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## High court gives mixed affirmative action rulings

By Jan Crawford Greenburg  
Chicago Tribune (KRT)

WASHINGTON — In its most significant and wide-ranging affirmative action rulings in a generation, the Supreme Court said Monday that colleges and universities can consider an applicant's race as a factor in attracting a diverse student body, but it reiterated that strict quotas violate the Constitution.

In a landmark 5-4 decision written

by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the court said colleges and universities had compelling educational reasons for seeking a diverse student body and that they could take an applicant's race into account to increase minority enrollment. It marked the first time a majority of the court had endorsed that view.

The decision was sweeping in tone and in scope, agreeing with arguments made by university administrators, business leaders and military of-

ficials that a diverse student body produces important educational and societal benefits. It upheld an admissions policy at the University of Michigan Law School, where officials considered an applicant's race along with other factors when making admissions decisions.

"Effective participation by members of all racial and ethnic groups in the civic life of our nation is essential if the dream of one nation, indivisible, is to be realized," O'Connor

wrote for the court.

In a separate opinion written by Chief Justice William Rehnquist, the court struck down Michigan's undergraduate admissions policy in which race played a much starker role, with specific numerical points awarded to members of preferred minority groups. The court, in a 6-3 vote, said the policy was too much like a quota and failed to individually evaluate each applicant.

"Unlike the law school admissions

policy the court upholds today ... the procedures employed by the University of Michigan's Office of Undergraduate Admissions do not provide for a meaningful review of each applicant," O'Connor explained in a concurring opinion, which Justice Stephen Breyer joined.

Those on both sides of the issue said O'Connor's opinion in the law school case was a defining moment

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## A stash of trash

University housing cleaned 1,750 resident rooms to make way for summer camps, seminars

By Jared Paben  
Freelance Reporter

Interim building coordinator Liz Hahn wasn't sure at first why the girl was so desperate to retrieve her beer. The girl, an international student with a thick accent, called Hahn looking to find the items she left in her residence hall room while moving out for the summer.

"I wondered why she wanted her three beers," Hahn said. "I wondered if maybe it was really fancy stuff. I told her I hadn't heard about it yet and that I'd ask my co-workers to look in the 'lost and found.' Her accent was a little bit hard to understand right at first and I thought she was looking for three beers."

That's when Hahn began to wonder exactly what it was that they were looking for. After asking the girl to describe the items, Hahn said the girl called them "soft and furry."

"I went 'Ah! Stuffed animals,' Hahn said. "They were really fancy bears."

Hahn said the girl called at exactly 3:00 p.m. everyday thereafter, wondering if they'd found them. After three days, Hahn could finally tell the girl that they'd found her teddy bears.

"That was a happy ending," she said.

Putting together a small army of staff to clean the newly vacated residence halls in those few short days between the spring and summer terms can be a monumental task for



Jessica Waters Emerald

Items left behind in the dorms, such as these found in Hamilton Complex, are tagged, logged, and stored.

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## W.U. Task Force seeks to upgrade area standards

The Task Force's recommendations include establishing basic housing standards and adding a police officer to patrol the area

By A. Sho Ikeda  
Reporter

The West University Task Force met with the Eugene City Council earlier this month to propose strategies aimed at improving conditions in the area, and students can expect changes within a year.

The Task Force's long-term plan suggests that the University should revise the Student Conduct Code, educate students about housing, increase police activity and add more lighting to the area.

Situated between the University and downtown, the West University Neighborhood was the scene for several cases of arson, robbery and rioting over the past few years. Other problems that face the district include aggressive panhandling, vandalism and public drinking. The Task Force created the presented goals to reduce the number of crimes and enhance the quality of life in the community.

"Our focus was on day-to-day, month-to-month and year-to-year livability," said Jan Oliver, University associate vice president of institutional affairs. She stated that the Task Force did not want to solely focus on riots and parties.

Oliver said she hopes the University can create a partnership with the city that will result in a safer and cleaner West University community.

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### The Emerald's new look, new schedule

Thanks for picking up the Emerald and taking an interest in the campus community. As you may have noticed, the paper has made some drastic changes in the past few weeks. These changes were made in an effort to give you, the reader, more accessibility when reading the paper.

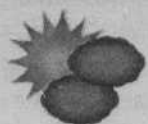
First, we've gone to a cleaner page design that utilizes white space, helping readers quickly eye a page. Second, we've changed just about every font. These changes are again directed at helping readers quickly differentiate between stories. Finally, and perhaps most notably, we've added a small strip to the bottom of the front page. This section provides the reader with the day's weather forecast, a preview for a story from the next issue and an index to help locate various features within the paper.

This summer, the Emerald will be published on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning June 24 and ending Aug. 14. The final summer issue will be published Wednesday, Aug. 20.

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