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Professor sues for libel damages

Sociology Professor Douglas Card seeks more than \$1 million from the authors of a New York Post column

By Ayisha Yahya
News Editor

University adjunct sociology Professor Douglas Card is suing two New York Post columnists for libel and intentional infliction of emotional distress after months of wrangling to get allegedly libelous statements about him retracted.

Card filed a lawsuit on Sept. 12 in Lane County Court against defendants Daniel

Pipes and Jonathan Schanzer. Card is seeking \$1.35 million in damages.

Pipes and Schanzer wrote an article — "Extremists on Campus," published June 25, 2002, in the New York Post — stating Card and three other professors were "left-wing extremists" and taught material that was anti-Israel.

Pipes, who has written numerous pieces on the Middle East, is the director of the Middle East Forum and a contentious President Bush appointee to the U.S. Institute of Peace.

Jonathan Schanzer, a scholar in radical Islamic movements, is a fellow at the Washington Institute. At the time of the article's publication he was Pipes' research assistant.

The columnists wrote that Card said Israel was a "terrorist state" and "stole land." They based their assertions on comments made by a Jewish student who took Card's class. According to the article, Card also called Israelis "baby killers" and "bashed Jews and Israelis at every opportunity."

The article is now posted on the Campus Watch Web site, an organization that reviews and critiques Middle East studies in North America.

"I tried for several months since last summer to negotiate a solution," Card said of trying to get the statement retracted. "It never happened; it never worked."

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Students, faculty frustrated by cost of new textbooks

A small print run and the used book market have contributed to increased textbook prices

By Jennifer Marie Bear
News Editor

When sophomore Mark Fazier exited the University Bookstore on Thursday morning, he was carrying a small fortune with him: \$321.15 worth of textbooks, which is the most he's ever spent.

"I expected to get at least some used textbooks but I didn't get any," said a resigned Fazier, toting a brown paper bag filled with the required books for his 16-credit course load.

Out of all the expenses associated with college, texts often seem the most onerous.

Chris Standish, book division manager at the bookstore, said he understands how the price of textbooks can boggle students' minds. Standish said he often hears students question how an economics textbook can cost \$90 when the latest Harry Potter book costs \$8.

A number of factors drive up the prices of textbooks, Standish said, but the desire to milk students' pockets is not one of them.

"We try to run this operation for books as close to break even as we can," Standish said. "But that doesn't mean we won't have \$180 books on the shelves."

One of the reasons textbooks are so expensive is because they have a lower selling volume than trade books.

