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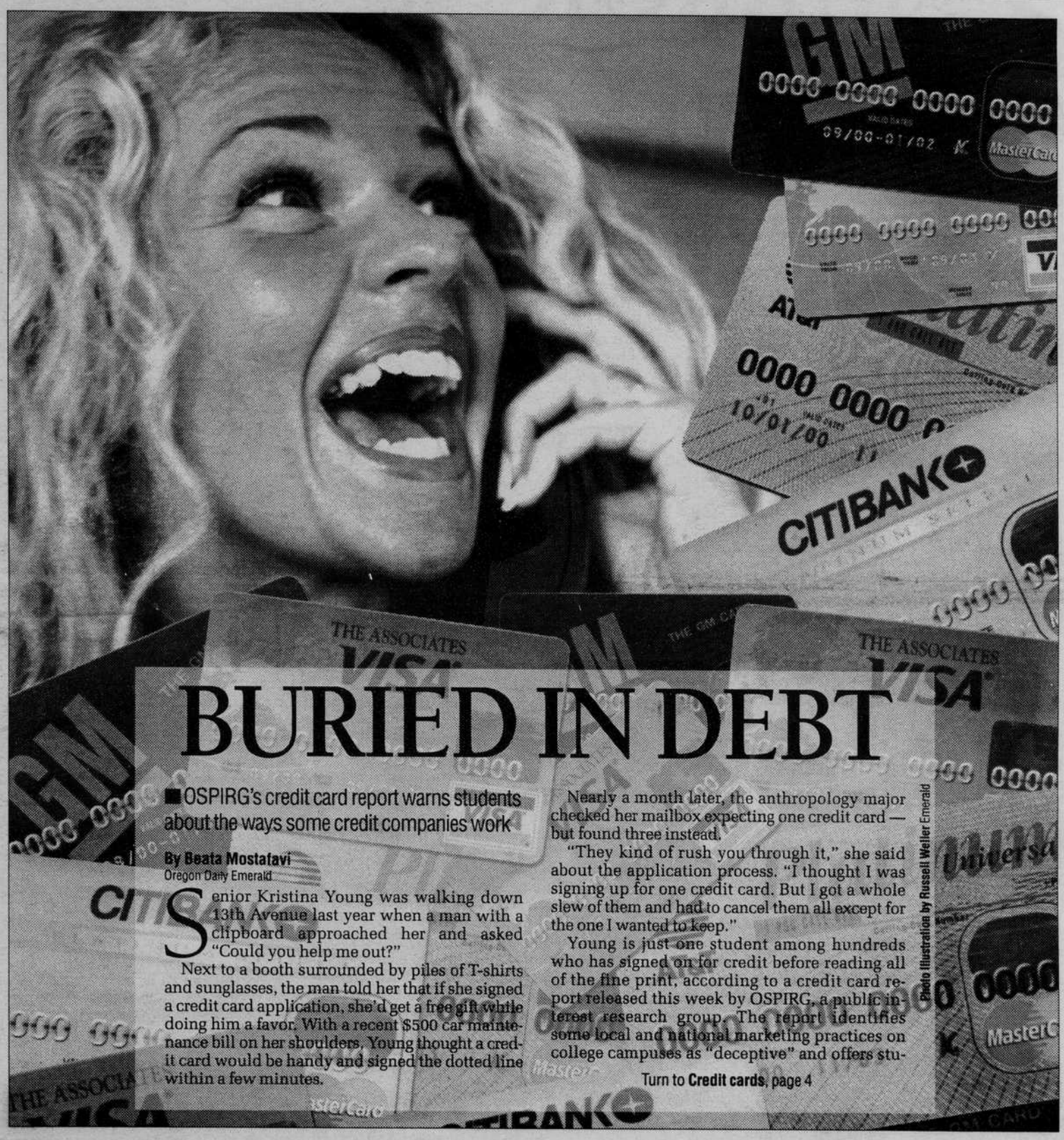

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BURIED IN DEBT

■ OSPIRG's credit card report warns students about the ways some credit companies work

By Beata Mostafavi
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Senior Kristina Young was walking down 13th Avenue last year when a man with a clipboard approached her and asked "Could you help me out?"

