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UO asked to delay release of broadcast limitations

■ Broadcasters want time to place their arguments against the proposed policy in the public record

By **Jeremy Lang**
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The Oregon Association of Broadcasters and the lawyer for KVAL want the University to wait at least three weeks before releasing a final policy regulating how TV stations can film Duck games so the mountain of criticism against the policy can be recorded in the public record.

Joel DeVore, the attorney for Fisher Broadcasting, said he found he could make the request while searching for a way to add the numerous letters and editorials against the proposal into the public record of the decision-making process.

The proposal aims to restrict broadcasters to 20 seconds of game highlights and 20 seconds of interviews during the 48 hours after any Duck game. Special shows outside a daily sports report during news broadcasts would receive 30 seconds of each. General Counsel Melinda Grier said the University is still in contact with broadcasters across the state, but she wouldn't say whether or not the University would grant the request. She added that no date has been firmly set for the release of the final policy.

The idea to limit coverage stems from a long-standing dispute between the University and local television stations. ESPN Regional Sports, in the middle of a five-year exclusive contract with Duck

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A squirrely place to be

■ The University has earned a 'two squirrel' rating from Jonathan Gottshall, who evaluates the squirrel-friendliness of college campuses

By **Kara Cogswell**
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U.S. News and World Report lists the University on the "third tier" of national universities. The Fiske Guide to Colleges calls the school one of the nation's "Best Buys" in education. But Jonathan Gottshall, who has a different system for rating college campuses, rates the University a "two squirrel" school.

College rankings have been done before, but never quite as Gottshall does on his "World o' Squirrels" Web site, which ranks 58 national colleges and universities not by academics, but instead by how "squirrel-friendly" their campuses are.

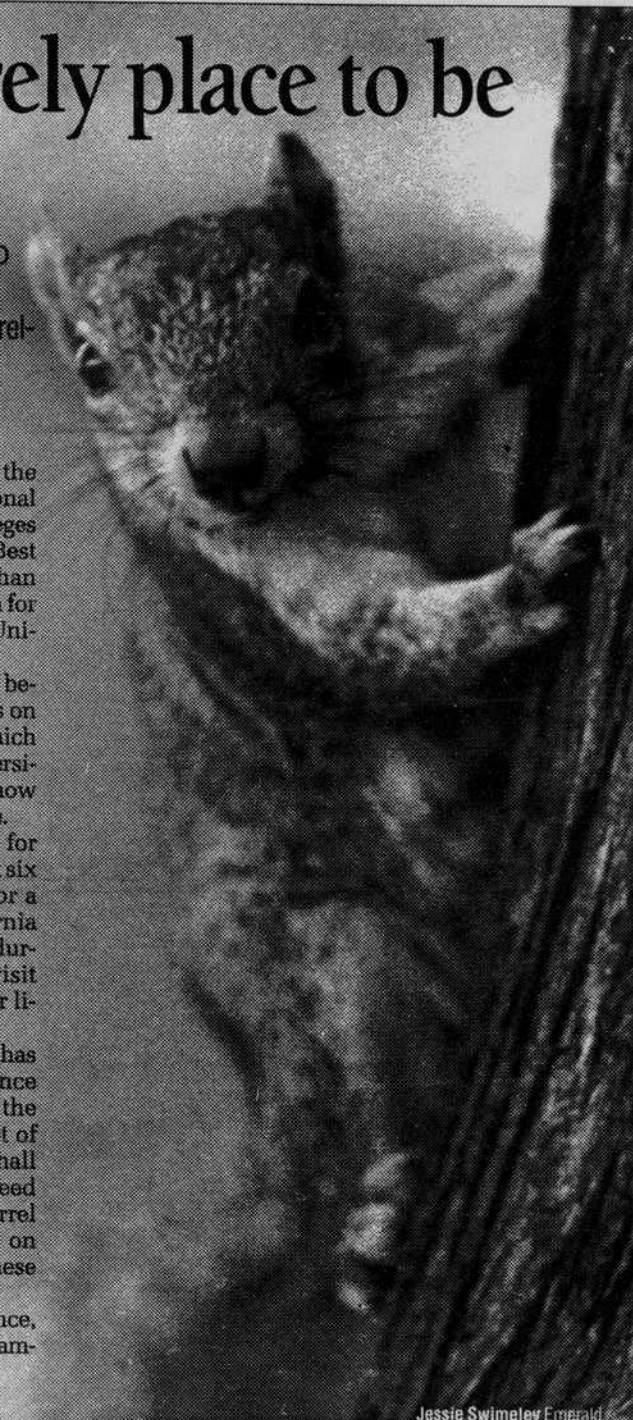
Gottshall, who is now a librarian for the Los Angeles Times, began the list six years ago while he was studying for a master's degree in history at California State University at Fullerton. Often during that time, he said, he would visit nearby college campuses to use their library archives for research.



An avid rodent fan — he said he has "loved small, furry animals" since the 1982 release of the movie "The Secret of NIMH" — Gottshall would often feed the local squirrel population on his visits to these campuses.

