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## Aiming for the top

Pole vaulter Niki Reed would love nothing more than to win a Pac-10 and NCAA title. **PAGE 11**

## Spring cleaning

Volunteer to clean campus for University Day and come away with a free T-shirt. **PAGE 5**

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## Forecast won't stop tuition hike

■ After a tough wrangling session in Salem this year, the state's higher education budget is still coming up \$96 million short

By Andrew Adams  
Oregon Daily Emerald

The May economic forecast, one of the last pieces of the state budget puzzle, has been released, and there appear to be few implications to the higher education budget.

However, a 4 to 5 percent tuition hike is now almost assured, as no major funds have been found to help fill holes in the state budget.

While the forecast does paint a slightly rosier picture, it does not have any significant positive impacts for funding for Oregon's seven public universities. Those close to the budget wrangling taking place in Salem say that while the picture hasn't improved, it hasn't worsened, which in this funding period may actually be a good result.

Oregon University System spokesman Bob Bruce said the budget forecast "shows only a modest improvement" to the state budget, and can not be directly applied to higher education.

Released Monday by the state Department of Administrative Services through the Office of Economic Analysis, the forecast is an analysis of Oregon's economy in relation to the rest of the nation, and provides a base for the formation of the state's budget. While the state's overall budget will remain \$12.1 billion for the 2001-2003 biennium, there is now an extra \$20 million for legislators to add into the budget mix.

Bruce said OUS will remain optimistic about funding and said there will be a renewed effort to fill some of the holes.

"We have people in Salem working on this all the time," he said.

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## Marchers will take back city streets

■ The 23rd annual Take Back the Night March will focus on combating oppression and empowering victims

By Lindsay Buchele  
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The streets of downtown Eugene will be filled tonight with voices saying, "Hey hey, ho ho, sexual assault has got to go" when an estimated 500 people take part in the 23rd annual Take Back the Night March.

Sexual Assault Support Ser-

vices and the University Women's Center are hosting the event, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the EMU Amphitheater and will feature music, community speakers, the march and an open forum for sexual assault survivors.

"The march in Eugene has come to symbolize a stand

against not only sexual assault, but also against all forms of oppression," said Katie Antos, the community education coordinator for SASS.

Antos said the idea sprouted from an International Women's Day Celebration held in Brussels, Belgium in 1976. The celebration grew in conjunction with the International Tribunal of Crimes Against Women and spread throughout the world as a grassroots effort aimed at raising

