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Ridnour says he'll leave UO for Draft

After signing with law firm Williams & Connelly, LLP today, Luke Ridnour will be ineligible to play for Oregon next year

Mindi Rice
Sports Reporter

Luke Ridnour, the Pacific-10 Conference's 2003 Player of the Year, announced Tuesday that he plans to sign with an agent today, making himself ineligible to return to Oregon for his senior season.

"I want everyone in Eugene to know how hard this decision was," Ridnour said in a statement released Tuesday. "I had a lot of fun at the University of Oregon, and I'm really going to miss it."

The junior point guard intends to sign
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Ridnour

Faculty to vote on privacy protection

Faculty fight conditions of the USA PATRIOT Act to try to stop federal agencies from gaining access to students' records

Jennifer Bear
Campus/Federal Politics Reporter

University faculty members are mobilizing to combat the encroachment on students' privacy by fighting some provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act. Today the Faculty Senate will consider a motion that will ask the University administration to detail exactly what the government has done at the University under the authority of the legislation.

The PATRIOT Act was penned by
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Bilal Wabalan AFP

Saudi firemen inspect the bombed Al-Hamra expatriate housing compound in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Tuesday.

Bush: Bombers' 'only faith is hate'

Warren P. Strobel
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — The death toll rose on Tuesday to 30, including at least eight Americans, and dozens were reported injured from a night of multiple terrorist truck bombings that targeted the large Western presence in Saudi Arabia and the Saudi monarchy itself.

As new details emerged of Saudi Arabia's deadliest terrorist attack in decades, it became clear the plot was large and well-coordinated. The plotters struck with precision timing at three guarded residential compounds using multiple vehicles and extensive surveillance of the facilities beforehand, U.S. diplomats and soldiers said.

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Biofueling an alternative

Local business SeSequential Biofuels markets and distributes a biodegradable diesel fuel that is cleaner burning and more efficient to produce

Ducks & Co.

Lindsay Sauvé
Family/Health/Education Reporter

Nearly three years ago, a few friends from Kentucky got together in a Eugene garage and combined vegetable oil and some basic chemistry to create their own usable diesel fuel. Today, Ian Hill and brothers Tomas and Josh Endicott own SeSequential Biofuels, a growing Eugene company that markets a cleaner-burning alternative to conventional diesel fuel.

SeSequential Biofuels no longer makes its own fuel but is Eugene's largest marketer and distributor of biodegradable diesel fuel made from renewable materials such as vegetable oil. Biofuel is not only cleaner burning — it's more efficient to produce than conventional diesel and is not only for vehicles. Hill said Crater Lake National Park officials use biodiesel for multiple purposes.

Biofuel use is expanding quickly. Hill, a current part-time University student majoring in environmental science, said that during the two-year period from 1999 to the end of 2000, the use of biodiesel increased by about 600 percent.

