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## Howe Field royalty

Triawn Custer has made Ducks softball history by hitting a school-record 34 home runs. **PAGE 7**

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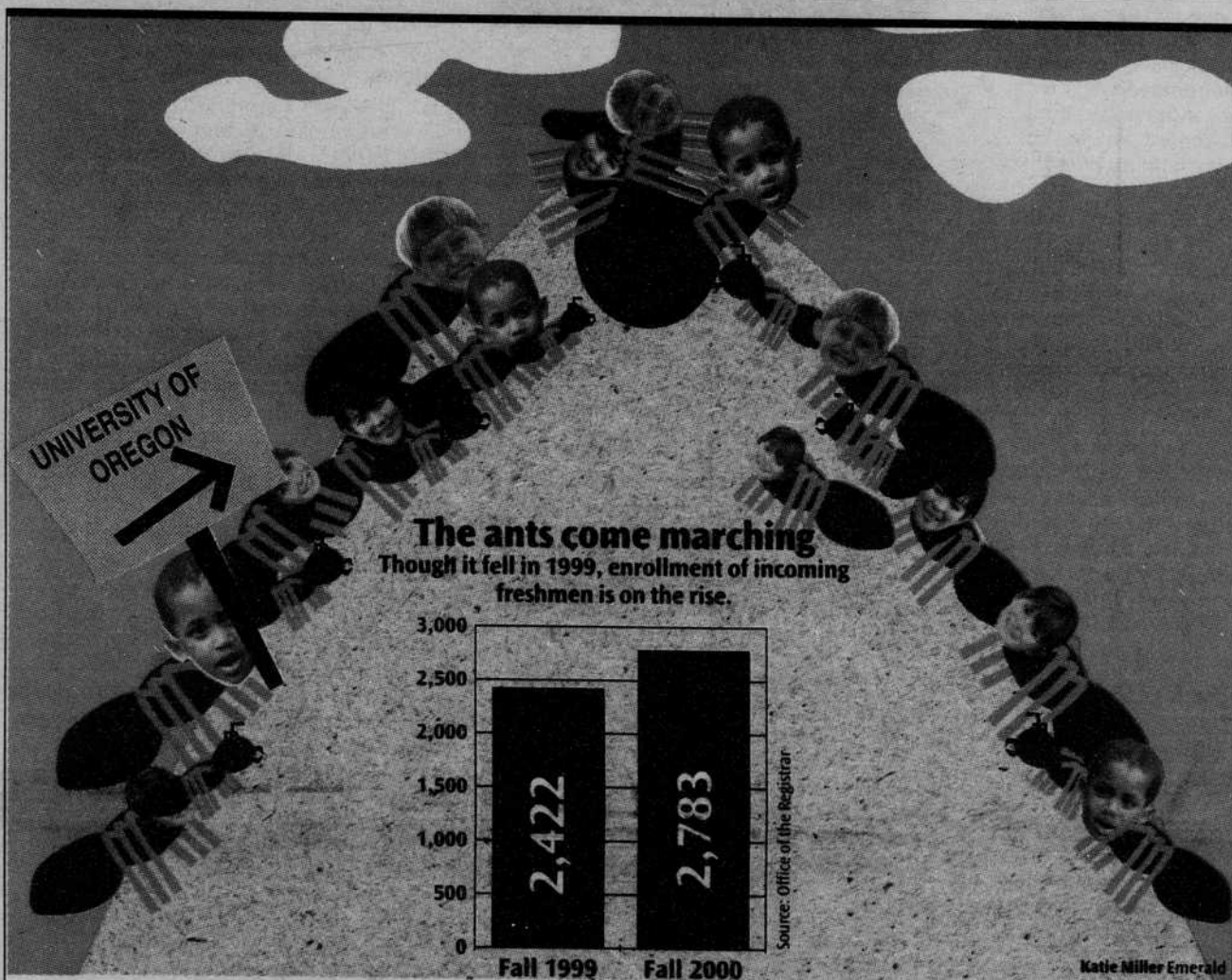
State Sen. Susan Castillo and Rep. Phil Barnhart held a town hall meeting Thursday evening. **PAGE 3**

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## Lee shares his wit, experience

Director Spike Lee counseled students to find and follow their passions, even in the face of criticism

By Bevin Caffery and Lisa Toth  
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Wearing cargo pants and a striped Abercrombie and Fitch rugby shirt, Shelton "Spike" Lee looked like a normal guy. But his characteristic black-rimmed glasses identified him as the controversial and influential director that the public recognized.