Next to a booth surrounded by piles of T-shirts and sunglasses, the man told her that if she signed a credit card application, she'd get a free gift while doing him a favor. With a recent $500 car maintenance bill on her shoulders, Young thought a credit card would be handy and signed the dotted line within a few minutes.

Nearly a month later, the anthropology major checked her mailbox expecting one credit card — but found three instead.

"They kind of rush you through it," she said about the application process. "I thought I was signing up for one credit card. But I got a whole slew of them and had to cancel them all except for the one I wanted to keep."

Young is just one student among hundreds who has signed on for credit before reading all of the fine print, according to a credit card report released this week by OSPIRG, a public interest research group. The report identifies some local and national marketing practices on college campuses as "deceptive" and offers stu-

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University President addresses campus

■ Frohnmayer talked about the effects on the economy following Sept. 11 as well as averting the classified workers' strike

By Leon Tovey
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"The gift of dull times is a rarity," University President Dave Frohnmayer said in his State of the University address on Wednesday. "Those dull times can and do disappear with alarming randomness and rapidity."

Frohnmayer's address to the University Assembly touched on topics ranging from intercollegiate athletics to the recent, narrowly averted classified workers' strike.

"I'm grateful for the settlement that prevented a disruptive strike in September," he said. "But you and I should be especially grateful for the labors of our classified staff. Thank them, not once, but each and every day."

The tragedy of Sept. 11 also loomed large in Frohnmayer's address. Maintaining the open-mindedness and political neutrality of the University in the face of such events is of the utmost importance, he said.

Frohnmayer also addressed the recent economic downturn and its consequences for the University. As the lowest funded school in the Pacific-10 Conference, he said, the University is at a point where it has to think and act differently.

"Gone are the days when the public perception of the University can be discounted," he said. "The image we project about ourselves is directly and materially related to our ability to acquire resources."

But he was quick to assure the audience that fundraising efforts would not compromise the integrity of the University through commercialization. He pointed out that private contributions have played a part in University funding for the entire 125-year history of the school.

"Have today's critics forgotten," he asked, "that Deady Hall was able to open in 1876 only because private dollars and business donations completed the building when state funding fell short?"

The address seemed to strike the right chord with Assembly members. University Senate President Nathan Tublitz, who had spoken earlier of the need to improve administrative communication, seemed impressed.

"It was a good speech," he said. "He did a nice job."

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Morning classes not popular, though necessary

■ The Gilbert Hall renovation will force the University to offer more early morning classes

By Diane Huber
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Kellee Weinhold started her 8 a.m. grammar class Wednesday by asking, "Are you all awake?"

Lazy murmurs and grumbles reverberated through Lawrence 177 in response.

"Sort of?" Weinhold asked. "Generally?"

Someone in the front of the class mumbled, "Barely," and the assistant journalism professor repeated the word triumphantly for the rest of the class. One of the University's 8 a.m. classes was about to begin.

"Grammar for Journalists" is a prerequisite for aspiring journalists, so many students didn't have a choice when they signed up for the class. Some students said there are advantages to the early class time, but others complained about rolling out of bed at such a "deadly" hour.

With the upcoming renovation of Gilbert Hall, tentatively scheduled for March, and estimated to take 2 years, the University will lose 21 classrooms, University Registrar Herbert Chereck said. As a result, the University will have to offer more early morning and late afternoon classes, he said.

Chereck said the University considered scheduling 7 a.m. classes, but decided this idea wasn't practical. "8 a.m. classes are the least popular of anything we offer," he said.

But the renovation will force the University to offer courses outside the most popular time to schedule classes, which is between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., he said.

An increase in early morning classes also means students who drive will pull into University parking a lot sooner, Parking and Transportation Manager Rand Stamm said, although it is too soon to tell how parking will be affected during the construction. This doesn't necessarily mean parking will be compromised for students arriving later in the day.

"We'll see as we go. Until (the renovation) happens, I can't say how transportation will be affected," Stamm said.

Contractors working on the construction will be shuttled in, rather than taking up spaces in University parking lots, he added.

On campus, students have mixed reactions about a possible increase in early morning classes.

Junior journalism major Carmen Tebbe said she doesn't mind getting up early and getting the day started.

"It's good to get up early, but I tend to doze off sometimes," she said.

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