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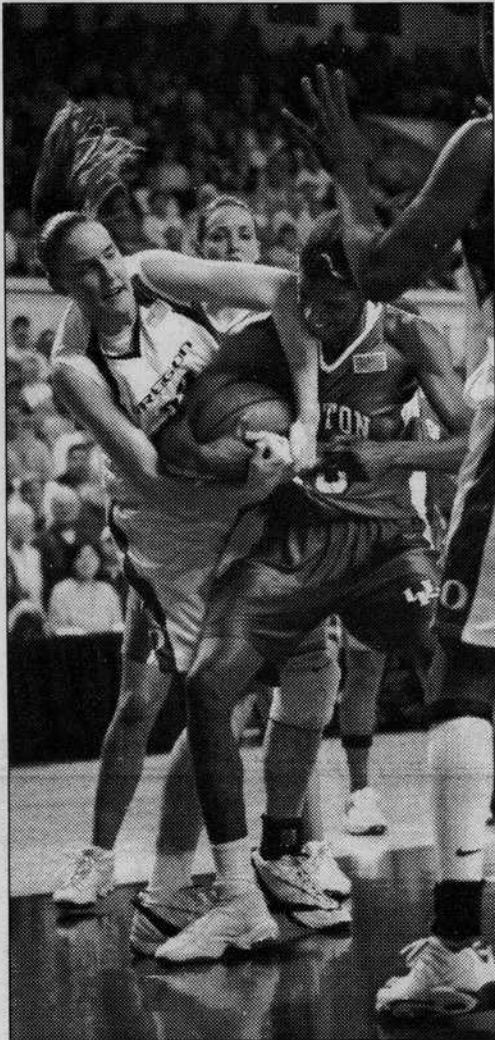
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Postseason rollercoaster



Thomas Patterson Emerald

One ended in victory. One ended in defeat. But both the men's and women's basketball seasons were successful in their own ways. Cathrine Kraayeveld (above) and the Oregon women won the WNIT title, and the Ducks became one of a handful of teams to end the season with a victory. Meanwhile, Luke Jackson (right) and the Oregon men fulfilled their No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament by advancing to the Elite Eight, where they fell to top-seeded Kansas. The men's tournament ride capped an Oregon season that saw the Ducks win the Pacific-10 Conference title, all their home games and three more NCAA Tournament games than they won in the past 42 seasons. For full coverage, turn to page 4.



Courtesy Geoff Thurner, Oregon Media Services

Grad student gains firsthand experience

■ While working on his thesis in Ecuador, Daniel Randolph was imprisoned and deported

By Robin Weber
Oregon Daily Emerald

After being arrested with 16 environmental activists in Ecuador last week, University graduate student Daniel Randolph returned to Eugene with more than just facts for his master's thesis. He came back inspired by what he saw.

"I learned through firsthand experience, feeling fear and how governments can do what they want," he said. "I was inspired by the people I saw there fighting."

Randolph was interviewing peaceful activists who have been protesting the construction of an oil pipeline in the Mindo Nambillo Protected Cloudforest since Jan. 2. He said the research is part of his master's thesis on exporting oil from the jungle.

Although he knew of the physical danger and the political conflicts in the area, the risk of imprisonment did not cross his mind because he thought most of the construction of the pipeline would occur in April, not March.

Randolph arrived in Ecuador on March 21, intending to stay through all of spring break. Little did he know he would spend three days of his trip in prison and be deported a week later.

He spent only one day at the Cloudforest site, and was arrested the next day, March 28, while walking down a hill. He was then told he was violating his visa for tourism by engaging in a political protest, but was given no further explanation.

Randolph, however, said he was only working on his thesis.

"I was interested in our dependence on oil leading us on a dangerous path and there being little economic advancement for Ecuadorian people," he said.

He was then sent to a hearing where no English was spoken. Turn to **Grad student**, page 3

Frohnmayr to speak at Lillis ceremony

■ A kick-off ceremony for the construction of the new Lillis Business Complex to be held today at Gilbert Hall

By Brook Reinhard
Oregon Daily Emerald

University fund-raisers have secured 90 percent of the money needed to build the Lillis Business Complex and are holding a groundbreaking ceremony with University President Dave Frohnmayr at 10:30 a.m. today.

The complex, a four-story addition to the business school that will replace the Commonwealth Bridge, is scheduled to be finished for the 2003-04 school year. Its 145,000 square feet of added classroom space, conference rooms and wiring for information technology will better connect students to faculty and to each other, business school Associate Dean for External Relations Christopher Murray said. The renovation will also add 600 classroom seats.

Murray said the campaign to raise funds for the project is the largest in the University's history. Private donors have given \$37 million so far. Former University student Chuck Lillis, past chairman of the multibillion dollar cable company MediaOne, gave \$14 million. He is attending the ceremony with his wife, Gwen.

The ceremony and a subsequent 11 a.m. reception will be held in the Gilbert Hall courtyard.

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LTD, EWEB make some changes to services

■ Students won't notice the bus changes until June, but in May there will be a 2.64 percent increase in utility bills

By Brook Reinhard
Oregon Daily Emerald

Students returning from spring break will soon be faced with slightly higher utility rates and different bus schedules, both results of meetings held during the University's Finals Week.

Seeking to offset a two-year, \$2.5 million budget deficit, the Lane Transit District approved schedule changes to several University area routes March 20, including changes to the campus-to-Springfield route 11 and the West-Eugene-to-campus route 78.

LTD's board passed a package similar to what LTD administrators had been supporting for months, but made sever-

al key changes, according to spokesman Andy Vobora.

Originally, the transit company planned to scale back the last bus of the evening for all routes from 11:40 p.m. to 10:40 p.m.; after hearing public testimony supporting the evening buses, the board decided to keep late night service on weekday routes. The 78 route was also slated to be cut when LTD first proposed service reductions, but the board decided to keep a scaled-down version of the popular West Eugene route and supplement it with more campus service from the 36 route.

Vobora said students will notice the new changes starting in June, but some alterations, such as revisions to the 78 route, won't take effect until next fall.

"There will be some fuller buses and new connections people will have to learn about," Vobora said.

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Expected cuts

The Lane Transit District's board is making \$880,000 in service cuts this year by changing schedules for the 11 Thurston and 78 West Eugene routes and by eliminating the 11:40 p.m. bus on all weekend routes. The board also approved \$500,000 in other budget cuts to bring the total cut to \$1,380,000. Students wanting more information should go to www.ltd.org for the full version of the board's cuts.

The Eugene Water and Electric Board is cutting \$20 million from its budget and raising utility rates by an average of 2.64 percent to make up for a \$40 million deficit incurred during 2001. Students will see the new increase on their May electric bill and can visit www.eweb.org for more information.

Source: EWEB and LTD