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NASA recovers bodies from Columbia

INVESTIGATION: The space agency appoints an investigative panel as crews search for more debris

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Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA told a nation in mourning Sunday that remains of all seven astronauts from shuttle Columbia had been recovered, and that investigators were beginning to zero in on the cause of the tragedy.

"We found remains from all the astronauts," said Bob Cabana, NASA's director of flight crew operations. "It's still in the process of identification."

Other NASA officials said that temperature readings on the left side of Columbia rose precipitously six minutes before it disintegrated, and the spaceship struggled for two minutes to maintain a safe flight path during the hazardous descent to Earth.

As the space agency appointed two investigative teams and search crews combed more than 1,400 debris fields in Texas and Louisiana, Ron Dittmore, the shuttle's program manager, sketched a fuller picture of what he called "a significant thermal event" aboard Columbia. He said it boosted temperatures on the exterior of the shuttle by 60 degrees within five minutes — an unprecedented event.

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CRASH: Americans watched Saturday as the space shuttle Columbia exploded and fell to earth over East Texas

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The Dallas Morning News (KRT)

HOUSTON — With a clenched gut that is becoming grotesquely familiar, Americans watched another national symbol plummet to earth Saturday as the space shuttle Columbia disintegrated over North Texas.

All seven astronauts, including the first Israeli to fly on a shuttle mission, died in the catastrophe, which was heard and seen by thousands of people in the Dallas area.

Columbia was just 16 minutes away from a Florida landing, the conclusion to a highly successful 16-day science mission.

Killed were commander Rick Husband, pilot William McCool and mission specialists Michael Anderson, David Brown, Kalpana Chawla, Laurel Clark and Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon.

"The Columbia is lost," President Bush said in a national TV address. The president cut short a weekend at Camp David to return to Washington, where he met with national security advisers.

The day's sole consolation only underscored the nation's underlying sense of dread: Officials

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Given a sporting chance

The University's high percentage of black male athletes has led some to criticize University diversity efforts and the Athletic Department

Brad Schmidt

News Editor

More than 35 percent of the black male undergraduates attending the University receive athletic scholarships, according to an analysis conducted by the Emerald. This percentage is the highest among all ethnic groups on campus, and it is the second-highest percentage of any ethnic group receiving such support at a Pacific-10 Conference school in 2002-03.

The percentage of black males receiving financial support from the Athletic Department is more than five times higher than any other ethnic group — the next highest being black females, at nearly 6.6 percent. Within the Pac-10, only Oregon State University has a higher percentage of black males attending school on either full or partial athletic scholarships.

According to some students, such statistics only perpetuate stereotypes of "athletes," not "student-athletes," while some faculty members say the numbers illustrate the grossly negligent attitude of a university not concerned with diversity issues.

"This University hasn't done a good job recruiting students of color, across the board," Ethnic Studies Director Shari Huhndorf said. "That's really the only space — virtually the only space — the University opens to black men."

Of those receiving financial support from the Athletic Department, 46 men identified themselves as black. According to the registrar's office, 130 African American undergraduate men attend the University.

"The numbers are speaking for themselves, in my opinion," said sophomore Kennasha Roberson, co-director of the Black Student Union. "What do they want them here for? To get degrees, or to play football?"

But University officials point to a low black population statewide as the main reason athletes make up more than one-third of black males on campus.

"In 2001, 303 total high school seniors (in Oregon) who identified as African American took the SAT," Multicultural Admissions Assistant Director Tomas Hulick-Baiza said. "Granted, Oregon's African American population is already small, but