Lee spoke to a crowd of more than 500 at McArthur Court Thursday night about his love for filmmaking and his opinions about current issues.

The director offered advice to the students in the audience about following their passions. He told students that just because what they produce may receive criticism, it does not mean their work isn't valuable.

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## Workshops ease tax day troubles

International students struggling with the complexities of tax preparation can find help from the Office of International Education and Exchange

By Lisa Toth  
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Surrounded by income tax forms and instruction manuals, Satoru Ukai carefully debated how to fill out the paperwork. With an exasperated expression on his face, Ukai looked as if he had just about given up on completing the applications.

The hardest part of doing his taxes, Ukai said, is that he is unfamiliar with some of the English expressions used on the forms. "The math is not so difficult," said Ukai, who came to the United States from Tokyo in 1996. "I just want to make sure that everything is right. This is my first time. It is so confusing."

Ukai is just one of more than 1,600 international students currently attending the University. And for many students like Ukai, April 16 — the deadline for filing year 2000 income tax returns — brings frustration, anxiety and confusion.

For a little help during the tax process, Ukai, a junior computer and information science major, attended one of the tax preparation workshops that the Office of International Education and Exchange offered.

At the orientation Wednesday, Ukai received instruction

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## UO prepares for jump in enrollment

With the number of applications for admission at an all-time high, the University is making plans to accommodate the predicted influx of new freshmen

By Hank Hager  
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A record number of freshman applications and the renovation of Gilbert Hall are two contributing factors to an already crowded situation that will require the University to use its class scheduling in an efficient manner next year.

How the renovation and the high number of applications will affect University departments and schools still remains to be seen, but many on campus have different views of what the effects will be.

The University has received close to 8,500 applications for this school

year, exceeding last year's total by almost 500, said Director of Admissions Martha Pitts.

Joe Stone, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said because of the increase in freshmen next year, the departments in the college will have their work cut out for them.

"I think we'll do well," he said. "But it will certainly be a scramble."

Stone said classes focusing on computer science, math and Spanish will be the hardest hit because they are popular lower-division credits and are filled mostly by freshmen.

He said hiring faculty would help, but there are no funds to do so. To solve

that problem, he said, senior graduate students and adjunct professors will be hired on a temporary basis.

Philip Romero, dean of the Charles H. Lundquist College of Business, said the college won't be too crowded with the greater number of freshmen because it doesn't accept majors until a student's second year. But he added that renovations to Gilbert Hall will affect the entire University.

"Every part of the UO has to increase the productivity of its instruction," he said.

Greg Kerber, assistant dean of the School of Journalism and Communication, said the increase in freshmen will put the limited amount of classroom space in even higher demand. He cited an increase of more than 200 pre-majors, majors, and graduate stu-

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## Students invited to experience 'An Evening in Java'

The Indonesian Student Association's culture night will treat visitors to traditional food, fashion and music

By Lisa Toth  
Oregon Daily Emerald

For many Americans, dinner can mean anything from fast food or TV dinners to a sit-down family-style meal. But this Sunday, students, faculty and community members will have the chance to try something a little different.

During Indonesia Night 2001, otherwise known as "An Evening in Java," audience

members will be invited to sit on the floor for dinner.

"The traditional way to eat in Java is to sit on the floor," said Indira Soekasah, director of PERMIAS — the Indonesian Student Association, which is sponsoring the event. "We want to set the table like this because we want the audience to feel like they are in Java. This is the way we eat in Java."

The event, which begins at 6:30 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom, will highlight some of the cultural traditions of Indonesia — a country in Southeast Asia composed of more than 13,000 islands.

"The minute you walk in the ballroom, you

are going to experience the life of Javanese people," PERMIAS member Soni Dharmawan said. While seated at the low tables for dinner, participants will be able to sample a variety of Indonesian foods, such as "nasitumpeng" — a vegetable similar to fried potatoes, with a coconut rice — as well as "rendang," which is similar to beef curry, served with coconut sauce.

Soekasah, who is from Jakarta, Indonesia, said that even though her family doesn't follow this tradition anymore, it is still an important part of the culture.

Participants may eat with their hands, but

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### An Evening in Java: Indonesia Night 2001

When: April 15 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Where: EMU Ballroom

Price: \$6

Tickets available at the EMU Ticket Office

For more information contact the Indonesian Student Association (PERMIAS) at 683-8929

