

# TIME LINE



**April 4, 2000:** A rally in support of the WRC and improved student voice on campus at Johnson Hall ends in the arrest of five University students. In the following days protesters set up tents in front of Johnson Hall and begin a week-and-a-half long camp-in.



**Sept. 19, 2000:** University President Dave Frohnmayer sends a letter to the FLA notifying it of the University's intention to join that organization.

**Sept. 25, 2001:** In interviews with the Portland Oregonian and The Register-Guard, Knight confirms rumors that he plans to resume donations to the University.

## 2000



**April 13, 2000:** The University notifies the WRC of its intention to join.

**April 23, 2000:** Phil Knight announces via written statement that he would make "no further donations of any kind to the University of Oregon."

## 2001

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**April 27, 2000:** Nike terminates negotiations to renew its six-year, multi-million dollar contract to supply footwear, apparel and equipment to the University of Michigan — a member of the WRC.

**Feb. 16, 2001:** The OUS Board of Directors adopts a Business Practices Policy which states that OUS institutions must remain politically impartial in their affiliations—essentially barring them from joining organizations like the WRC and the FLA.

**Sept. 26, 2001:** The Oregonian runs a guest commentary from Knight explaining his reasoning for resuming donations to the University. Frohnmayer calls it "a very happy day for us."

**May 8, 2001:** The University sends a letter to both the WRC and the FLA informing them that they will not be able to join either organization.

# Knight's return surprises few

■ Though students had mixed feelings about the Nike head's choice to withdraw his donation, they knew he would be back

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Nike CEO Phil Knight is back, and many students are not surprised.

The University alumnus, who withdrew a \$30 million donation to the University almost two years ago, announced his decision to "re-unite" with the University and make a large monetary donation

Wednesday. Although he has not decided on an exact amount, he said the contribution will allow the Athletic Department to complete renovation of Autzen Stadium.

Unlike his 2000 decision to cut financial ties with the University, Knight's recent announcement has not produced astonishment through most of the campus community. Some students are relieved, while others have mixed feelings — but many people are not shocked.

"Big surprise," ASUO President Nilda Brooklyn said. "We knew the University was waiting for him to

come back, and we knew it would be coming. We just didn't know when."

Knight pulled his donation 17 months ago, following the University's decision to become a member of the Worker Rights Consortium, a labor monitoring group. The Nike co-founder said his trust in the University had been torn.

Although the University has since cut WRC associations, Brooklyn said most students' stances on sweatshops and human rights have remained intact.

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