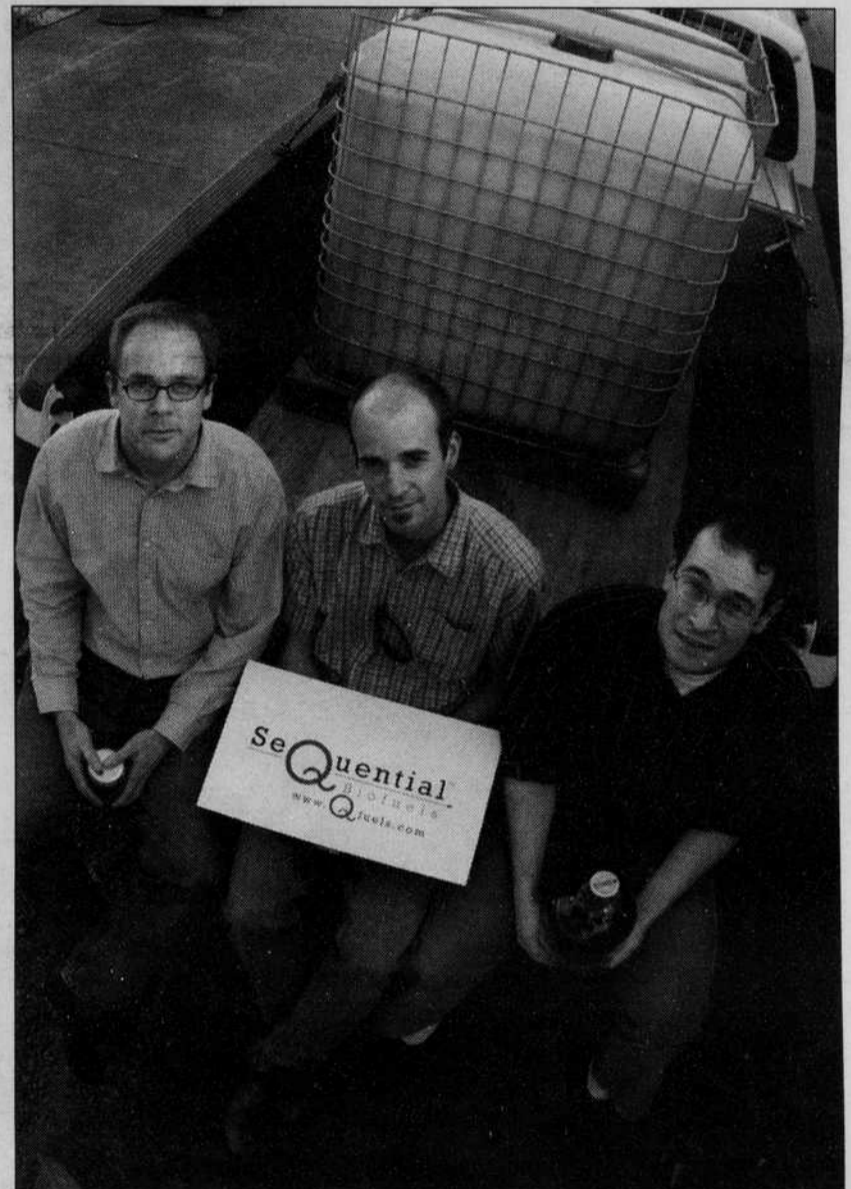
And the market could be even bigger. One of SeSequential's main goals is encouraging use of the fuel by large fleets, such as shipping trucks and fishing vessels, the largest users of regular diesel.

"In Oregon, there are 2 million gallons of diesel burned every day," said Tomas Endicott, a 2001 University graduate with a masters degree in community and regional planning. "In order to get the greatest environmental impact, you need to get the most biodiesel into the market as possible."

Biofuels are becoming a new source of renewable energy. SeSequential is targeting environmentally conscious consumers in the hopes that one day, biofuel use will become as commonplace as recycling.

"It's important to encourage individual users because that puts pressure on the government fleets or fleets like Lane County Transit," Hill said.

One of the difficulties the company faces is escaping the
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Mark McCambridge Emerald

Tomas Endicott, Ian Hill and Josh Endicott of SeSequential Biofuels LLC, have gone from homebrewing biofuel to producing it industrially. Shown above is a 200-gallon tank of their cleaner-burning, more efficient product.

APASU hopes to break Asian stereotypes during workshops

In support of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the APASU will hold events to inform and celebrate students

Roman Gokhman
Campus/City Culture Reporter

In "Better Luck Tomorrow," a recent film about Asian high school

students, a stereotype of Asians as over-achievers is broken by portraying them as misfits and petty criminals. While this is an extreme example, Asian Pacific American Student Union members want the University community to understand that not all Asians are the same.

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, as designated in

May 1990 by former President George H. W. Bush to commemorate the first Japanese immigration in 1843. APASU is holding several events to celebrate heritage and educate University students.

"We really wanted to focus on breaking the model minority stereotype," APASU co-Director Mark Padoongpatt said. "It doesn't

do us justice to put aside a month or a day when it should be celebrated year round."

APASU's activities, which include weekly workshops and a film series, are highlighted by the "Main Event," which takes place Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom. Portland-based R&B group Soul Essence and 18 Mighty Mountain Warriors, an

Asian American theater group from San Francisco that deconstructs ethnic stereotypes, will perform.

Two workshops will take place at 5 p.m. — one today and one May 21 — in the EMU Fir Room. Today the University Wushu Club will perform a demonstration; next week's workshop is called "APA Stereotypes:

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