

An independent newspaper Oregon Daily Emerald



The link to success

Jerilyn White has led the charge this season for the Oregon women's golf team. **PAGE 7**

Making their case

OUS students voiced concerns Friday about the State Board of Higher Education's business policy. **PAGE 3**

WEATHER TODAY



MOSTLY CLOUDY
high 62, low 47

SINCE 1900 UNIVERSITY OF OREGON EUGENE, OREGON

DOTIERS

Katie Miller Emerald

Online classes are gaining popularity, but they aren't for procrastinators

By Hank Hager
Oregon Daily Emerald

Freshman Emily Gaskey said she is taking an online class because the lure of extra sleep was too great to pass up, especially when she is busy with both school and a job at the Athletic Department.

Gaskey is one of a growing number of students who have started to take University classes through the Inter-

net. She said she's enjoyed not having to go to class and has learned the same amount of information a normal class would offer.

But she said she misses the opportunity to interact with her professor and has noticed the need to memorize more information.

Most classes offered via the Internet in the Distance Education program are designed so students need to

meet with their professors only three to four times per quarter. Each class is structured differently, but most assign homework by e-mail and allow students to respond electronically.

Whether Distance Education courses will gain in popularity in the future and begin to rival traditional classroom learning remains to be seen, but many feel in-class learning

Turn to **Online**, page 6

Commissionings create concerns

■ The enhanced authority of the Department of Public Safety's newly commissioned officers troubles some members of the campus community

By Andrew Adams
Oregon Daily Emerald

Now that the Department of Public Safety has commissioned eight of its officers, the agency contends it will be able to serve the campus in a more professional and efficient way and improve DPS' handling of some incidents.

But some on campus still question the need for officers to detain and search or arrest suspicious persons on campus.

The staff of the Office of Student Advocacy criticized the plan to commission officers when DPS Director Tom Fitzpatrick announced in January that he would begin the commissioning process. Assistant Director Marcy Butcher said that opinion has not changed since the officers were commissioned last week.

Butcher said she does not understand why DPS officers need to be able to arrest people when the agency already has a close relationship with the Eugene Police Department.

"It seems a little redundant to commission DPS officers," she said.

She also said it was somewhat troubling to her that DPS officers would be granted the right to arrest and search students, and those same officers would be patrolling in residence halls.

While Fitzpatrick has repeatedly said commissioning officers does not mean they will soon be carrying firearms, Butcher said armed DPS officers would

Turn to **DPS**, page 6

“ We don't want to put students in danger or give DPS officers too much power.”

Jay Breslow
president,
ASUO



Judge urges students to drink, party responsibly

Mitch Crane discussed the role alcohol can play in causing sexual assault in his Monday night presentation for Sexual Assault Awareness Week

By Kara Cogswell
Oregon Daily Emerald

Judge Mitch Crane compared drinking alcohol to eating chocolate cake — both may be okay in moderation, but overconsumption of either one is likely to make a person sick.

But while eating too much chocolate cake will result in only a stomachache, drinking too much alcohol often leads to sexual assault, said Crane, who spoke Monday night before an audience of more than 200 people in the EMU Ballroom.

Crane's presentation was sponsored by the Greek Life Department, Oregon Club Sports, Sigma Nu fraternity and Peer Health Education as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

Too often, Crane said, students come to college with

the idea that because they are no longer living with their parents, they are free to do anything they want.

For many students, this means drinking and partying as much as possible — and that, Crane said, is when tragedies can occur.

"Most of time nothing bad happens," he said. "But sometimes it does."

As an example of how drinking can play a role in sexual assault, Crane told a story about one college student he referred to only as "Suzy."

Suzy, he said, was a naive college freshman — she was a virgin, and she had little experience with drinking. One night, she met an attractive man who seemed to be a nice guy.

He invited her to a party.
Turn to **Judge**, page 5

High costs force UO library to reduce journal selection

■ The Knight Library has had to cut back on the number of academic journals it offers and foresees another decrease in 2003

By Brooke Ross
Oregon Daily Emerald

Because of the high price of academic journals, making them available at the University's Knight Library is becoming more complicated than the material found inside the actual publications.

Library officials say that because the field of scholarly publishing has become more profit-oriented, journal subscription costs have increased at an average of nine to 11 percent per year. The library staff has already had to cut 2,400 journal titles and is predicting another cut in 2003.

Gina Psaki, an associate professor in romance languages and chair of the library committee, said the national problem began when commercial publishing houses realized the kinds of profits they could make.

"They realized university libraries

had to have certain titles, so they acquired them and started jacking up the prices," she said. "They have an enormous profit margin that Microsoft can only envy."

Because of the high journal prices, the library is also buying fewer books to make up for the costs.

The library does this, Psaki said, so its supply of journals is not completely wiped out.

"We cut across the board because we can't afford to penalize one of our disciplines," she said.

Psaki said this affects everyone, because while graduate students and professors often require the complex journals, undergraduates usually prefer books for their research needs because the language is less elaborate.

"We're accidentally disregarding our undergraduates," she said.

Turn to **Library**, page 6

“ Publishers are showing no desire to change this because they have a captive audience.”

James Schombert
associate professor,
physics

