



OUS reports UO diversity growth

The 2003 report states that University student and faculty diversity is rising, but some critics claim that several minority groups are growing too slowly

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Diversity of students and faculty is rising at the University and other Oregon University System schools, according to a new OUS report. But the University is behind in the representation of sever-

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al key ethnic groups, and critics say the administration is failing to do enough to increase diversity.

The 2003 study compared figures and percentages of students to 1992 and 1997 numbers and cheerfully reported that OUS "has moved toward an enhanced understanding and incor-

poration of diversity."

Yvette Webber-Davis, director of diversity planning and projects for OUS, said diversity is a "multi-faceted issue," and that considerations of "inclusion" and "engagement" are the factors that make or break an institution's diversity efforts.

"It is inadequate to simply seek increased numbers of people of color on campuses," she said. "From the perspective of the individual, it is important to feel a part of the campus environment.

"From the perspective of the institution, it is
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University to award degree to Guyer

The University will award a four-year degree posthumously to Kyle Kristopher Guyer, who died on Sunday.

University President Dave Frohnmayer decided to approve the degree after University Registrar Herb Chereck determined Guyer had met all University and school requirements for a Bachelor of Science with a major in journalism: electronic media.

The degree will be sent to Guyer's family.



Guyer

"It means a lot to us —we're very proud," his parents, Lanny and Susan Guyer, said. "Kyle was really excited about graduating and wanted to be able to share that with us."

Eric Guyer, Kyle Guyer's brother, added that he felt the University had "honored" Kyle.

"It also meant a lot to us the way the University has handled this very sad moment in our lives," he said.

The cause of Kyle Guyer's death is unknown. Toxicology reports are expected to be completed within two weeks by the Lane County Medical Examiner's Office.

— Brook Reinhard

Parental support

Services available to student parents at the University include the Nontraditional Students Union and a childcare subsidy

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Susan Harrison sits in large lecture classes and takes notes just like everyone else. Something she can't help but notice is an age gap between herself and her classmates — most if not all of her fellow students are half her age.

"I'm usually older than my instructor," Harrison said with a laugh.

The 43-year-old mother of two is one of many University students who balances a full course load with the demands of parenting. On top of her studies, Harrison is also co-director of the Nontraditional Students Union and recently received the University's Student Parent Award.

Harrison began her college career at Lane Community College after spending time in a women's shelter. A counselor suggested she take a course offered by LCC that assists women in transition. By fall of 2001, she had transferred to the University under a dual-enrollment plan with LCC.

One of the most challenging aspects of making the transition to the University for Harrison was getting used to the large population of students. She said the University campus was lacking the sense of community she felt at LCC. All of this changed when she came in contact with NSU.

Harrison said she believes nontraditional students are very overlooked and recommends they get in contact with NSU, which can become an essential outlet for student parents who need support. She said one of the biggest challenges for student parents is working out finances, which happens to be her specialty because as a single mother, making ends meet