Standish said publishers of trade books can afford to price their

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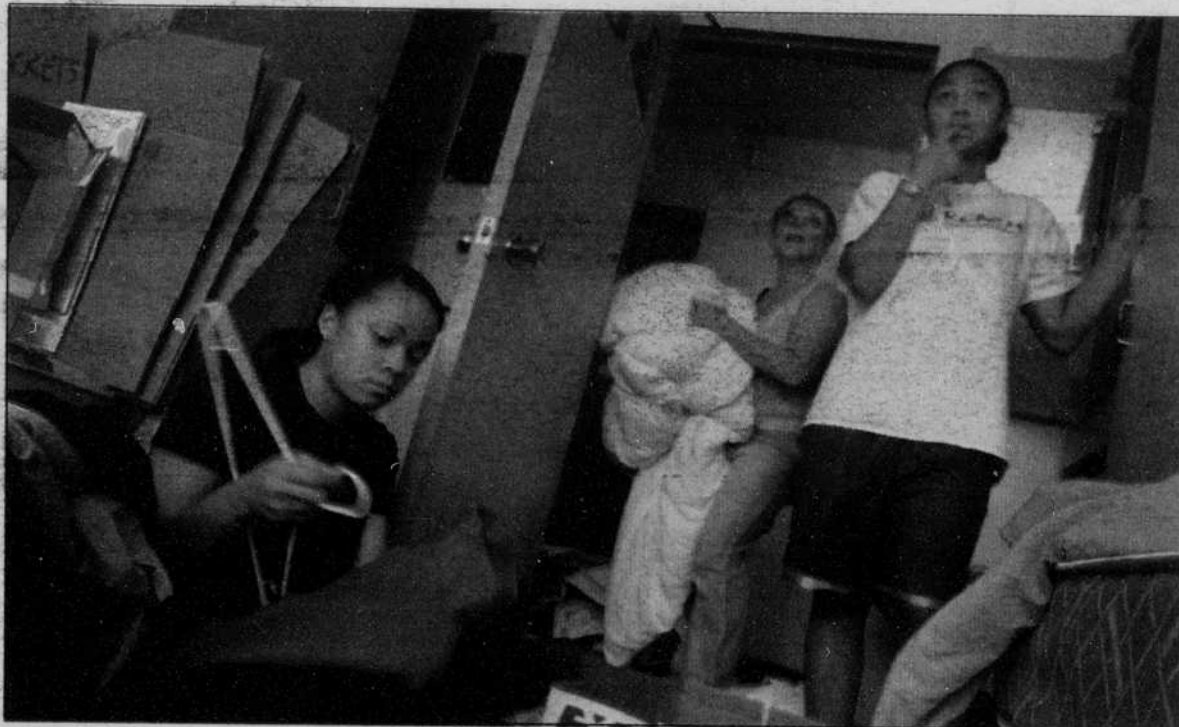
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Adam Amato Photo Editor

LaDawna Johnson (right) of Portland moves into her dorm room on the fourth floor of Robbins Hall on Thursday with her friend Tamara Atkinson. Atkinson's mother Sherri Jones (center) helps the Benson High School graduates unpack.

fewer flocking freshmen

Reduced size of incoming class leaves more space in dorms and classrooms

By Chelsea Duncan
News Reporter

After surviving the largest freshman class in the University's history last year, the Office of Admissions is taking things down a notch.

In an effort to stabilize overall enrollment to between 20,000 and 21,000 students, the University lowered the number of freshmen admitted to the University for the new school year, said Martha Pitts, director of admissions and assistant vice president for enrollment management.

"Our goal was to enroll a freshman class that was 3,000 or fewer," she said. "We're definitely going to hit that goal."

In 2002, more than 3,000 freshmen enrolled at the University and total enrollment was 20,044. Pitts said she expects this year's total enrollment to be slightly more than that number.

Although fewer freshmen were accepted overall, Pitts said more students of color were admitted and she saw an increase in applications from international students.

This fall 16.5 percent of the freshman class identified themselves as people of color, compared to 13.5 percent in fall 2002.

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Sports Illustrated features Oregon before tromping

Duck players say the Sports Illustrated 'jinx' and the loss to Washington State are unrelated

By Hank Hager
Sports Editor

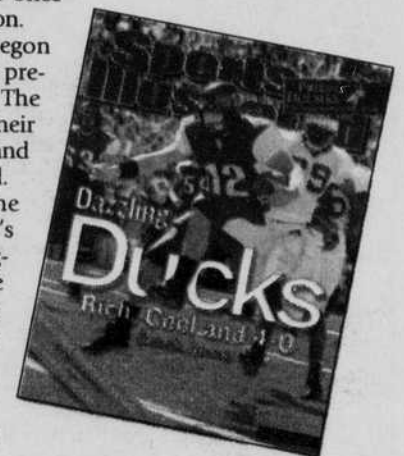
The Sports Illustrated cover jinx has reared its ugly head once again on the state of Oregon.

Two seasons ago, Oregon State was selected as the pre-season's top team. The Beavers went on to lose their first game of the season and finished with a 5-6 record.

Now, after gracing the cover of the nation's most-read sporting magazine following the Ducks' victory against Michigan, Oregon is the lowly victim.

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