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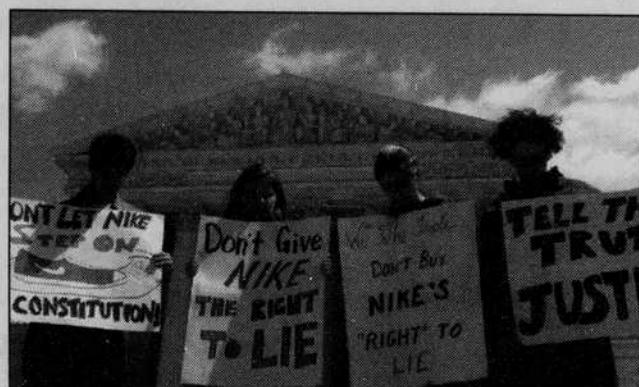
# Locals debate Nike court case

Free speech advocates filed amicus briefs in court, urging to not 'squench Nike's right to speech'; the court questions what commercial speech means

**Jennifer Bear**  
Campus/Federal Politics Reporter

The economic success of Nike has left an undeniable mark on the University, thanks to generous donations from Phil Knight, co-founder of the world's largest shoe manufacturer. But now Nike is battling in the U.S. Supreme Court to leave its mark on the interpretation of free speech for businesses, and legal experts in Eugene are lining up on both sides of the fray.

On April 23, the Court began to hear oral arguments on a  
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Michael Oswald, Lee Drutman, Katie Selenski and Ali Arace protest outside the Supreme Court on April 2 as justices hear a free-speech case challenging a Nike publicity campaign.  
Chuck Kennedy KRT

# Budget proposal adds funds to grants

The state Legislature's Joint Ways and Means Committee has proposed \$8.7 million in Opportunity Grant funding

**Jan Montry**  
News Editor

College students in Oregon who have felt the pinch of reduced Oregon Opportunity Grant funding and higher tuition may find some relief in the 2003-05 state budget. At the same time, student advocates are saying current budget proposals don't go far enough.

Oregon lawmakers released a budget proposal earlier this month that would restore about \$8.7 million in total funding for the Opportunity Grant. The package — offered by the leaders of the Joint Ways and Means Committee, which writes the state's budget legislation — would compensate for the \$2.7 million that was lost when Oregon's rainy day education fund was drained this year to help balance the budget. The proposal would also add an additional \$6 million for future grants.

However, some student advocacy officials in Oregon say the outlook is still unclear for future higher education funding. The proposal conflicts with Gov. Ted Kulongoski's budget, which doesn't include the extra \$6 million to the Oregon Opportunity Grant but also doesn't cut as much from other areas of higher education. Both proposals would, at the very least, compensate for the grant loss earlier this year.

Melissa Unger, legislative director for the Oregon Student Association, said OSA is supporting different parts of both budgets, including more grant funding from the Legislature's proposal and fewer cuts to higher education from Kulongoski's proposal. She added that despite good points from each budget, many students will still be left in the cold.

"Are we going to support the \$6 million (to the Oregon Opportunity Grant)? Yes. But that's not good enough," she said. "There are pieces we're going to support in both budgets, but all in all, both budgets are inadequate."

Unger added that the budget fight will become clearer as new revenue forecasts are released and other budget's

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## ROTC in training



ROTC cadets work out at 6:30 a.m. in the Student Recreation Center three days a week running laps and doing other physical activities. They also must participate in "guerrilla drills," which simulate real battle situations.  
Danielle Hickey Emerald

# Testing limits

ROTC cadet Evan Matthews has stretched both his mind and body in the University's program

## War hits home

**Roman Gokhman**  
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When University junior Evan Matthews was still in high school, he was soft-spoken and shy. Now, the 20-year-old history major has made an about-face. The catalyst for his change, he says, is his involvement in the University chapter of the Army ROTC.

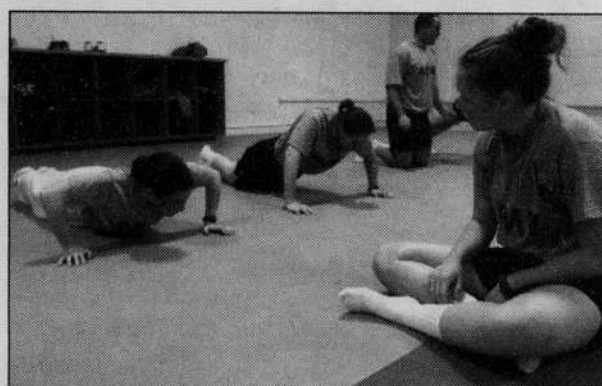
"It makes you be more assertive, and it helps you take more initiative," Matthews said. "Now, I can get up in front of 60 cadets and can speak with no problem."

Matthews, an ROTC cadet, joined the program as a freshman in spring 2001 after a friend in the program introduced him to several instructors.

Joining "was definitely an immersing process," he said, adding that while he eventually wants to attend law school, he is looking forward to life in the U.S. Army after graduation.

"At some point down the line, I will be leading soldiers," he said.

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ROTC cadets work on their upper body strength through a series of push-ups, as well as by doing the "crab walk."

Danielle Hickey Emerald

# Police release robbers' names, recover stolen money

Two men were named and charged for robbing a West Eugene bank, a third man was arrested but not yet identified

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After the dramatic capture Monday of two men charged with robbing a West Eugene bank, police have released the men's names, re-

covered the stolen money and arrested a third man in connection with the hold-up.

Joshua Edward Hicks of Eugene and Wayne Taylor Wood, both 21, face federal charges for a robbery at Pacific Cascade Federal Credit Union at 1155 Chambers St. and have been transferred into the custody of the FBI. The third man, whose identity has not been released, was caught by police after

one of the two men in custody told authorities that an accomplice was still in hiding.

Debi Hill, Pacific Cascade vice president of marketing, said less than \$10,000 was stolen in the robbery. As of Tuesday afternoon, the credit union could not verify whether the money had been returned but Hill said there was a "good chance" of it happening. Hill said the West Eugene branch used to

be a favorite target for criminals.

"We had a flurry of robberies at our Chambers Street branch about four years ago so we remodeled it," she said, adding that Monday was the first time the location had been hit since the remodel.

One of the suspects allegedly walked into the credit union and presented a note demanding cash to the teller at 3:08 p.m. Monday. Roughly 10 minutes later, police

tracked the man to a house two blocks west, where witnesses said he and another man fled after leaving the bank.

After more than a dozen squad cars surrounded the house at 1208 Grant St., Hicks, who identified himself as the renter, came out and surrendered to police officers. Wood took refuge in the attic until a K-9 unit scared him out of his hiding

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