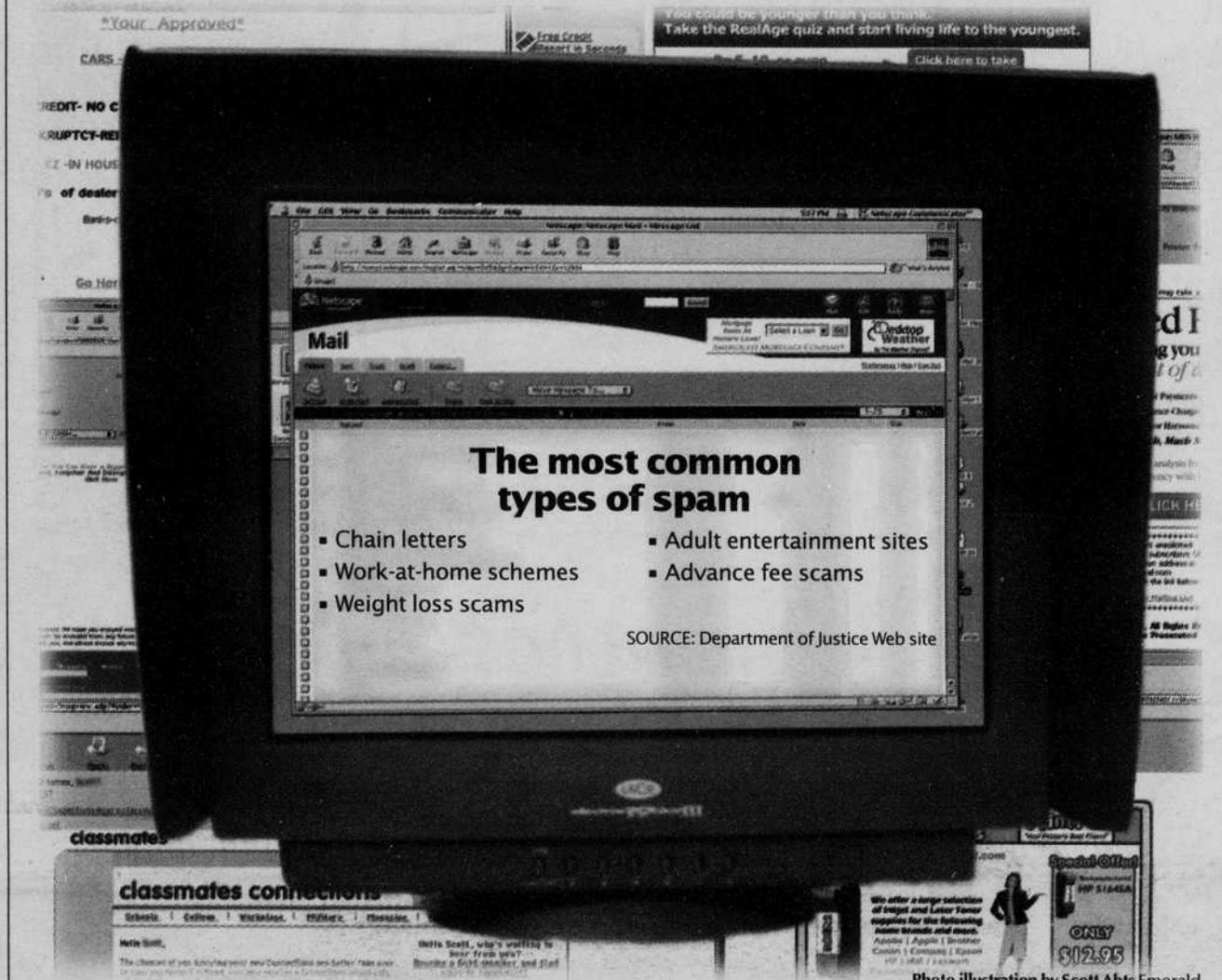




Canned messages



(No) more spam!

Proposed 'anti-spam' law would help rid unwanted e-mail, but people must register to have the service

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A new law, proposed by Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers, may keep unwanted e-mail solicitations such as chain letters or get-rich-quick schemes from crowding your inbox.

The "anti-spam" law will be submitted to the state Legislature in January, and will have an "opt-out" style of enforcement, which means if consumers don't want to receive spam, they must register with the state in order to put an end to it.

