

## Domestic abuse

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they provide a creative way to reach people on a deeper, more personal level.

"(The banners') message connects to their lives," she said.

The banner display will rotate to different campus areas such as the Student Recreation Center and law school and throughout

the community until mid-November, Brown said. Several groups were involved in the banner project including the Women's Center, Student Life, Residence Life and the Counseling Center.

T-shirts made by victims of violence will also be displayed along with the banners in the gallery. The T-shirts are part of the local and international Clothesline Project, which is designed to create a memorial to survivors of violence.

Following the reception, Absolute Improv will perform "Envisioning a World Without Violence" in the EMU Ballroom.

Brown added that many students don't think domestic violence information pertains to them. The highest rate of domestic violence, however, happens to women ages 19-29. This means students on campus are definitely affected, she said, adding that college students are

especially vulnerable.

"Students are often on their own for the first time and pulled away from their support at home," she said.

It is important for students to be aware of their own relationships and to be able to support a friend who has experienced domestic violence, she added.

Student Judicial Affairs Director Chris Loschiavo, who is a member of the Alliance for Sexual Assault

Prevention, said it is sometimes assumed that domestic violence only affects people who are married.

"Violence occurs between boyfriends and girlfriends, between gays and lesbians," he said. "It's important for students to know where resources are available."

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## Siegel

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his hopes up for a professional career.

"If I had the opportunity to play at the next level, it would be a dream come true," Siegel said.

He said at the same time, placekickers are rarely put into the NFL, so he's not counting on it. Instead, Siegel said he wants to make the most of his time at the University, "education-wise." His track to graduate in less than four years comes from a desire to bring prestige to a University he has quickly grown to love.

"I want to graduate and go on to do something productive with my life," Siegel said. "I want to just be a generally good person that brings a good name to the school with my success. Nothing too miraculous."

He's not certain what area of business he wants to go into, but said he's figuring that out.

Siegel started playing football because soccer just wasn't physical enough, he said. Siegel said he remembered getting the red and yellow cards in soccer for contact that was too rough.

"Football has a whole different

mentality (from soccer)," Siegel said. "In football the fans cheer, and the coach gives you a thumbs up when you really hit someone."

Before playing football, Siegel was involved in his high school rugby team. He said the team he played with his junior year could be considered the "best team in North America." That year his team upset the No. 3 team in the world after winning the national championships.

Siegel has seen his share of athletic success. He said he was offered spots on college football teams

throughout the country.

"Kicking is a unique position," Siegel said, "and the demand isn't high." He said universities only offer scholarships to kickers every three to four years.

Siegel liked that the Ducks are in the Pacific-10 Conference. Oregon's "really good facilities" for athletes were also inviting, he said.

Also, the camaraderie among the teammates impressed Siegel.

"Everyone was a big group of friends," Siegel said, remembering his first time seeing the Ducks.

Siegel also said he'd never seen a

city rally around a team like Eugene does for the Ducks.

"I couldn't believe it. When I drove into town, I saw billboards of the players and I thought, 'Wow, are you kidding me?'"

Siegel begins yet another busy weekend today with the team's trip to Berkeley.

"(The Ducks) are heading in the right direction," Siegel said. "I'd like to be a participant on some teams that are remembered years from now."

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## Student fees

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tion in a nutshell," he said. "They make the decision, and their idea of student participation is they let (students) comment on it later."

ASUO Accounting Coordinator Jennifer Creighton, like Dievendorf, works with both students and administrators.

While administrators like to point to Dievendorf's termination as being the source of troubled administrative-student relationships, the issue goes beyond Dievendorf's situation, Creighton said.

Many students are reluctant to go to administrators for advice because they do not perceive that the administration is supportive of students, she said.

"The administration could definitely communicate better with students about policies and changes," Creighton said, "and offer them more support."

ASUO executives Nilda Brooklyn and Joy Nair have criticized the administration for not allowing students more control over student fees. This summer, the Oregon University System approved several new fees, including an energy surcharge fee estimated at \$30 per term.

Brooklyn and Nair, upset that the administration added the fee without student input, began a campaign in September to eliminate it.

Nair said they are working with the administration to get rid of the fee. A committee has been formed to generate ideas on how to conserve energy, she said. Provost John Moseley is a member of that committee, she said.

But Nair is skeptical about how valuable administrators will be in the process.

"If we leave it in the hands of the administration, nothing will get done," she said.

Brooklyn said she believes ad-

ministrators have "the best interests of the University" in mind, but they sometimes misinterpret students' actions, she said.

"Students get frustrated, and students protest because they care about this University," she said. "And I think sometimes administrators miss that."

Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Anne Leavitt said the joint effort between students and administrators to lobby the state legislature for higher education funding last year shows they can work together successfully.

She said she is optimistic students and administrators will work together to resolve incidental fee issues as well.

"Sometimes I think student perceive this as an issue of power," she said. "I like to think of it as an issue of opportunity."

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