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## Going pro

Angelina Wolvert and teammate Jenny Mowe were selected in the WNBA draft. **PAGE 7**

## A call to action

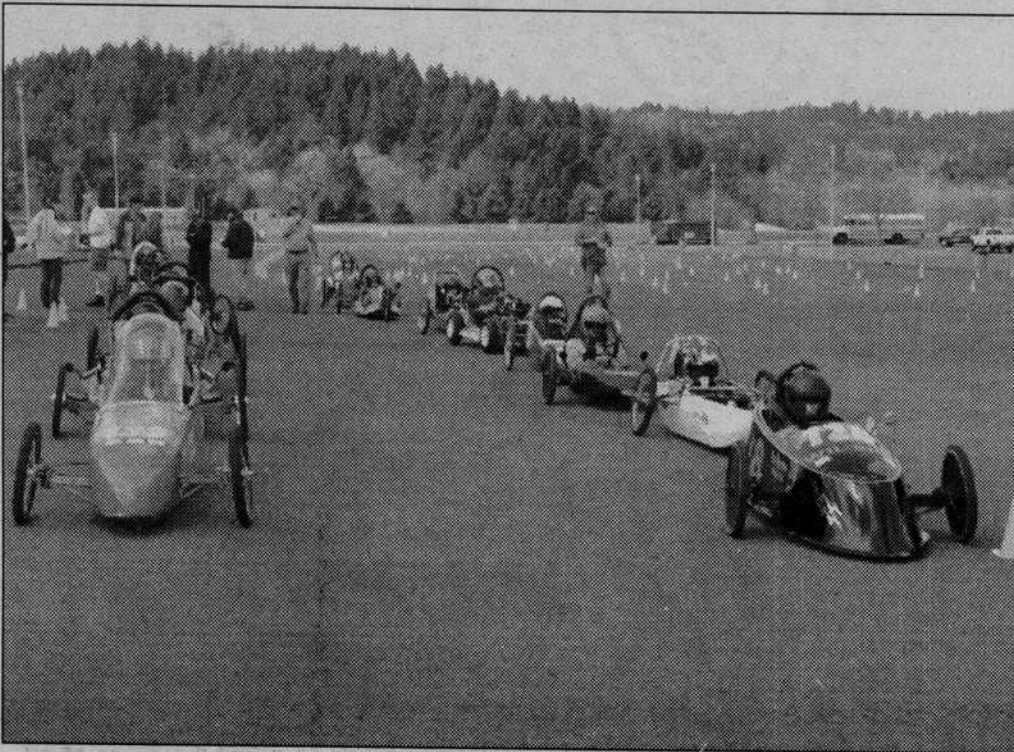
Former Black Panther Party leader Elaine Brown discussed racism in America Friday night. **PAGE 3**

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Travis Geny for the Emerald  
High school students from Oregon and Washington hit the race course at Lane Community College Saturday in the sixth annual Electron Run. The students designed and built their own electric cars.

## Race gives students a charge

Portland General Electric's sixth annual Electron Run teaches students engineering and design skills

By Sue Ryan  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Pit crews scrambled off the track. Drivers flipped their switches.

"Let's go," yelled starter Kerry Ibsen as he dropped the green flag.

The electric cars rolled forward as Portland General Electric's sixth annual Electron Run began at Lane Community College Saturday.

After three heats, the team from Willamette High School emerged the victor. This is the second consecutive year that Willamette High has

placed first in the Eugene run, which included 18 teams from as far away as Battleground, Wash.

"It looks like a race, but it's a learning environment," said Richard Turnock, PGE's educational specialist.

PGE has sponsored the races for eight years to give students a place to show off their engineering skills and test their cars. Saturday's event was the third race of five for the 2001 season and was held during Earth Day weekend.

The program lets students design and build electric cars to explore industry and engineering careers. The program also fulfills part of the state's requirements for the Certificate of Ad-

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## Fate of tuition hikes rests with presidents

The State Board of Education has asked the presidents of OUS schools to help decide how much tuition will increase

By Brooke Ross  
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The State Board of Education asked all seven Oregon University System presidents to determine how much of a tuition increase, within a 2 to 5 percent range, will be needed for the 2001-2003 biennium at its meeting Friday, meaning some universities may experience a smaller tuition increase than originally anticipated.

Although nothing was finalized at the meeting at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, the board approved a plan to give all seven schools within the Oregon University System a 2 to 5 percent range in raising tuition for the next two years.

