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Firm's report goes public, Runge responds

■ War of words: The University releases the law firm's report that Jody Runge claims aimed to damage her reputation

By Adam Jude
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It's been said before, but only now does it seem to have some substance: Jody Runge's controversial era as head coach of the Oregon women's basketball team has come to an end.

Nearly five weeks after Runge re-

signed from one of the most touted women's coaching positions in the nation, the University released the 32-page report compiled by Bond, Schoeneck & King, a Kansas City-based law firm charged with providing Athletic Director Bill Moos with "an accurate and unbiased description of the relevant facts" surrounding the program.

Runge, 38, the winningest basketball coach in school history, also released a statement Tuesday.

In its report, Bond, Schoeneck & King said that Runge's program was "on the brink of collapse" and the relationship

issues "appear to be irreparable even with mediation."

More than 80 interviews of players, former players, coaches, administrators and community members were included in the report. The names of those interviewed, as well as Runge's annual performance evaluations, were omitted from the released report.

The law firm was hired after eight members of the women's basketball team met with Moos and Associate Athletic Director Renee Baumgartner March 4 and criticized Runge's communication skills and requested that she be fired.

Runge resigned April 30, five days after Moos received the law firm's report.

In response to publication of the report, Runge released a statement — titled "Lessons Learned" — discussing her reaction to the firm's "bulls eye" approach in its fact-finding mission.

"The publication of the Kansas City law firm report... marks the final step in a year-long plan to damage my personal and professional reputation and destabilize the program," Runge wrote in the two-page letter. "As soon as I learned of the players concerns... I set on a course of
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Fun under the sun

■ This summer, Eugene and surrounding cities will host an abundance of festivals and celebrations

By Lindsay Buchele
Oregon Daily Emerald

If there is one thing a University student can count on when spending a summer in Oregon, it's an abundance of festivals and celebrations.

Whether staying in Eugene or venturing to other parts of the state, students can find culture and entertainment in Oregon cities throughout the summer months.

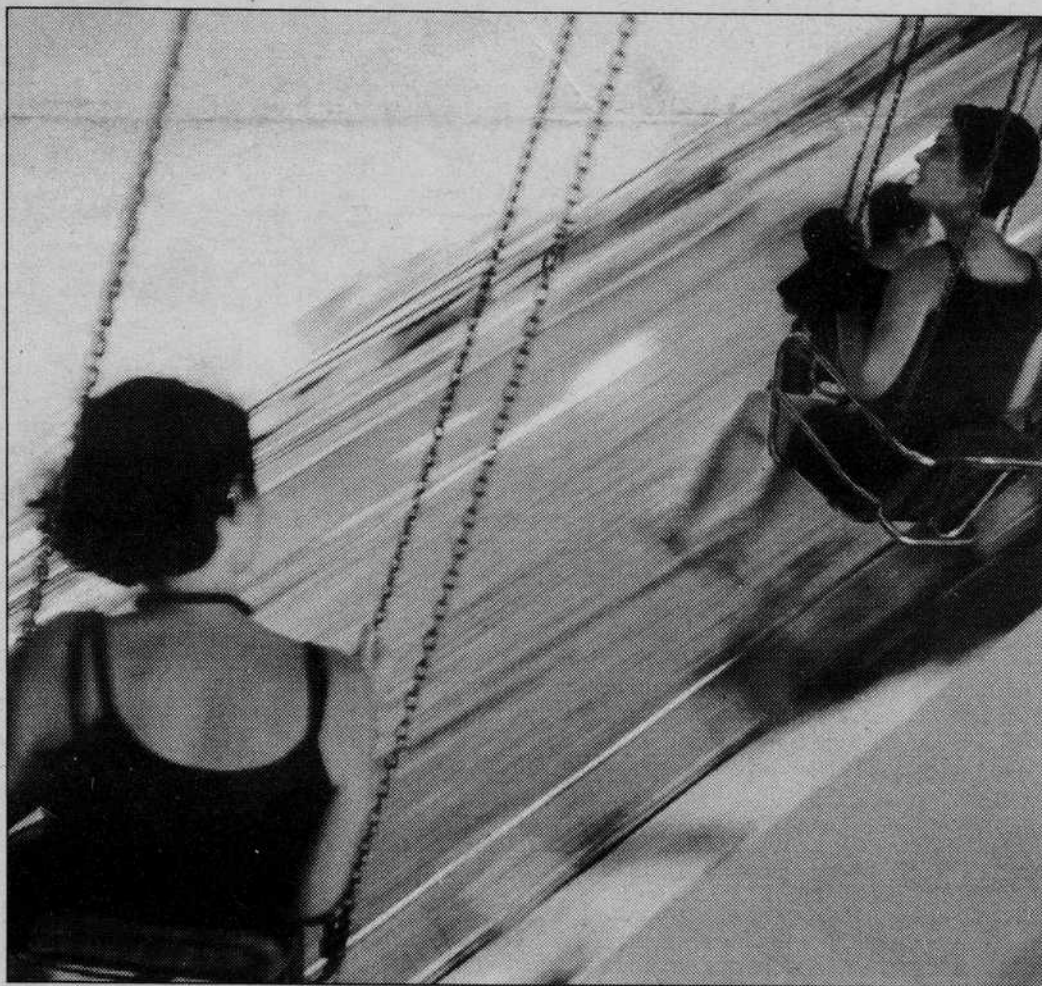
The University already has an estimated 5,134 students registered for summer term. For these students and those who will be living in Eugene over the summer, the city offers the Oregon Country Fair and the Eugene Celebration.

