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## Old issues, new strategies

■ Student activism on campus has been in a slump since last year's 10-day WRC protest at Johnson Hall

By Jeremy Lang  
for the Emerald

It's a gross understatement to say a lot has changed in the year since students converged on Johnson Hall and turned a protest for the Worker Rights Consortium into a 24-hour-a-day, 10-day affair that captured national headlines.

Everything has changed since April 4, 2000, when protesters interrupted the formal atmosphere of the administration building with tents on the lawn, guitars, massive posters of University President Dave Frohnmayer with a

Nike swoosh over his mouth—and when 14 students were arrested for refusing to leave the building until Frohnmayer signed a WRC contract.

Since the protest, the school's commitment to the WRC and all labor monitoring groups has dissolved. Much of the momentum student activists built during last spring's protest has disappeared, and many who called Johnson

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## China allows spy crew visit

By Martin Fackler  
The Associated Press

HAIKOU, China — China allowed American diplomats to meet the crew of a U.S. spy plane Tuesday for the first time since the plane landed on Chinese soil after a collision with a Chinese fighter jet, but there was no sign when they would be allowed to return home.

China blamed the United States for the collision and demanded an apology. President Jiang Zemin demanded that the United States stop surveillance flights off China's coast.

It was too early Wednesday morning for Chinese officials to react to a warning from President Bush that any further delay in returning the 24 crew members or the plane itself — full of high-tech equipment that U.S. officials fear China has now examined — or else face possible damage to already unsettled China-U.S. relations.

"This accident has the potential of undermining our hopes for a fruitful and productive relationship between our two countries," Bush said in Washington. "To keep that from happening, our servicemen and women need to come home."

China's government-run Xinhua news agency released pictures of the damaged Navy EP-3E at an air base on the southern island of Hainan. The pictures showed the plane's leftmost propeller broken and tears on the underside of its left wing.

"The entire crew is in good health," said Army Brig. Gen. Neal Sealock, the U.S. Embassy defense attaché, one of two diplomats who visited the crew members. "They are being well taken care of." He added, "Our goal is to get them home as soon as possible."

The Chinese laid down ground rules for the meeting, but the diplomats — with Chinese officials in attendance — were allowed to discuss the crew members' health, the operations during the emergency landing and standard procedures taken to protect intelligence, a senior U.S. official in Washington said on condition of anonymity.

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## House bills seek to protect students' academic freedom

■ If passed, House Bills 2480 and 2476 would require universities to offer alternatives for courses judged morally offensive

By Andrew Adams  
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A bill introduced in the state Legislature would give students in Oregon's universities the option of not taking required classes if they find course content morally offensive.

House Bill 2480 would require universities to provide alternative courses for students morally offended by a class and also

alternatives to any course work that a student found offensive.

State Rep. Betsy Close (R-Albany) said she co-wrote the bill with Dr. Fred Decker, former undersecretary for education under President Reagan, to ensure that students don't have to read or view material they find offensive in order to graduate. She said she became involved in the issue after being contacted by the family of a freshman at Southern Oregon University who felt that Marxist writings and a recount of a rape were too offensive to be included in a required freshman class.

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## Con Court finishes grievances; ASUO election is back on track

■ The Elections Board still needs two positions filled, but the senate seats, executive race and ballot measures will be voted on from April 16-18

By Emily Gust  
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At the end of winter term, Steven Lockfield had lost outright his bid for a Student Senate seat, which meant he was not a contender in the upcoming general election set for April 16-18.

But now he's back in the race.

Lockfield lost when he ran against five oth-

er students for the social science senate seat. However, Lockfield could not vote for himself: His major is history — an arts and letters program, not social sciences. Lockfield should have been placed in the arts and letters senate race, which was won unopposed by Ben Lacy.

So Lockfield filed a grievance, and the ASUO Constitution Court decided the ASUO Elections Board had erred. They called for a run-off race between Lockfield and Lacy.

"I was very pleased with the court's decision," Lockfield said. "This is a victory for democracy, basically."

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