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## Pacing the 'Pac'

The Oregon men's and women's track teams have average performances at the Pac-10s. **PAGE 7**

## Stair masters

Construction on the PLC elevators this summer will force many to climb their way to the top. **PAGE 6**

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## 25 rumble in campus area fight

■ The assault of an EPD officer who was called to the scene of a large fight led to one arrest

By Aaron K. Breniman  
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Eugene Police Department officers arrested one individual Friday night for assaulting an EPD officer after police responded to a report at 11:57 p.m. of a large group of subjects fighting at the intersection of East 14th Avenue and Patterson Street, according to an EPD release.

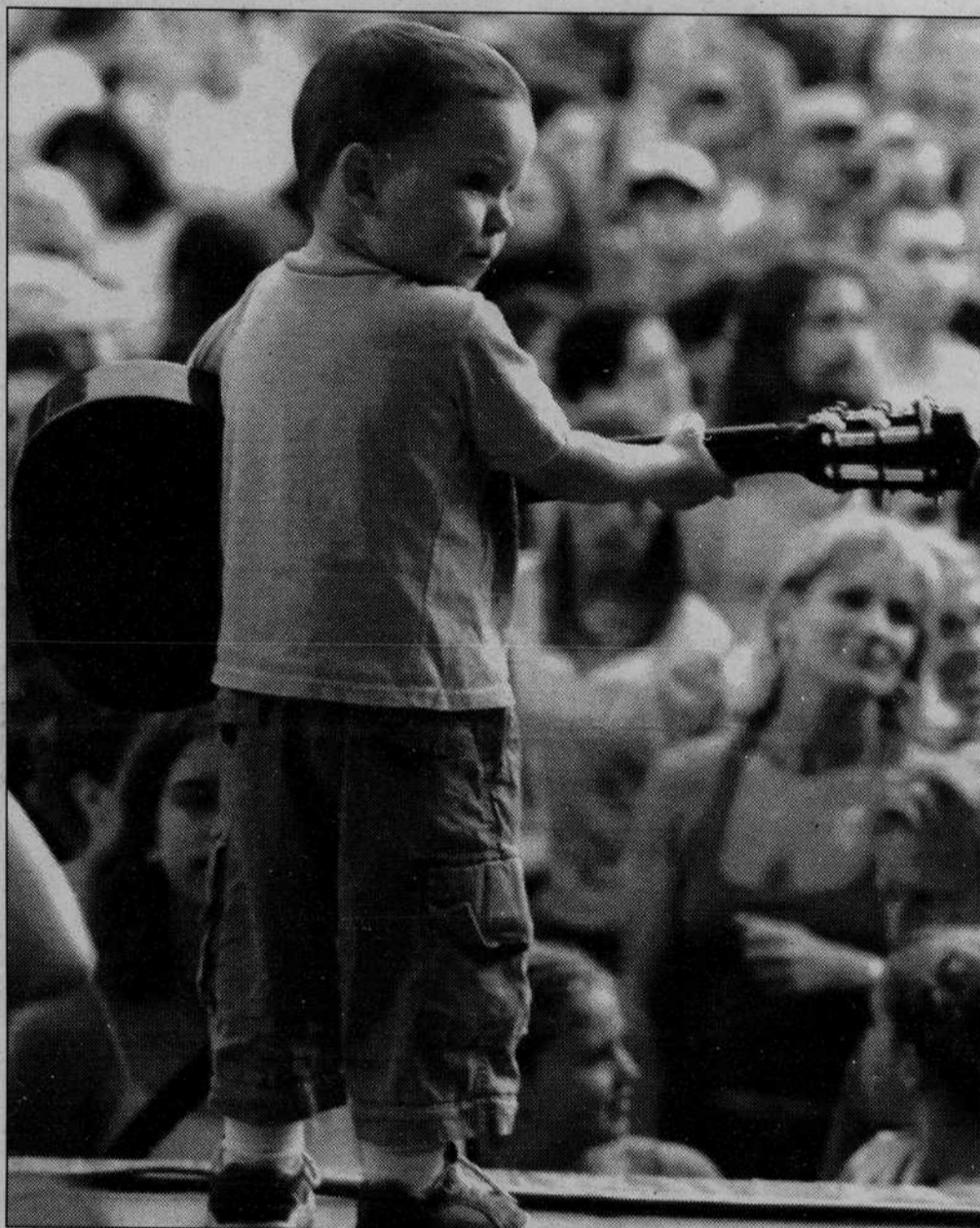
Police charged Fredrick Andrew Stirtz, 18, with assaulting a public safety officer, disorderly conduct, second-degree criminal mischief and resisting arrest in the incident.