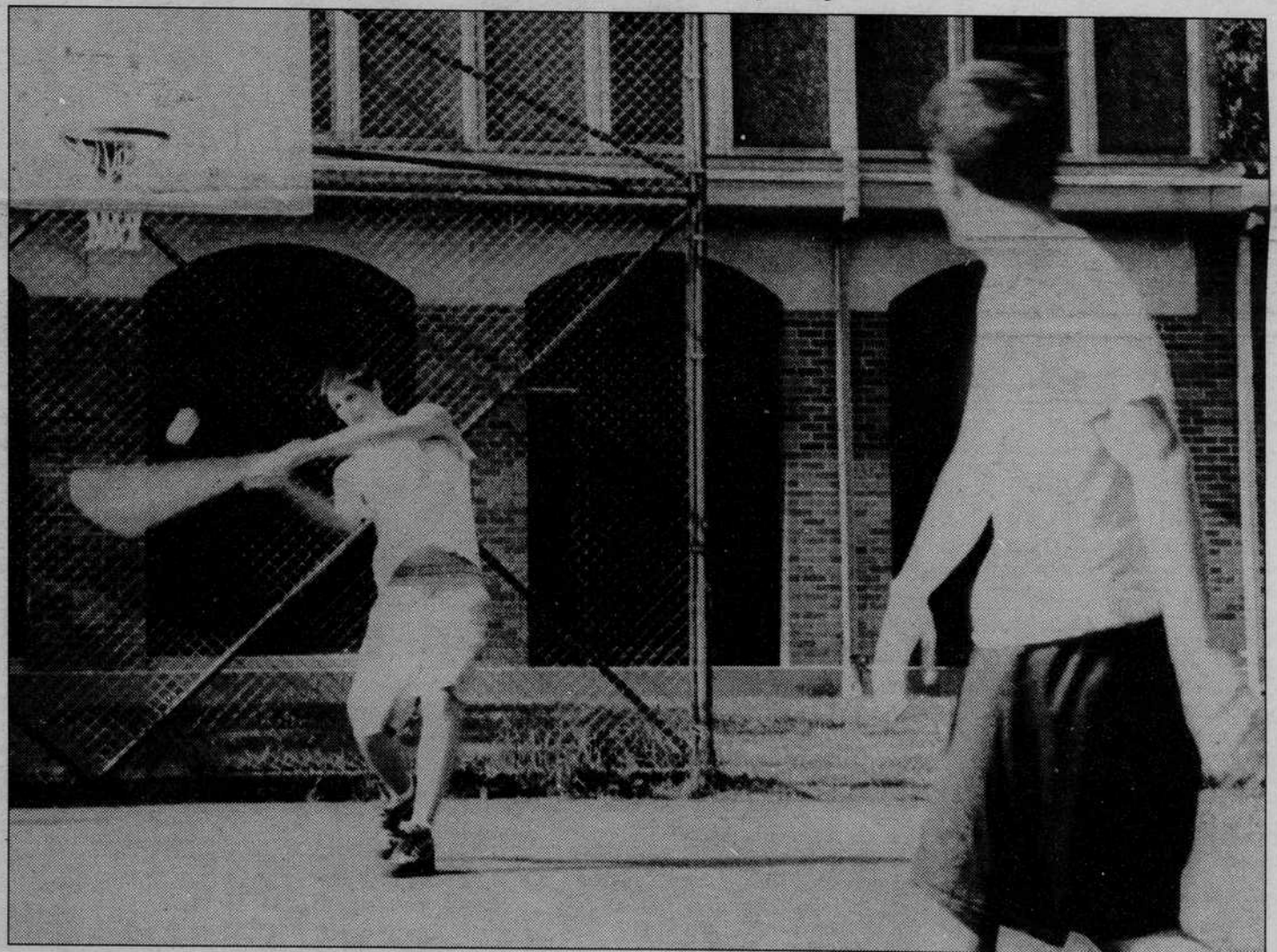
awareness about violence against women.

The first march in the United States took place in San Francisco in 1978 and drew 5,000 women marchers, Antos said. It was an effort that shut down San Francisco's pornography strip for one night.

Eugene's version of the march features several local speakers, including community activists and

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## On a whiff and a prayer



Nothing says spring term like whiffleball, right? Pete Korstad connects with a Todd Johnson pitch in front of the University Health Center Wednesday afternoon.

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## One survivor's story brings campus sexual assaults to fore

■ A woman's struggle to overcome the trauma of sexual assault may help others to reach for help as well

By Beata Mostafavi and Emily Gust  
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It was the first weekend of school during her freshman year, and Paige\*, a recent pledge at a University sorority, was partying at a house with some fraternity members and a couple of friends.

Paige had no idea that within the next few hours, she would be vio-

lated — causing her anguish and forcing her to lose an entire term of school — and that the pain would only stop pulsing after she took a step forward to fight what had happened to her. Paige is one of many students that have experienced sexual assault in their lifetimes, yet often their stories are never told.

According to the FBI, rape is one of

the most underreported crimes, and nine out of 10 cases are never brought to the attention of authorities.

Between January and March, Sexual Assault Support Services had contact with 964 sexual assault survivors, including 270 University students.

But in the University's Department of Public Safety's records for 1999, no cases of rape were reported at the University.

Director of DPS Tom Fitzpatrick said no one reported any cases of

sexual assault to DPS, even though organizations and University departments are supposed to file reports of rape with DPS every year.

This year, however, there will be at least one case included in the University's report.

### Filling in the gaps

At the party, Jared\*, whom Paige had met at a football game a few days earlier, gave her a glass of "jungle juice," a mixed alcoholic drink. A short time later, she began to feel

ill. Paige knew almost no one at the party, so she asked Jared to give her a ride back to the residence halls.

But before taking Paige home, Jared said he needed to stop on the way and pick something up at his fraternity. Paige later realized that the fraternity was not on the way, as Jared had told her. Rather, it was in the opposite direction.

"I remember the red light before crossing the street [to the fraternity]," she said. "And that's where I

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