

## News brief

### On the Rocks takes third at tournament

On the Rocks, the University's all-male a cappella group, took third place Sunday at the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella tournament at Lincoln Center in New York City.

The University of Michigan's Compulsive Lyres won the six-group competition, and Last Call from Cornell University took second place.

During the competition, each group had 15 minutes of performance time. On the Rocks, a 9-member group, performed three songs: "Center of Attention," by Guster, "I would Fly," an original song from member Chris Dobson and "In the End," by Linkin Park.

—John Liebhardt

## Tobacco

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speculated that the photographer must work for Philip Morris, the company that owns Marlboro.

"I think it shows that they're very scared," Corvallis physician Bruce Thomson said. "They know they're wrong, and they're scared."

The protest, which lasted about an hour, was organized by several University students, Tobacco Free Lane County and Multnomah County tobacco prevention program coordinator Erik Vidstrand.

The anti-smoking activists are protesting grassroots marketing campaigns organized by Philip Morris to gather information about smokers. Members of the Marlboro Bar Nights promotion at Jogger's Bar and Grill on Tuesday photocopied the identification of smokers who signed up to win trips to one of the company's three ranches in Arizona and Montana.

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Big Fish NW Talent Representation, a Washington-based company, posted fliers on campus earlier this month seeking "bright, energetic" individuals who could "easily fit in" with the 21-30 age group nightclub scene. The flier said the workers would help customers play "easy to win" casino games and set up Marlboro promotional materials in area night spots. The flier said workers could not hand out cigarettes or recruit patrons to smoke.

Members of the anti-smoking group said they are opposed to tobacco promotions such as Marlboro Bar Nights because college students are being courted as future smokers by big tobacco companies. Protesters said the tobacco companies make smoking seem "glamorous" and "sexy" by giving away trips and other merchandise at such promotions.

"If you haven't started smoking by the time you're 21, chances are you won't," said Paula Staight, director of health education for the University Health Center. "The data overwhelmingly supports that."

Elizabeth G. Wolcott, a University student, said she was attending her first anti-smoking rally.

"It's the biggest preventable cause of death," she said. "In college, some people go out with friends and they smoke. Then Marlboro comes along and tries to make them everyday smokers here. They're targeting college kids."

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