This year the country fair will be held July 13-15 and will feature 12 stages of entertainment, 250 booths selling handmade crafts and about 50 food booths. Entertainment will range from big band music to jugglers.

"The country fair is like the Saturday Market magnetized 10 times," said Norma Sax, country fair administrative assistant. "It's a magical and unique experience."

Sax said she expects 450,000 people to attend the three day event.

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Dezmorie Hagen and Betsy Johnson take a spin on the Waveswinger during last year's Portland Rose Festival.

Retirees honored Tuesday

■ After more than 25 years of service, University employees are looking forward to retirement

By Brooke Ross
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Dozens of family members and spouses joined University administrators Tuesday to honor 20 retiring University employees, many of whom have worked at the University for more than 25 years.

The annual event, held in the Gerlinger Hall Alumni Lounge, recognized a variety of University employees, including professors, University Health Center employees and classified employees.

Helen Stoop, benefits administrator for the Office of Human Resources, said this is the University's way to appreciate retirees' hard work.

"These individuals have given the University 501 years of valuable service," she said.

University President Dave Frohn-mayer presented all retirees with certificates and words of appreciation.

"There's a real richness in the human cement that holds us together," he said.

Among those preparing to retire is Jim Heiss, student loans manager, who began his University career in 1974.

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Scholar program helps students succeed in grad school

■ The McNair Scholars program provides training and opportunities for students from low-income families

By Kara Cogswell
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When senior Zelda Haro begins her graduate studies at the University in the fall, she will already have experience researching the native cultures she plans on studying.

Haro is one of 18 University students participating in the McNair Scholars program — a national program that prepares students for

graduate school. The University program, which began in 1999, is one of over 100 on college campuses across the country.

Without the research opportunity the program provides, Haro said she would not have spent last summer interviewing people of Yaqui heritage, a Native American tribe in which she is a member. Haro used the results of that survey to study the cultural identity of native peoples.

The program provides training and opportunities for students from low-income families who are the first in their families to attend college or those who come from

groups traditionally underrepresented in graduate schools, said the program's coordinator Gail Unruh.

Next weekend, Haro will graduate with a degree in ethnic studies. And looking back on her undergraduate years, she said she appreciates the program that gave her the financial and academic support to make her research possible.

"It's a fantastic program," she said.

By the end of the summer, 15 students involved in the program this year — many of whom were the first to participate in the program at the University — will have graduat-

ed, Unruh said.

While Unruh said he knows of only eight students planning to attend graduate school in the fall, he still considers the program a success. Those who are not going to graduate school next year will be involved in a variety of activities, he said, and many have plans to attend in the future.

"None of the group is giving up," he said. "It's just a matter of when they're going."

One way students prepare for graduate school through the program is by attending various workshops and classes offered dur-

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