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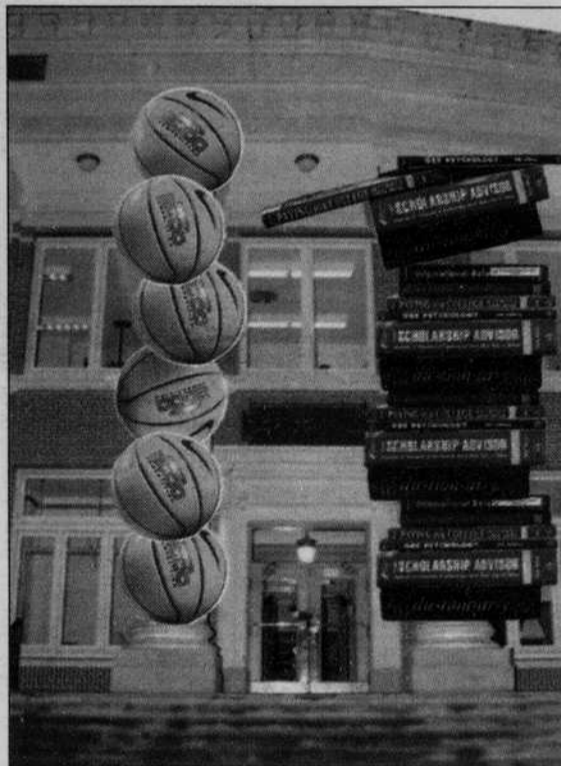
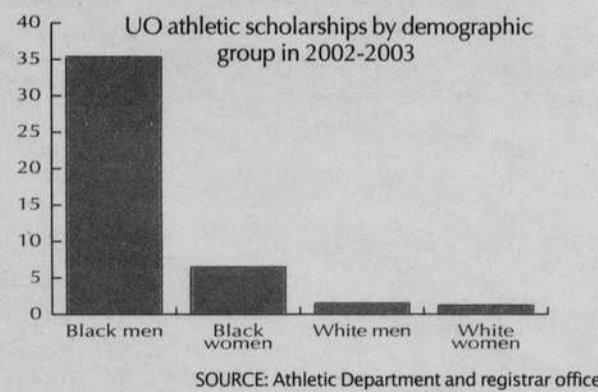


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UO Assembly, groups discuss war resolution

University groups gathered Friday to review the University's stance on a potential war with Iraq

Aimee Rudin

Family/Health/Education Reporter

Oregon State University did it. So did the University of Montana at Missoula and the University of Wisconsin. But the University has been reluctant to take a formal stance in opposition to military action, and the fact that less than 10 percent of the University Assembly attended a Friday meeting to discuss the issue underscored the difficulty the University is having in taking a formal stance.

According to University Professor Emeritus Frank Stahl, the difficulty might involve the controversy that ensued in the spring of 2000 when the University joined the Worker Rights Consortium, at the advice of the University Senate, and temporarily lost \$30 million in donated funds from Nike CEO Phil Knight.

"President Frohnmayer had his knuckles stomped by corporate America when he stood up for workers' rights," Stahl said. "He might be hesitant to take that position again."

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News brief

Buzbee pleas 'not guilty'

ASUO Vice President Ben Buzbee entered a plea of not guilty Friday at a Eugene Municipal Court arraignment.

Buzbee had been cited for allegedly furnishing alcohol to minors at a toga party held at his residence Jan. 18.

Police responded to a complaint of a loud party in the area and when they located Buzbee's residence, issued 12 citations. Three people, including Buzbee, were cited for furnishing alcohol to minors, and nine others received minor in possession of alcohol charges.

— Jennifer Bear

WEATHER

Today: High 45, Low 32, Morning clouds, patchy fog

Tuesday: High 40, Low 30, Mostly cloudy, areas of fog

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday

What tactics are local businesses trying to combat shoplifting?

Wednesday

After the failure of Measure 28, how is the University managing?

Activists protest Bush's leadership

Concerned citizens voiced frustrations and concerns about federal government policies at a local protest Saturday

Roman Gokhman

Campus/City Culture Reporter

Many peace activists devoted their weekend to protesting the policies of the Bush administration Saturday at Central Presbyterian Church in Eugene.

Keynote speakers at the Third Annual Oregon Peace Festival, organized by University Students for Peace, Oregon Progressive Alliance, Eugene Peaceworks and Justice Not War, told the audience to challenge President George W. Bush's government.

"I'm very worried about the state of our

democracy," speaker and local activist Hope Marston said.

Marston, who started the Lane County Bill of Rights Defense Committee to oppose the USA PATRIOT Act, urged citizens to take a more active stance locally.

"The UPA shreds ... our constitutional guarantees," she said, referring to the alleged detainment of people of Islamic descent. "Our Bill of Rights is worthy of protection."

Marston said if a war did occur, it would be as big of an embarrassment as the U.S. government's opposition to the civil rights movement in the 1960s, or as the Holocaust of World War II was to Germany.

"Some day, you won't be able to find anyone who supported the war in Iraq," Marston said. "In 40 years, it will be hard to find people."

Marston said it's necessary for everyday citizens to make a difference.

"This is our democracy — this is our Bill of Rights," she said.

Seattle author Paul Loeb said the president would "not be able to toy with the idea" of war without the occurrence of Sept. 11.

"We have to convince the ordinary folks that they have a right to speak out," he said. "Part of the problem is we don't know how to act."

In order to be successful, activists have to be persistent, Loeb said.

"You don't have to know everything before you begin," he said.

Loeb said if the United States keeps acting like a bully, more terrorists will want to make it a target. He acknowledged that to stop the mistreat-

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