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OUS seeks public input about new chancellor

University community members will have an opportunity to participate in an open forum discussion concerning the next chancellor of the Oregon University System when the State Board of Higher Education chancellor search committee comes to the EMU Gumwood Room Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Jim Willis, chair of the State Board of Higher Education's search committee, said committee members will ask the public to specifically discuss qualities expected in a chancellor and what they hope the chancellor will accomplish while in office.

"We want Oregonians to help us as we search for the right person to become the new chancellor," Willis said. "We'd like to know what Oregonians see as the key challenges facing the chancellor and the board in the future."

This is the first time the chancellor search committee has involved open public discussions in the se-

lection process. The committee will hold informal, walk-in sessions where Oregonians can meet with members of the search committee and other board members to exchange opinions and ideas.

Current OUS Chancellor Joe Cox will step down later this summer. Cox, who served as Southern Oregon University president from 1987 to 1994, was appointed chancellor in 1994.

— Katie Ellis

University adopts Nike-designed 'O' as logo

Starting today, the University will offer members of the public a chance to voice their opinions and ideas regarding the University's new official logo.

Allan Price, University vice president for advancement, said the University will make the Nike "O" the dominant logo for the school, replacing the old interlocking "UO" symbol. The University will begin using the "O" on official documents and business cards, and the home page will feature a link to view the proposed logo.

People can link on the Web page to a site where they can give feedback on the change. The site will be up until March 1.

Price introduced the logo at a University Senate meeting Wednesday and showed members samples of how the logo would look on University documents.

Some senate members voiced concern about the logo, which was designed by Nike in 1999. But Price said the University has ownership rights to the "O" and that the University licenses the right to use the "O" for clothing in contracts.

"We own the rights to the 'O,' but we have licensed the right in contract to use the 'O' in apparel," Price said.

Students, faculty and alumni have criticized the idea and the process of the logo change, saying the University's many graphic images are a part of the school's history. But Price pointed out that the change will only affect the old "UO" logo. The University Seal and Donald Duck will remain to represent the University in other areas.

— Katie Ellis

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having a lot of fun tonight. I haven't been around young people for so long. It's nice."

Members of Delta Sigma Phi and Chi Omega took lessons from University dance instructor Tim Cowart before the prom to learn the foxtrot, waltz and salsa. They also made valentines and gave boutonnieres and corsages to each resident attending the evening's festivities. All the members from both houses signed the valentine cards.

"We have wanted to do something like this for some time. Basically, we wanted to spend time with people who do not normally have interaction such as this," Delta Sigma Phi Philanthropy Chairman Justin Zuiker said. "We plan to make this an annual event. Just look at all the smiles on their faces — why wouldn't you want to do something like this?"

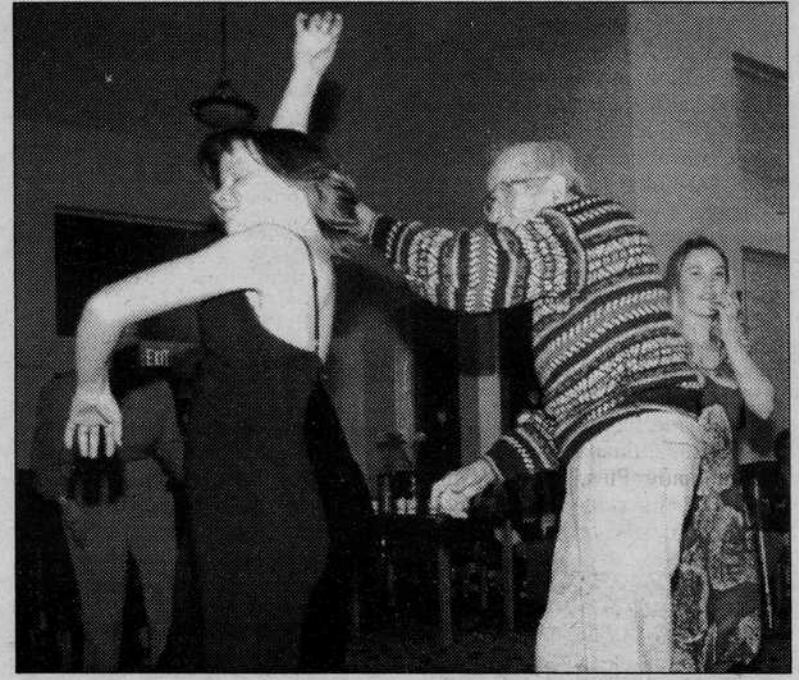
Out on the dance floor, Bob Wearne, 82, and Courtney Warner, 18, cut a rug with huge smiles brimming across their faces.

"I am having a blast," Warner said as she patted Wearne on the shoulder. "Bob's a real good dancer."

Wearne said that he hadn't been dancing in a long time but it was wonderful.

Even for those who could not get out on the dance floor, the event proved to be a good time. Ruth Vaupel, 80, said she loved watching everyone dance and would be out there with the rest of them if it weren't for her broken hips.

"I don't know how I got to be so



Thomas Patterson Emerald

Alpine Spring Assisted Living and Community resident Henry Mikkola gives Chi Omega member Donna Shefcheck a spin at the Valentine's Day Senior Prom on Tuesday evening.

old," she said, adding that she and her husband, Bill, danced all the time before he passed away three years ago. "Being here tonight reminds me of him," she said.

For many Alpine residents, the dance was more than a rare occasion. Several residents who attended the dance have Alzheimer's disease, which prevents them from going to events outside the facility because they often wander away in social settings.

"It is absolutely awesome. I have seen more smiles tonight than I have seen this entire year. We have

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what would it be?

A: We hate to be repetitive, but it would be bringing the students back to the student government. We would like to see students really care about what is going on at

the University. We think that they are just not educated about what their student government does. That seems wrong to us.

Q: How would you do things differently than the current ASUO Executive?

A: We do not have a clue who the vice president or who the pres-

ident is. A lot of people that we know do not have any idea who they are. What we want to do is get out there, get our faces seen and our agendas heard. We want (students) to know there is no problem too small for us to handle.

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