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## CHASTAIN



### Car crash claims life of UO law student

Family and friends remember University law student Bryan Chastain as 'quick-witted' and as a 'really happy, funny guy'

By Chelsea Duncan  
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Friends and family of Bryan Chastain say they will remember him for his good humor and his passion for life.

Chastain, 32, who was a graduate from the University and had enrolled in the School of Law this fall, died Friday in a car accident on Deerhorn Road.

According to Oregon State Police, Chastain ran a stop sign at Highway 126, and his BMW was struck by a semi truck. His funeral will be held in Bend on Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Bend Oregon Stake Center, 1260 NE Thompson Dr.

Chastain's father, Leroy Chastain of Bend, described his son as "quick-witted" with a "beautiful sense of humor."

"My son was one of my heroes," he said. "I don't know that I could tell you anything bad about Bryan."

Leroy Chastain said his son was devoted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and had served a two-year mission in Taiwan where Bryan Chastain learned to speak, read and write the Chinese language. He had hoped to incorporate his

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## New residence hall site approved

The 'living and learning center,' to be constructed by fall 2006, will allow for more faculty-student interaction

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The University's future students can look forward to a new residence hall that combines living quarters with spaces for academic pursuits.

University President Dave Frohnmayer picked the site of the new "living and learning center" last week, and construction is set to begin in January 2005. The \$27 million hall will

be located on E. 15th Avenue between Earl and Walton Complexes.

Mike Eyster, the assistant vice president of Student Affairs and director of University Housing, said the new center will accommodate up to 400 students at full capacity. Aside from bedrooms, other features slated in the design include classrooms, study spaces, offices and an auditorium.

"I would expect it to have facilities for students to go to class close to where they live," Eyster said, adding that the University wants to create spaces that easily facilitate increased faculty-student interaction.

He said the chosen site is ideal because the

University wants a location that is easy for professors to get to from their offices. In addition, since the building will be used for classes, it needs to be within a 10-minute walking distance from other central parts of campus. The University also considered the Bean Complex parking lot as an alternative site for the living and learning center.

Eyster said there is tremendous educational value in having places where students and faculty can interact informally. The new building will have "touch down" offices — temporary units where faculty can meet with students for academic advising or other activities.

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## A call for equality

Graduate students voice concerns about contract length and wage disparity at a rally on Monday

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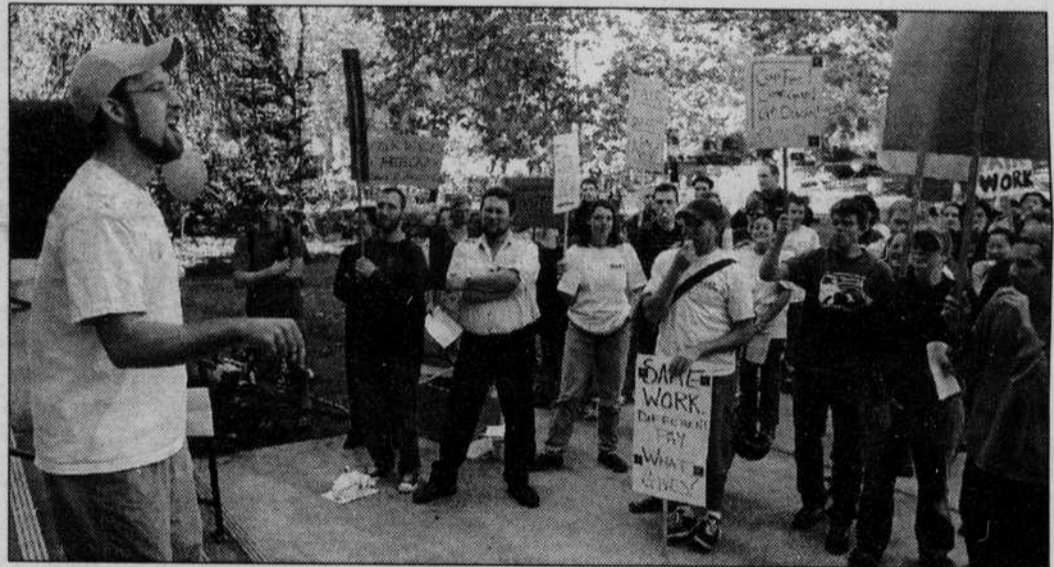
Graduate students rallied in front of Johnson Hall on Monday to advocate for higher wages and greater job security as the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation begins to bargain with the University administration.

The demonstration was part of Campus Equity Week, a nationwide drive for greater equality in salaries between adjunct faculty, graduate teaching fellows and tenure-track faculty.

"The fact is, we're not paid a living wage," GTFF President Chris Goff said.

The graduate students listened to speeches, chanted slogans and marched around campus. Many held signs, including one that said, "I work for UO, therefore I am poor."

ASUO President Maddy Melton spoke in support of the union and said tight budgets are



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GTFF President Chris Goff and other GTFs rallied for higher wages on the steps of Johnson Hall on Monday.

no excuse for low salaries.

"If you can find money to build a new business school, you can find money to pay people properly," Melton said at the rally. "I think you all need to tell the administration that you need to get equitable pay for the work you do."

Goff echoed her statements, say-

ing the University can do more to provide better pay for GTFs.

"We recognize that we're in a budget crisis, and we're not going to get the whole pie," he said. "But there's room for progress to be made."

Many of the complaints concerned a perceived lack of job se-

curity for GTFs. One graduate student was particularly unhappy about term-by-term employment contracts.

"It provides the opportunity for the University to be arbitrary or capricious if you don't get

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## DeFazio discusses decisions of officials, criticizes Bush

The congressman criticizes Bush's policy of pre-emption in his speech on Monday at the Knight Law Center

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Expressing concerns about the growing powers of the president and the diminishing strength of Congress, U.S. Representative Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., spoke to a packed classroom

at the Knight Law Center on Monday night.

DeFazio focused his 45-minute speech on actions President Bush took to pursue a pre-emptive war with Iraq and how Congress did little to restrain the current administration's actions. His speech was sponsored by the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics, an independent organization located at the School of Law.

Speaking to an audience of more than 200 people, DeFazio said Bush has sought to gain enough authority to enact "preventative wars" in

order to stop sensed threats.

"I don't believe that preventative wars like the war in Iraq are justified," DeFazio said. "The threat is not imminent; it is perceived."

DeFazio voted against a Congressional resolution in October 2002 that granted Bush authority to pre-emptively and unilaterally use military force in Iraq. DeFazio said the president can now use that same authority to pre-emptively attack other countries such as Syria and Iran without approval from the United Nations or help from U.S. allies.

DeFazio said the authority to declare war should return to Congress.

"It's critical that Congress reasserts its constitutional authority," he said.

DeFazio said a U.S. policy of pre-emption would cause the world to react accordingly. The congressman said other countries with nuclear arms — such as Russia, India, Pakistan, China and North Korea — have all said they would consider pre-emptive action because of the U.S.

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