go go. **Inside section**

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Will the University or OSU be branching out to Bend? The state board will decide. **PAGE 5A**

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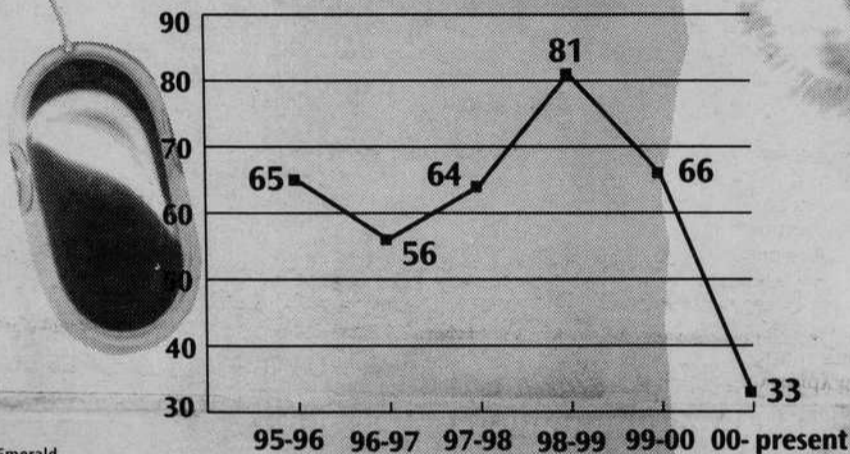
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## Plagiarism: A game of cat and mouse

### Number of faculty reports of Academic Dishonesty from the Office of Student Judicial Affairs

Though the numbers look like they've dropped this year, they actually have not. There have already been 33 reports since fall term 2000 of cheating. If this pattern continues, this is likely to be the highest year for cases of cheating so far.



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## Black history digs up area's racial ghosts

■ The community celebrates Black History Month with a series of events at the Eugene Public Library and on campus

By Lindsay Buchele  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Today marks the 25th year America has recognized February as "Black History Month," yet those who embrace black culture and history, such as Portland State University professor Darrell Millner, say they are still struggling to eliminate the bias and prejudice society has concerning blacks' role in history.

"All people learn about history, whether they study it or get it from pop culture," Millner said. "But almost all people learn a corrupted and inaccurate version of the role African-Americans play in history."

Millner and others will be taking part in "A Celebration of African-American History" at the Eugene Public Library.

Business librarian Scott Herron said that the programs, which will be held at the library from Feb. 4 to Feb. 12, will include a musical workshop by blues musician Deb Cleveland, a speech by Millner on blacks' role in Oregon history, a Martin Luther King Jr. exhibit and general displays profiling black history.

The University's Black Student Union will also be hosting events in February, including the Harlem Nights Black Diamond Affair Feb. 16 and a Black Achievement Night Feb. 20, both of which are open to students. There will also possibly be a photo display, BSU resource coordinator Kim Hutchinson said.

Events, such as those put on by the

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## Cheaters can get virtually caught

Plagiarism is easier thanks to the popularity of the Internet, but now the Web also helps catch the culprits

By Brooke Ross  
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Thanks to computer technology, University professors now have a weapon to combat Internet plagiarism, and cheaters are more likely to be caught.

Tracking-and-analysis Web sites allow professors to enter whole papers or key phrases of a student's essay, said Melissa Delarosa, vice president of business affairs for iparadigms Inc., the company that founded the Web site www.turnitin.com. She said based on the professor's search, the sites return all matching information and essays, giving the professor proof of whether or not the student has plagiarized.

"Cheating has always existed in different formats, but if students know they're being monitored, they'll be likely to write their own work," she said.

Chris Loschiavo, director of Student Judicial Affairs, said tracking Web sites may be the way to decrease incidents of plagiarism, a University problem he said is not improving.

"If you ask students, they'll say a lot of them cheat," he said.

Loschiavo said a survey conducted in 1993 showed 91 percent of University students have cheated at least once in their college careers. He said although the survey is a few years old, academic dishonesty is still a problem — he said he dealt with 30 cases during fall term alone.

Delarosa said her company's Web site was created to help stop the growing problem of Internet plagiarism. There are literally hundreds of paper mills, which are Web sites where students can purchase essays.

She said the site offers a submission report  
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## Resigned ASUO staffer calls Breslow's demands extreme

Student parent Kathleen Workman claims last year's Executive allowed her more job flexibility

By Lisa Toth  
Oregon Daily Emerald

When Kathleen Workman, one of the primary coordinators for the ASUO Child Care Subsidy, resigned from her position Jan. 23, conflicts with the work schedule set by ASUO President Jay Breslow had reached a breaking point.

Workman earned wide respect during the past two years as the ASUO non-traditional-student advocate. Workman said she left her position because of the demands Breslow placed on her, which conflicted with her responsibilities as a student and a single mom. Breslow's mandatory staff meetings on Monday nights and weekend staff retreats didn't allow Workman to cook dinner or spend time with Whitney, her 6-year-old daughter.

But Breslow said he requires his staff to attend only one weekly meeting and meet their job description requirements. He described the office as a low-stress environment.

"My leadership style is that I hire wonderful people and let them do their jobs," Breslow said.

Workman's resignation occurred only hours before Child Care Subsidy asked for a 1.5 percent increase in its budget at the Programs Finance Committee meeting. Child Care Subsidy, which pays a percentage of child care expenses for students who qualify, left the meeting with a 1.5 percent decrease instead.

Breslow said Workman's resignation was unfair not only because she resigned right before the

meeting, but because she didn't arrange any other student parents to come to the meeting in her place.

While he said there weren't problems in his working relationship with Workman, Breslow mentioned she was having a rocky semester. Breslow said he didn't want his staff to get the sense that Workman didn't have to be in the office.

"Everybody has to be in the office doing productive things," Breslow said.

Last year, Workman had the same position in the ASUO Executive office run by Wylie Chen and Mitra Anoushiravani. Workman said they understood the responsibilities of being a parent.

"I would be as involved as I

could, I would help out as much as I could," Workman said. "But they never once questioned it if I said I needed to be at home with Whitney."

Workman said her decisions this year were continually judged by Breslow, despite her battling personal problems such as filing for a divorce, and child custody issues. Workman said Breslow required her to put in 15 office hours a week, but Chen and Anoushiravani were much more flexible by allowing Workman to complete 95 percent of her work from home.

According to Breslow, it has been difficult to keep staff members in the office this year, and Workman's resignation was unfortunate.

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