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Former coach files grievance against UO

Sally Harmon, a former track and field assistant coach, files a grievance of sexual discrimination against the athletic department

By Jesse Thomas
Sports Reporter

Former Oregon assistant track and field coach Sally Harmon filed a sexual discrimination grievance against the school's Athletic Department on Oct. 10 and has yet to receive a response.



Sally Harmon

Former UO Coach

In her complaint, filed through the State of Oregon, Harmon alleges she was sexually discriminated against in spring 2003 when she was not re-hired for her coaching position after the men's and women's track and field programs merged.

"Throughout my tenure at the University of Oregon I was treated less favorably than my male peers in the terms and conditions of my employment," Harmon, a former All-American at the University, states in her complaint. "Up through the time I was discharged I received less pay and benefits than equally or less qualified, experienced and tenured male counterparts."

Harmon filed only a complaint, not a lawsuit. The Civil Rights Division of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, which is in charge of looking into the complaint, will begin its investigation in December, Harmon said in a phone interview Tuesday.

The next step in the process is for the

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A wintery Wednesday

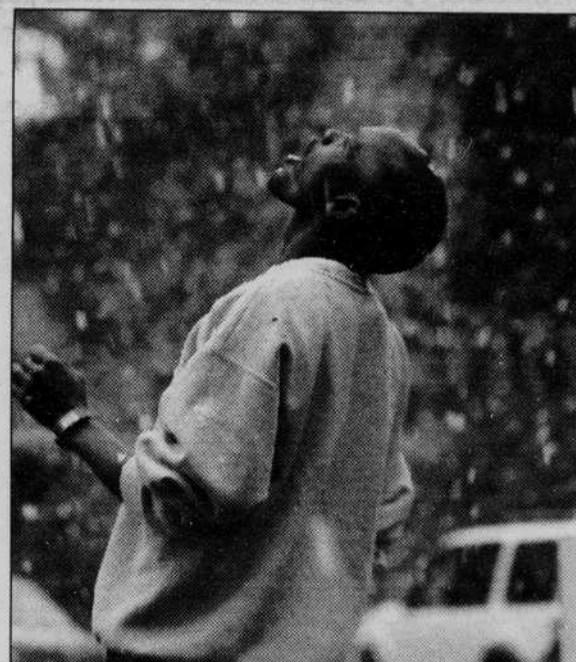


(Bottom right) Senior Vincent Konchellah tries to catch snow in his mouth Wednesday afternoon outside McArthur Court. At 2 p.m., it was 34 degrees outside.

(Bottom left) Sophomores Ryan Jones, Amanda Faught and Ashraf Nomie enjoy a rare snow shower by trying to catch snowflakes in their mouths. Faught is from Southern California and said she has never seen snow before.



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Forum to evaluate PATRIOT Act's effect on libraries

A public education forum will discuss section 215 of the Act, which opens access to library records

By Chuck Slothower
News Reporter

A public education forum at the Springfield Public Library tonight will explore the impact of the USA PATRIOT Act on public libraries. Chris

Cardani, an assistant U.S. attorney and University adjunct professor of law, will present the government's side. David Fidanque, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, will speak about civil liberties concerns. The forum will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the library's Meeting Room.

The PATRIOT Act was introduced in Congress on Oct. 23, 2001 and signed into law by President George W. Bush only three days later. Some commentators have suggested that this hurried

legislative schedule occurred in an atmosphere of immense political pressure to counter the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks with new legal powers.

Among other provisions, the Act gives the government the ability, with a court order, to institute "roving" wiretaps on suspects, to read a suspect's e-mail and to conduct "sneak and peek" searches in which the subject of the search does not have to be notified of the search for up to six months.

Cardani defended the Act, saying its

powers have been "drastically exaggerated in almost an atmosphere of hysteria by groups that oppose the PATRIOT Act." Cardani said the Act "modernizes tools available to law enforcement" and was used to prosecute the "Portland Seven," a group of alleged Taliban supporters who the Justice Department says tried to enter Afghanistan via Pakistan and China to fight American soldiers.

The forum will include discussion of section 215 of the Act, which allows

federal agents who have a court order to demand library records of readers. It also prohibits librarians from telling patrons if federal agents have accessed such information. Section 215 has been highly controversial, with civil liberties and library groups saying it impinges upon the freedom to read.

"Our concern is that it allows the FBI to get access to very private records of individuals held by third

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