Tom Anderes, OUS vice chancellor for finance and administration, said implementing this plan depends on the outcome of the state budget. The most recent budget estimate is expected to increase higher education funding by \$45 million. Anderes said that if this funding comes through, tuition increases may not be as high as expected.

"Most universities are in the position that if we get the \$45 million back, we'd be looking at the lower end of this range," he said.

But Anderes said funding is still uncertain, so using a range instead of one set increase amount will help save money while also giving each individual school exactly what it needs.

"We don't know at what level that \$45 million will be dealt with," he said. "The universities have different needs, so we're looking at this range to give them opportunities for flexibility."

University presidents said they support the plan because it gives each school some leeway.

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“When I have students bombarding me with questions about their tuition increasing, my response is to look at the Legislature.”

Gerri Richmond  
board member,  
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## Students can 'Get Connected' at ISA's International Week

The International Student Association has a week of culture planned for campus, starting with today's Africa Day

By Lisa Toth  
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Persephone Shon and Corinne Erceg stayed up all night. But it wasn't because the two International Student Association members were cramming for a test. They were putting the final touches on the script for International Night.

A celebration of international heritage and diversity from countries around the world begins today. International Week, the ISA's largest event, will showcase people, exhibits and activities from Africa, North and South America, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. ISA intends for the week to bring awareness about the University's international community to students, faculty and community members. The week will culminate Sunday during the 38th annual International Night, which will

take place in the EMU Ballroom.

"International Week is to get everyone pumped up about International Night, and every continent will have their own day," ISA Publicity Director Kimberly Franklin said. "This is their way of giving something back by sharing their culture with the community."

Franklin said while only 10 percent of the campus comprises international students, those students want to use the week to show the campus their international identity and culture.

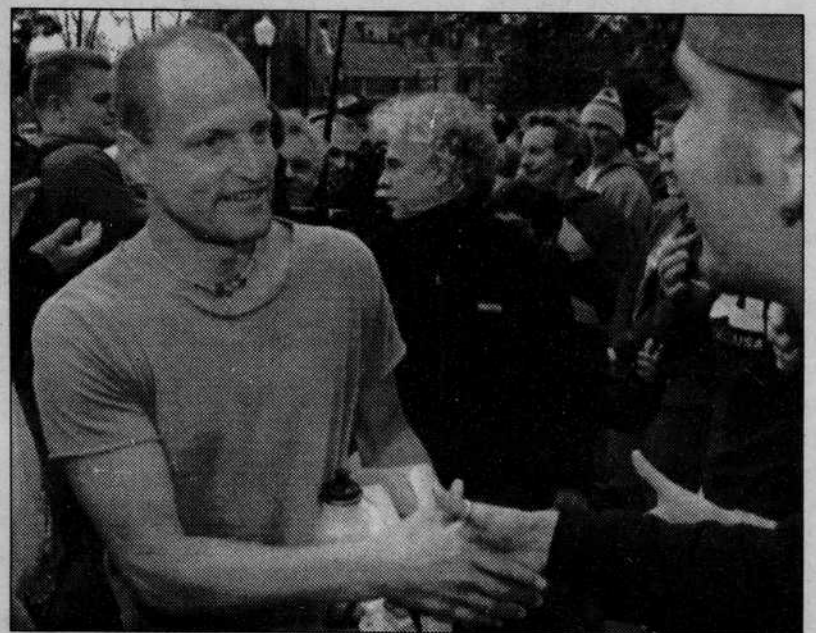
Bai-Yu, co-director of the ISA, said the ISA chose this year's theme, "Get Connected," to suggest students connect with each other through technology. The Internet, chat rooms and messenger services bring people from around the world closer together, she said.

ISA co-director Andreas Georgiades and a team

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## Everybody knows his name



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Woody Harrelson greets cheering fans at the Erb Memorial Union Amphitheater Friday afternoon. During his speech, Harrelson discussed 'Simple Organic Living' and the impact of powerful corporations on the environment.

## Woody Harrelson addresses packed amphitheater

While sun-bathing in Hawaii, actor Woody Harrelson felt himself being nudged off his rock by a wet dog named Wookie. The scene reminded Harrelson of what is happening to the planet: People are being 'nudged off the rock by Wookie' — the giant corporations that are stealing the

earth's resources.

"We the people have been wookieed off the rock," Harrelson declared. "And what I'm going to talk about is how we can wookie ourselves back on."

About 1,500 people crowded the  
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