"People do have the right to send unsolicited e-mail, but at some point people should have the same right to say they don't want it," said Kevin Neely, spokesman for the Oregon attorney general.

The law was proposed after the attorney general office received thousands of complaints about spam from users. Neely said the reason users must register with the state to have spam stopped is because some people actually

want spam.

According to the Department of Justice Web site, the most common types of spam are chain letters, work-at-home schemes, weight loss seams, adult entertainment sites and "advance fee" scams, which often ask for users' bank account numbers in return for the promise of huge paybacks at a later time.

ResNet Administrator Norm Myers said when he gets complaints about spam, it is usually about users receiving pornographic material. He said he approves of the new law because if users wanted to receive a certain advertisement for something, they could do so by adding themselves to that list.

Myers, himself, said he gets annoyed when he ends up with pornographic advertisements after entering drawings to win prizes for certain sporting events.

"Just because I like sports, it doesn't mean I like (porn)," Myers said.

Some users may have spam filters available through their e-mail provider, and although these can reduce the amount of junk mail a user receives, it may not eliminate receiving

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\$10 million will launch child study

The National Institute on Drug Abuse is funding University research into parenting and behavior problems as a way to cut down on substance abuse

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The University's Child and Family Center received a grant of more than \$10.1 million to embark on a five-year study.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse at the National Institutes of Health awarded the center the grant to begin "The Early Step Project," a study focusing on parenting two-year-olds. The three-site study is designed to work in conjunction with the Women, Infants and Children programs in Eugene, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Charlottesville, Va.



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A total of 720 families in the WIC program — an organization whose mission is to assist low-income women and children — will participate in the study.

The research is meant to determine how parents can help prevent the early emergence of behavior problems, which can be a major risk factor for substance abuse, said Tom Dishion, founder and director of research at the Child and Family Center.

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KEZI, OSU agree to broadcast Civil War game

OSU debated announcers and production rights with Chambers Communications before settling on neutral announcers for this Saturday's game

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Chambers Communications Corp. and Oregon State University reached an agreement Tuesday ensuring Saturday's 12:30 p.m. Civil War showdown will be shown on KEZI-TV, ending speculation the game wouldn't be aired locally for the first time in five years.

The two sides — in disagreement over who would call the game — finally settled on neutral announcers.

"We are very pleased that this game is going to be available to our viewers," said Scott Chambers, president of Chambers Communications.

After what appeared to be a standoff, OSU finally backed down Tuesday after the two sides publicly released letters

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OUS officials plan for expanded enrollment

Funding issues may hinder the effort, but the chancellor of higher education wants 100,000 students by 2010

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Officials from Oregon's seven public universities are looking at different ways to meet Chancellor Richard Jarvis' goal of expanding Oregon University System enrollment capacity to 100,000 by 2010.

The goal, which is part of Jarvis' higher education plan known as "The Deal," is an effort to meet future demand for higher education.

University Provost John Moseley said whether that goal is met depends on how much funding is available.

"That will only happen if the state is willing to invest quite a bit more money than it's investing now," he said. "Right now, the state is not funding the enrollment that we have."

Moseley said an effort to enlarge physical capacity "is going to have to start moving pretty fast" if the University hopes to meet the chancellor's goal. He said that with the business school under construction, the University is already operating beyond capacity.

Bob Kiernen, director of Institutional Research Services for Oregon universities, said that although about one-third of the system's students are enrolled at the University, that doesn't necessarily mean the University will absorb an equal proportion of the increased capacity.

"A fair percentage of the growth may happen

at other campuses," he said.

Bob Bontrager, assistant provost for enrollment management at Oregon State University, said the enrollment goal includes adults returning to school to enhance their vocational skills.

"We're not necessarily talking about traditional students," he said. "We're looking at expanding capacity by rethinking how we deliver education."

Bontrager said meeting increased demand can be accomplished in part by using branch campuses, such as OSU's Cascades Campus in Bend. Students can pursue a variety of degree programs at Cascades, including business, education and liberal arts.

Another strategy to accommodate growth is allowing students to enroll in community

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Today: High 55, Low 38,

morning fog, partly sunny

Thursday: High 57, Low 40,

morning fog, partly sunny

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