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## Transforming transactions

■ While people are increasingly making electronic transactions, some doubt whether the way of the future will be 'cashless'

By Brooke Ross  
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Many people today may not actually see a penny of the money from their paychecks, thanks to advances in electronic funds transfers and other cashless transactions.

Although plastic cards and electronic funds seem to be slowly replacing hard currency, some think we're a long way from turning into a cashless economy.

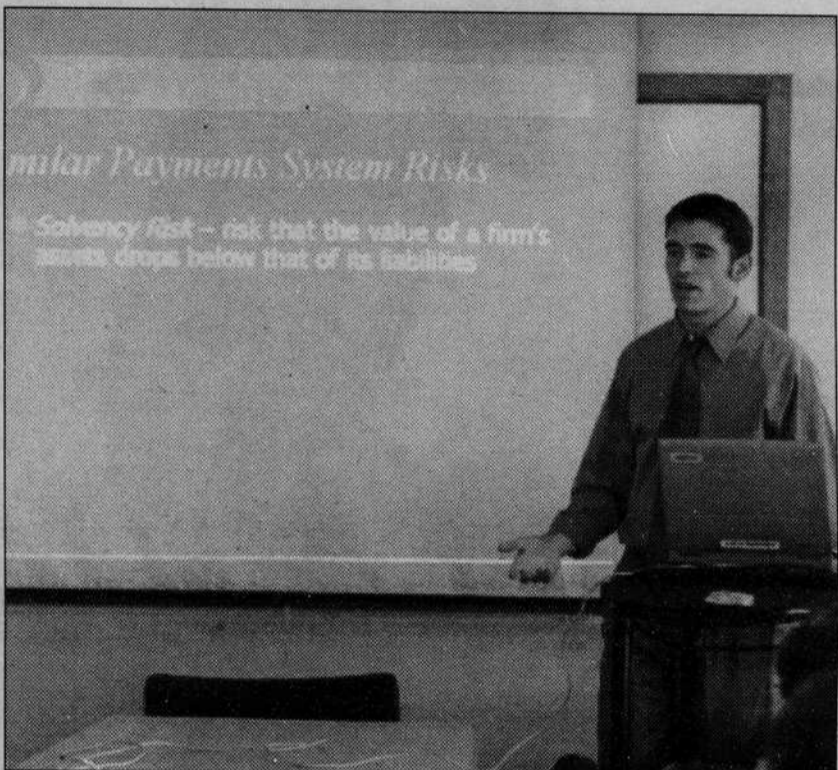
The University is no stranger to today's increasingly technological economy, which faculty members and students have said is both convenient and dangerous. Some faculty members' paychecks are automatically deposited into their bank accounts, and many people today admit to using debit cards and online banking more than going to the actual bank to withdraw cash.

Robert Madrigal, an assistant marketing professor, is familiar with using the latest financial technology. He said his paychecks are automatically deposited into his bank account, and he and his family make most of their purchases with credit or debit cards.

"At no point do I really ever see the money from my job," he said.

Madrigal, who teaches the class Consumer Behavior 360, said using technology instead of cash is a time-saver, but it can also get people into financial trouble.

"When you take the tangible element out of money, it doesn't seem like money anymore," he said. "People use credit cards to purchase things they don't have the money to back up."



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Economics and computer science major Steve Tachouet presents his senior thesis on the electronic cash industry. Some risks, Tachouet said, are software incompatibility and Internet fraud.

In his class, Madrigal said his students study how consumers tend to look for the easiest way to spend their money.

"If there's a way people can avoid processing a lot of information, they lean toward it," he said. "And a cashless society makes that easier."

One easier way to spend money may be to use electronic cash via the Internet. Electronic cash is a way of transferring funds in online transactions, and it serves as computer data that can eventu-

ally be exchanged for real money.

Steve Tachouet, an economics and computer and information science major, presented his senior thesis last week in which he compared and contrasted the risks of the developing electronic cash system to the Free Banking Era of the 1800s.

"For the most part, nobody uses 'e-cash' because it's still kind of a theory," he said. "But if obstacles can be over-

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## Medicinal pot debate persists

■ The Supreme Court rules that people cannot sell marijuana under a medical necessity defense; state legislators may expand medical marijuana laws

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Oregon legislators are considering a bill to expand the state's medical marijuana laws. However, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Monday that a medical necessity defense does not allow individuals or cooperatives to sell marijuana. In an opinion delivered by Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, the court stated that the Oakland Cannabis Buyers Cooperative's request for a "a common-law medical necessity defense ... is rejected."

The Controlled Substance Act classifies marijuana as a Schedule I drug, and its only permitted use under the act is "government-approved research projects."

While Monday's ruling does not directly address the Oregon law, it has the possibility of affecting Oregon's medical marijuana laws and a current House bill, said Leslie Harris, a criminal law professor in the University's School of Law.

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## Frohnmayr joins campus fraternity

■ The University president was initiated into the Delta Upsilon fraternity in a public ceremony last night before a large crowd of students and alumni

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Dave Frohnmayr has held many titles in his lifetime: Oregon attorney general, state representative, dean of the University law school, and, of course, University president.

And now, he has one more credential to add to his resume: member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity.

President Frohnmayr was initiated into the chapter last night in a public ceremony, held in the EMU Ballroom, before a crowd of about 400 students and alumni representing the greek community.

The night kicked off Greek Week, an annual event celebrating greek life through philanthropic events and other activities. This year also marks the 100th anniversary of the Greek System at the University.

Philip Benton, president of Delta Upsilon fraternity, said he and other members of his house asked Frohnmayr to join last fall. They thought Delta Upsilon would be an appropriate house for the president to join because his father had been a member when he attended the University in the 1920s, Benton said.

Because the Delta Upsilon house is non-secretive, everything that happens during initiation is open to the public, Benton said. Frohnmayr's initiation was very similar to what goes on during ceremonies held at the house, he said.

"We've nothing to hide," he said.

Frohnmayr said being a member of Delta Upsilon allowed his father, a German immigrant, to learn strong social skills, and it gave him the chance to make lifelong friends. His father died a little more than a year ago, but Frohnmayr said if he were still alive he would have wanted to be present last night.

"This would be a proud day for my father," he said.

In addition to continuing his father's legacy, Frohnmayr said another reason he joined was to show his support of the Greek System as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

"Symbolically, it seemed like a very appropriate thing to

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Bob Capuozzo, a preschool teacher at the Vivian Olum Child Development Center, helps children from the center leave a bouquet for the University Fire Station on Agate Street during a birthday parade Monday morning. The preschoolers brought flowers from home as the parade wound around the block from the center's Columbia Street location near campus. Monday marked the fifth birthday of the center and was also the birthday of the late Vivian Olum, wife of former University President Paul Olum.

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