



One Luke stays put, one says he may go

The star duo could be splitting up as Luke Ridnour submits his early entry letter to the NBA

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One Luke is staying, one Luke could be going, but both Luke Jackson and Luke Ridnour are happy with their decisions about the NBA Draft.

Ridnour submitted a letter to the NBA requesting early entry into June's draft, while Jackson decided not to test the NBA waters and will return to Oregon for his senior season. Both players announced their decisions at a press conference on Friday morning.

Ridnour has not hired an agent, which means he can reverse his decision any time until he hires an agent or before the June 19 deadline, one week before the draft itself.

"The best thing about the NBA Draft is that you can explore your options any time up to the week before," Ridnour said. "I'm just going to pray about it a lot and try to make the right decision."

Ridnour will begin workouts with individual teams next month. The most important date on his upcoming calendar will be June 4, when he will head to Chicago for the NBA's pre-draft camp. At that event, Ridnour will be able to get a

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Get your constitutional rights in gear — it's voting time

ASUO elections

Students have had the chance to hear ASUO election candidates speak out about what they think makes them effective leaders. All that is left is to choose the people best suited to represent students' interests.

However, if students still feel unprepared to pick next year's crop of

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Arsonist strikes six residences

One of six fires on Friday caused an estimated \$35,000 in damage to a West University residence

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Half a dozen fires were set to West University neighborhood residences and trash bins in a series of mysterious arson attempts early Friday morning. The Eugene Police Department is seeking the public's help in obtaining leads.

EPD spokeswoman Kerry Delf said detectives

don't have any suspects at this point and do not know how many people were involved, but there is evidence that the fires are related. All six fires were set within a two block area between Patterson and Alder streets and between East 15th and East 17th avenues, and although there were no reported injuries, Delf said arson is a serious offense.

"It may seem like a minor thing when trash bins are set on fire, but it can be very dangerous," she said. "And there were people in some of the residences."

Shortly before 4 a.m. on Friday, an arsonist

set a fire at an occupied residence at 1644 Hilyard St., reportedly damaging the back porch area before residents were able to extinguish it. One resident, University freshman Chris Lansing, said the fire appeared to have been started in a pile of cardboard beer cases near the doorway to the porch.

"I originally thought someone had just flicked a cigarette in there, but that wasn't it," Lansing said.

At 4:39 a.m., police and fire personnel responded to a report of a trash bin fire at Serenity Lane, a drug and rehabilitation center located

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Chess-ed to impress

The UO Chess Club meets once a week to match wits in a game that incorporates strategy, maneuvering and practice

Reporter's notebook

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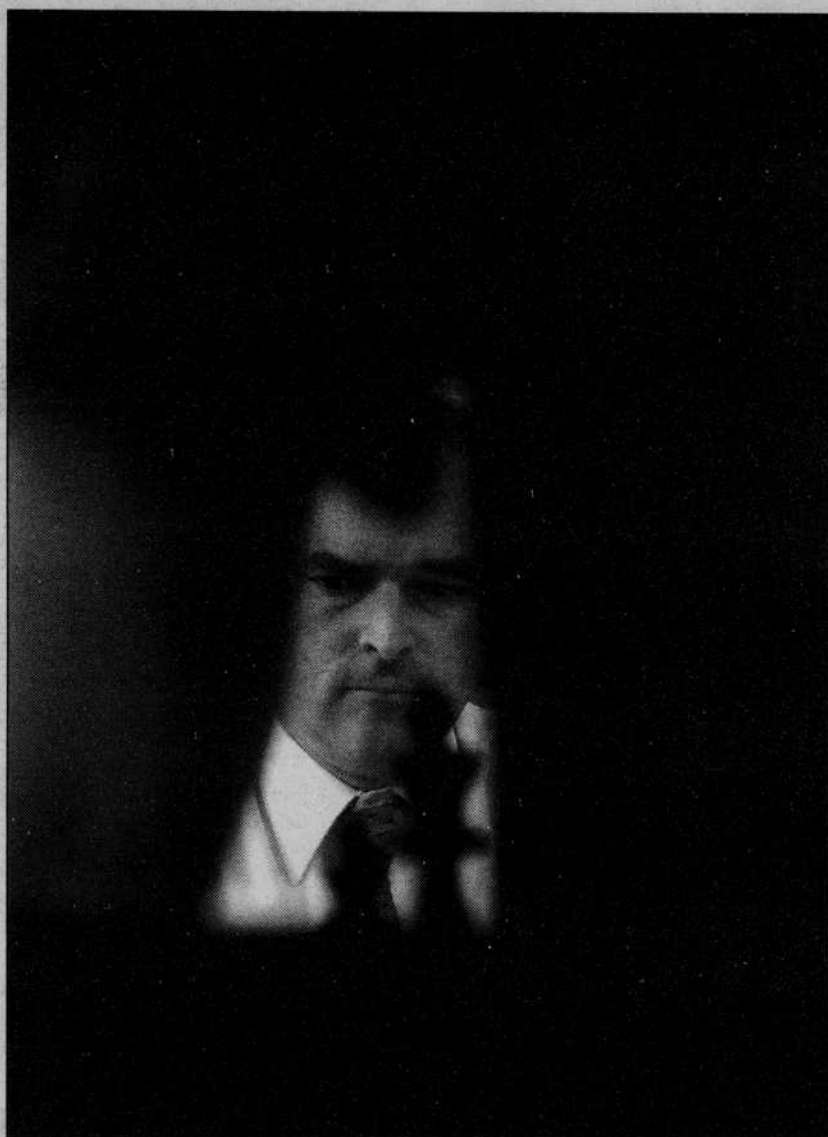
UO Chess Club members work out together one night each week, but they don't pump iron or pound the pavement. Instead, they exercise their minds.

