



Frohnmayer responds to KUGN debate

ASUO proposes that the radio station KUGN-AM include a disclaimer with any references to the University

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Multiple groups in the University community are mobilizing in response to what they say is racist programming broadcast on KUGN-AM, but the University has declined to take a stance against the

radio station. The ASUO offered a resolution that proposes KUGN include a disclaimer with any reference to the University.

University President Dave Frohnmayer sent a letter to ASUO President Rachel Pilliod on Friday afternoon, stating the University would not become mired in contractual issues with KUGN as a way of getting the station to change its programming.

He added most listeners realize the comments made by radio hosts

are personal opinions, and don't represent the views of the station, its advertisers or its affiliates.

"I am not convinced that anyone believes the University has any connection with KUGN programming or that of any station beyond the broadcasts of our athletic programs," Frohnmayer stated in his letter.

KUGN holds the exclusive local broadcasting rights for Ducks athletic programming through an agreement with the University, and

the station is also allowed to market itself as "the voice of the Ducks."

Several campus groups contend that the affiliation between the radio station and the University is inappropriate because of what they allege are bigoted remarks made by KUGN nationally-syndicated talk show hosts Michael Savage and Michael Medved.

Thursday evening, a coalition of students, staff, faculty and community members convened to discuss how to deal with the situation.

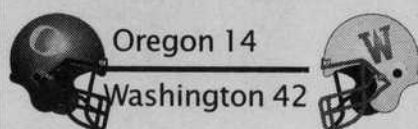
The group said that its objectives weren't to censor views expressed by Savage — or to a lesser degree — Medved. Their aim was to distance the University from KUGN.

Philosophy Professor Cheyney Ryan said Concerned Faculty for Peace and Justice have also been talking about KUGN. The group has been discussing the issue for the past six weeks and has assembled a legal team to examine the contract with KUGN to determine what

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A Husky day

Oregon is blown out by Washington and the Ducks drop to fifth in the conference



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Sports Editor

If you want a visual metaphor for the football game between Oregon and Washington on Saturday, think dominoes.

The offense faded first, and the defense followed as the Oregon football team gave up 42 unanswered points in a 42-14 loss to Washington at Autzen Stadium on Saturday. It was Oregon's fourth loss in five games after starting the season 6-0 and the team's worst loss at Autzen Stadium since a 41-7 loss to Stanford in 1986.

The loss dropped Oregon back into a tie for fifth in the Pacific-10 Conference and out of both national polls.

"We came out on fire and did a great job (Saturday)," Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said. "We didn't sustain that."

Oregon scored the game's first 14 points as quarterback Jason Fife engineered drives of 80 and 98 yards on the Ducks' first two possessions in the first quarter in front of 57,112 at Autzen.

But Oregon went 3-and-out on its next offensive possession. That set the tone for the Ducks' offense for the rest of the afternoon, as Oregon scored no more touchdowns, attempted only one field goal — a Jared Siegel miss — and punted seven times in more than 51 minutes of game time.

The Ducks played the game without the services of Onterrio Smith, who sat out the game with a knee injury.

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Jeremy Forrest Emerald

The Husky players celebrated for nearly a half-hour after their win. The Oregon student section was cleared by then.

One duck... or two?

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News Editor

This story began on the front page of Friday's Emerald, and both parts are available online at www.dailymerald.com.

The University has previously considered replacing the printed version of its beloved Oregon Duck — aka Donald Duck.

In 1994, the University incorporated a new logo without Donald's likeness that was de-

signed by the local firm Funk and Associates. That duck was much like the newly designed duck mascot, which University officials are calling "Mandrake," in that it looked less cuddly and more macho.

"I think this is the period of time when Disney gave us a hard time and we were trying to have a duck that wasn't Donald," former archivist Keith Richard said.

Current University personnel, however, said there was never any

discussion to create a new mascot.

Now, with the introduction of "Mandrake," Richard said he believes Nike is going to do its best to replace Donald.

"Donald could very well disappear quickly if the people who have the power decide to do it," Richard said.

George Beres, former University sports information director, has concerns as well. While Beres doesn't believe the new

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Federal politics to impact students

New leadership may hurt higher education by blocking federal legislation aimed at increasing government assistance

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Legislation in Washington, D.C., isn't a primary concern in the minds of most students, according to most local political lobbyists and political leaders. But the landmark elections that catapulted Republicans into control of the Senate and allowed the party to maintain a steady hold on the House may be reason enough for students to take notice.

Political changes

Although several congressional races still are undecided, Republicans will have at least 226 seats in the House compared to the Democrats' 208, and 51 seats in the Senate compared to the Democrats' 46.

University political science Associate Professor Jerry Medler said with control of the presidency and Congress, Republicans could pass legislation that adversely affects students. Medler said students, who as a demographic are relatively poor, could suffer under Republican rule because the party traditionally doesn't favor increasing government handouts to groups that need any form of social welfare.

"Students don't have a lot of money — what they will experience in the short run is this is a system that won't help them very much," he said.

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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Safeway is now accepting applications for temporary help in the event of a labor dispute.

Apply at the Customer

Jeremy Forrest Emerald

Safeway has signs posted advertising possible jobs that may open if union members strike.

Grocery workers may strike

Contract disputes between several large supermarkets and employee union members may lead to a strike within weeks

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Grocery shopping may require the crossing of picket lines this holiday season.

Labor negotiations for a new contract between Safeway, Albertsons and Fred Meyer managements and the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555 union have produced almost no agreements, and union employees may strike before Thanksgiving, according to UFCW 555

spokesman Rick Sawyer. Key issues under negotiation are health benefits, pension contributions and wage increases.

The previous contract between the employers and the union expired in February.

The next, and probably final, round of talks will start today and run until Nov. 20. Sawyer said he is not optimistic.

"The end result is pretty dismal," he said.

Melinda Merrill, spokeswoman for Northwest Food Employers Inc., the company representing Safeway, Albertsons and Fred Meyer, said the less change, the better.

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WEATHER

Today: High 55, Low 40, morning fog, then partly sunny
Tuesday: High 58, Low 38, morning fog, then partly sunny

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday
The cosmetic contact crying game
Wednesday
"Dealing" toward high enrollment