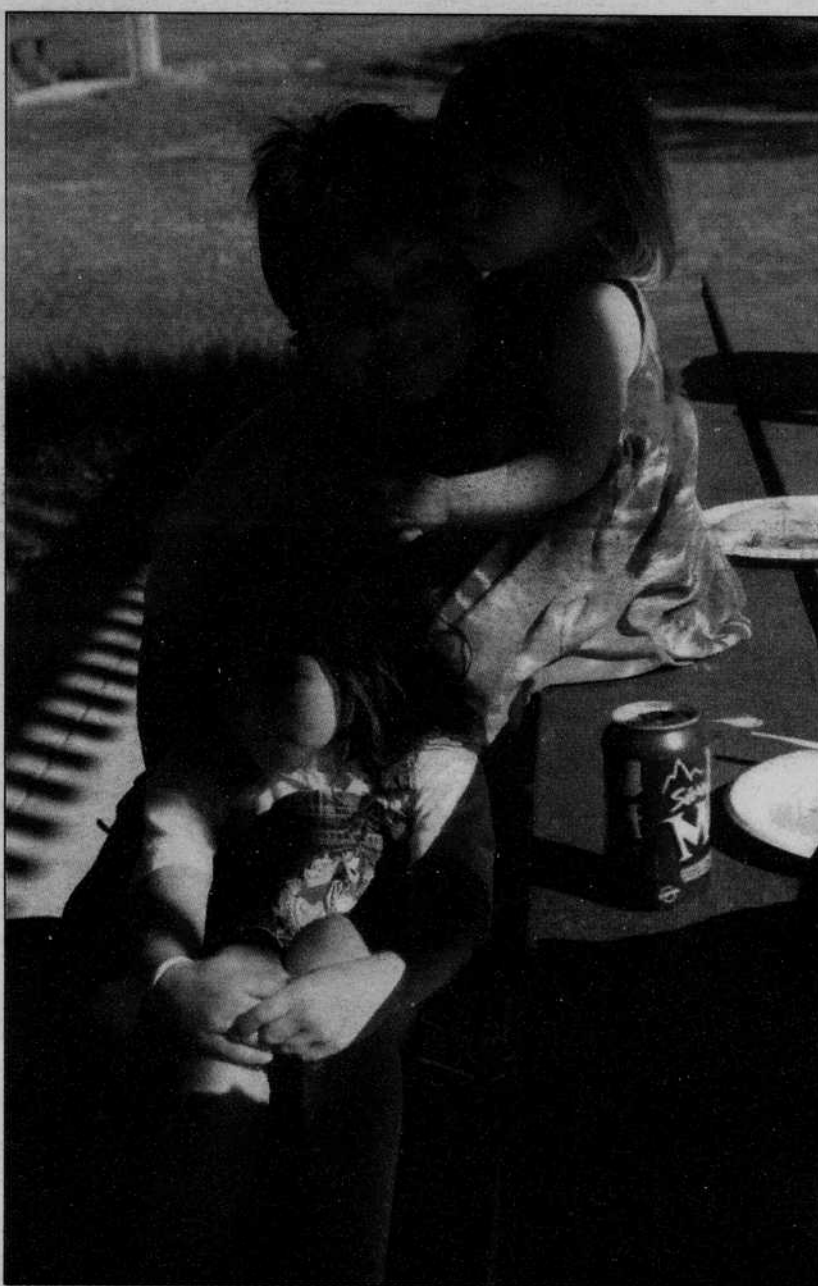
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University student Susan Harrison and her daughters Ryanne Harrison (top) and Caitlyn Siveria (bottom) share a picnic at Alton Baker Park on Tuesday.

Incidental fees pay for some events

An ASUO rule prohibits PFC-funded groups from charging event admission for University students

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For many University students, there are dozens of essential expenditures burning holes through their bank accounts — tuition, rent, car insurance, textbooks, student incidental fees — the list could go on forever.

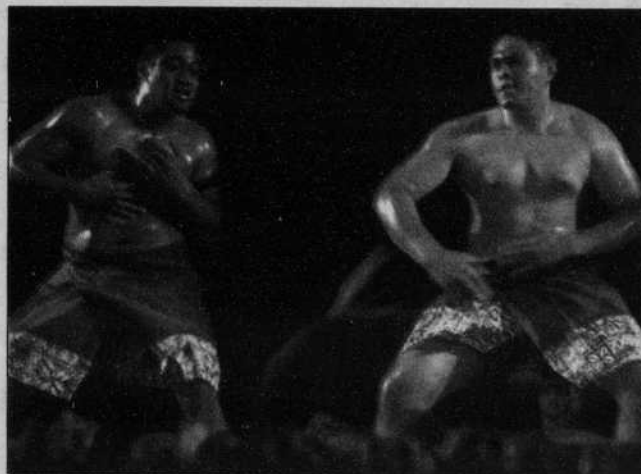
But students expect to get a significant return from the majority of these expenditures. Tuition, for example, is an investment in increasing students' value in the job market. Rent provides students with a place to live. Car insurance protects them from the high cost of auto accidents. Textbooks are the keys to knowledge that help students pass their classes.

But what value does the student incidental fee generate for students? One of the key places

students can see the fee at work is in myriad student groups on campus — more than 100 — that promote everything from chess to Hawaiian culture.

These groups receive their funding through the annual ASUO Programs Finance Committee budget-setting process. During the 2003-04 school year, for instance, PFC allocated more than \$5 million in student incidental fees for the operation of student groups.

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Events such as the University's annual Hawaii Club Luau are held at no additional cost to incidental fee-paying students because the group is funded partially by PFC.
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