The group meets every Wednesday during the school year at 6 p.m. in the EMU Fishbowl. I sat across from club member and sophomore computer and information science major Ross McClure at the most recent gathering — as he slowly, deliberately plotted my demise.

"Look at the board," he growled, exasperated, eying my king. "I'm trying to help you!"

But there was no helping me. Given McClure's 14 years of practice, the competition was over before it had even begun.

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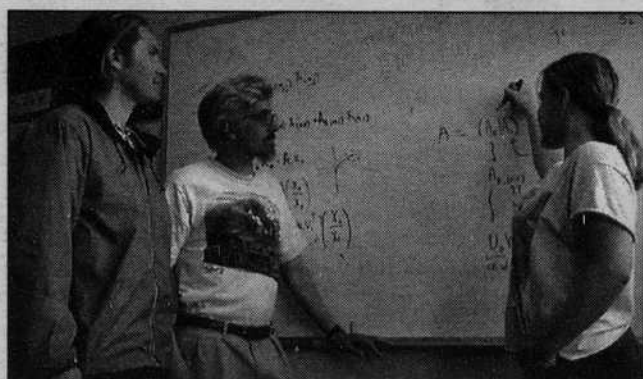
Adam Amato Emerald

Brian Shartz, who has played with the UO Chess Club for several years, focuses intently on his next move during a game at the Fishbowl.



Adam Amato Emerald

University graduate student Stephan Dickert adds his 20 years of chess-playing experience to the UO Chess Club.



Lindsay Sauv  Emerald

Chemistry Professor Jeffrey Cina (center) collaborates with his research assistants Travis Humble (left) and Mary Rohrdanz.

Professor receives \$35,000 award

Chemistry Professor Jeffrey Cina is one of only 184 people to be awarded a 2003 Guggenheim Memorial Foundation award for his work in science

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Like a beam of light against the black background of the night sky, chemistry Professor Jeffrey Cina's research has caught the eye of the scientific community. Through his work with ultrafast electronic energy transfer, Cina is making significant scientific headway in understanding photosynthesis, the mysterious process that gives plants life.

In recognition of the value of his work to the intellectual com-

munity, the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation awarded Cina with a 2003 John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship Award on April 10.

Cina's research focuses on how atoms move during chemical processes. Specifically, he uses ultrafast spectroscopy to examine how molecules interact with light. Cina and his research assistants send short pulses of light, moving at many trillionths of a second, through matter and record how molecules rotate.

Cina is one of only two people in the Northwest to be awarded the Guggenheim this year, and only 184 people out of 3,200 applicants from the United States and Canada were given this prestigious award.

The Guggenheim Memorial Foundation was established in 1925 by Simon Guggenheim, a former U.S. senator, in honor of

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