When police arrived at the scene a few blocks west of the University, they discovered 25 people assaulting each other. While officers were attempting to arrest one subject, Stirtz allegedly assaulted Officer Jacen Johns from behind. Officer Johns was knocked to the ground, the release said.

Stirtz attempted to flee the area on foot, but Officer Johns recovered from the attack and was able to catch him after a short pursuit, police said. The officer received abrasions to one of his knees and an elbow, and subsequently suffered pain in his back, according to the release.

The suspect being taken into custody at the time of the assault escaped after Johns was assaulted. Stirtz was arrested and lodged at the Lane County Jail.

## Little folk



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2 1/2 year-old Sammy Dean makes a cameo appearance with the Sugar Beets Saturday on the main stage of the Willamette Valley Folk Festival. The band kept the crowd dancing throughout its set of psychedelic bluegrass.

## Doctor addresses abortion

■ Though she doesn't wear a bullet proof vest to the office anymore, Dr. Elizabeth Newhall knows well the threat to her work

By Lindsay Buchele  
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When abortion provider Dr. Elizabeth Newhall was labeled by a violent pro-life group as a suggestive target, she said it didn't keep her from providing safe and effective abortions to women.

On Sunday, University group Students for Choice, in conjunction with the College Democrats and Planned Parenthood, sponsored a speech given by Newhall that ranged in subject matter from Newhall's choice to become an abortion provider to her clinical testing of the medical abortion drug Mifepristone, also termed RU-486.

Sara Poynter, director of Students for Choice, said Newhall's experience with the medical and political aspects of abortion make her a valuable speaker for the University community.

"A doctor's perspective on abortion is unique," Poynter said. "Our mission is to educate students about the political climate, reproductive rights, medicine and availability of abortions."

Kitty Piercy, public affairs director for Planned Parenthood, said she worked on bringing Mifepristone to Oregon and also with the Legislature in support of the drug's testing.

"I felt it was important for the students to hear from an abortion provider," Piercy said.

Raised in what she describes as a "very Catholic family," Newhall said

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A fan reaches to place an origami lei on Johnny Misa, a star of the pop band Kai Saturday night in the EMU Ballroom. The concert topped off Asian Pacific American Heritage month festivities.

## APASU concert rocks ballroom

■ The popular Asian band Kai joined girl group B4 Ten and comedian Kevin Kataoka to help celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month on campus Saturday

By Kara Cogswell  
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It looked like a scene right out of MTV's Total Request Live when members of the band Kai took the stage in the EMU Ballroom Saturday night to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Some girls screamed and stretched out their hands for the chance to touch members of the pop group. Other audience members brought flowers and leis up to the stage to give to the band, which is considered by many to be the top Asian pop group in the country.

Sponsored by the Asian/Pacific American Student Union, the

concert wrapped up heritage month events that have taken place throughout the past few weeks, APASU's co-director Sugie Hong said.

Opening for Kai was stand-up comedian Kevin Kataoka, and two of the three members of the musical group B4 Ten. Originally, comedian Henry Cho was scheduled to open the show, but he was unable to attend because one of his family members suddenly fell ill.

Kataoka has appeared on the NBC show "Late Friday" and on Comedy Central's "Dr. Katz." He was also the first Asian writer for the television comedy "MADtv."

After an initially chilly response from the crowd, Kataoka soon got audience members laughing and cheering with a series of jokes relating to everything from sex to Buddhism to trailer trash.

In one well-received set, Kataoka remarked on the possibilities that could emerge if cloning technology allows people to make replicas of themselves.

"We could have sex with ourselves," he said. "I don't know about you, but I'd do me."

In another joke with a more serious underlying message, Kataoka commented on his own experience growing up as one of the few Japanese-American children at his school.

On the anniversary of Pearl

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