From this experience, he said, he noticed not all cam-

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Bradbury gets input on district changes

■ The Oregon Secretary of State visited Eugene to hear residents' views on his plan for altering congressional boundaries

By **Darren Freeman**
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While Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury fine-tunes his plan for redrawing legislative borders in coming weeks, he'll consider two hours of public testimony delivered by Eugene-area residents Tuesday night at City Hall.

Bradbury has until Aug. 15 to finish his redistricting proposal, which under the state constitution he had to draft when the Legislature failed to redraw congressional lines before its session ended. Every ten years, the state must adjust House and Senate borders to match census figures.

Most speakers discussed Bradbury's so-called "wheel and spoke" approach to drawing boundaries, which entails lumping both urban and rural areas into single legislative districts.

For the University area, Bradbury recommends a House district that would span from east campus neighborhoods west to Veneta, and from Franklin Boulevard south to rural neighborhoods. The current House district for this area stretches west only to City View Street.

The most prominent change in the area's Senate boundaries — seats 20, 21 and 22 — is an eastward expansion for seat 21.

Tuesday's meeting was one of 21 stops Bradbury is making across the state to hear feedback on his proposal.

"The hearing in Eugene was like others we had in the state — just really valuable input and really helpful information," Bradbury said Wednesday morning on his way to a public hearing in McMinnville. "All the comments will be considered."

Support for Bradbury's wheel and spoke redrawing were mixed, but backers slightly outnumbered opponents.

Some speakers, such as Jim Edmunson, who lives in the River Road area, said rural interests are different enough from urban interests to warrant separate representation.

Other speakers, such as Edward Winter, who owns a farm in an unincorporated area near Crow and works in Eugene, said that with the timber industry stagnating, more rural dwellers are working in the city. Therefore, he said, it's reasonable to combine rural and urban legislative districts.

Few speakers discussed the political ramifications of the plan, saying the draft either fairly or unfairly separates Democratic and Republican voter blocks. In other news reports, state Republicans accused Bradbury, a Democrat, of redrawing boundaries to make

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Transformed fraternity house may hit 'The Spot'

■ The house, left vacant by low membership in the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, is now open to all students as a boarding house called The Spot

By **Darren Freeman**
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The former Phi Delta Theta house at 15th Avenue and Kincaid Street has been reincarnated this summer into a dormitory-style boarding house named The Spot.

Now seeking applicants, The Spot will offer 31 single rooms for \$630 a month. Rent at the newly remodeled co-ed house will include a daily food program, utilities and cleaning services.

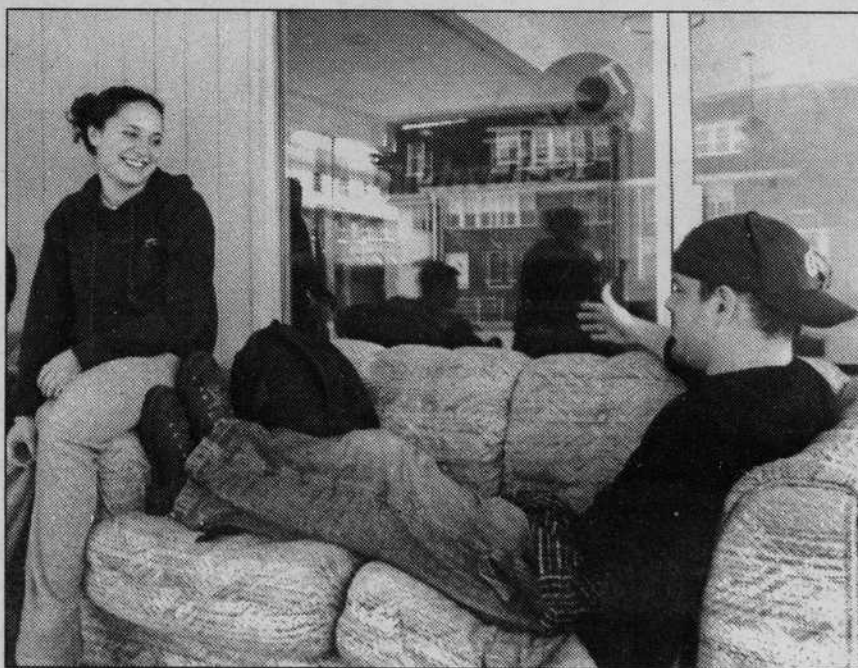
Steve Frichette, who is leasing the property from the University's greek system, said the opening of The Spot is a sign of a shift in the area's housing market, which is seeing many students snubbing fraternities and sororities for other dormitory-style houses.

A University Law School graduate who's been involved in the greek system since 1984, Frichette said he would rather house a fraternity in the 1960s-style building. But low membership has kept it vacant. In 1999, the University's Phi Delta Theta chapter closed because of low enrollment, and last year, Delta Sigma Phi moved to a smaller house for the same reason, he said.

"There were 32 pledges in my class in 1984," Frichette said. "Now you're lucky to get 16. All the numbers are cut in half."

He cited two reasons for low enrollment at the fraternities he housed and advised: the University's prohibition of alcohol in

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Sitting on the porch of The Spot, formerly the Phi Delta Theta house, Matt Swanson, a member of Delta Sigma Phi, talks with Stephanie Barendrick, who came to Eugene for IntroDUCKtion.