

## PATRIOT ACT

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parties without the individual ever knowing that information has been disclosed," Fidanque said.

University librarian Deborah Carver said section 215 risks "undermining the most basic principles of democracy" and library searches constitute an "infringement on what we in libraries call intellectual freedom."

Carver said University libraries

would initially refuse to turn over the requested information until legal counsel could be consulted if they were approached by federal agents carrying a section 215 request.

"That doesn't mean that they can't seize it, necessarily," Carver said.

Cardani said concerns about section 215 are overblown, and U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft disclosed in September that section 215 has never been used.

"The fact that it has not been used in two years proves that the government has been very judicious in how it's used," Cardani said.

Fidanque still had reservations about section 215 despite Ashcroft's disclosure of the previously classified information.

"They could start using it at any time," Fidanque said. "It's existence is having a chilling effect on both religious and political organizations all over the country."

He added that section 215 requires absolute compliance of the searches and lacks any provision for challenging the searches in court.

Leaders of campus political groups have mixed feelings on the Act.

"There was probably a need for it right after 9/11 to be able to make people feel safe and secure," College Republicans Chairman Jarrett White said. "It can be disturbing to let the government have too much power, but I haven't seen it used poorly."

The co-chairman of University College Democrats had some reservations, however.

"We understand that we need to protect the nation's citizens and national security, but at the same time, we need to be reticent about how we do that," Randy Derrick said. "It's possible to fight terrorism without removing our civil liberties."

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## GRIEVANCE

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University to issue a response to Harmon's complaint. University General Counsel Melinda Grier said she hopes an agreement can be reached without having a lawsuit filed.

"A complaint like this is something we take very seriously," Grier said. "What we always hope is that in the course of the process we are able to resolve our differences."

The complaint has become a sensitive issue for those who know Harmon. Former Oregon head track and field coach Tom Heinonen, Athletics Director Bill Moos and senior thrower Mary Etter declined comment on the issue.

Senior Jill Hoxmeier did comment on the issue and said student-athletes have not played a role throughout this

process.

"As much as people think we have a lot to do with it, we really don't," Hoxmeier said. "If Sally feels she was treated unfairly, she has every right to explore that."

Last fall Heinonen announced he would retire in June. In January, Moos announced the merger of the men's and women's track and field programs under the direction of then-head men's coach Martin Smith.

Smith hired Lance Deal, a four-time Olympian in the hammer throw, in August 2002 as the men's volunteer throwing coach. When the programs merged, Smith left the men and women with just one coach for four throwing events. Deal filled that position and Harmon was dismissed.

Harmon was, however, not the only coach to be relieved of duties. Liz

James, former director of operations for the women's program, was "discharged" from her position by Smith, according to Harmon's complaint. That occurred after Harmon's termination.

Mark Stream, the women's assistant coach in jumps, sprints and the heptathlon for the past 26 seasons, chose not to re-apply for his position upon Heinonen's retirement.

The throws coach position became nationally advertised in late February, according to the complaint. About 20 people applied, with Harmon and Smith being the only ones granted interviews.

Harmon states in her complaint that she met with Smith in February, and in asking about coaching the combined programs, "He told me that I was not on his 'short list' for the

throws coach position."

Harmon alleges in her complaint that Smith told her no recruiting would be conducted last season until a coach was hired. However, in April, Deal approached Harmon for a videotape of a student-athlete for a recruiting trip. Deal told her Smith had approved the visit.

Deal also told Harmon, according to her complaint, that in summer 2002 Smith approached him and, "They made me an offer I couldn't refuse."

"This was a done deal when (Deal) was recruited to volunteer coach," Harmon said in a phone interview on Tuesday. "For an accomplished coach who has proven herself to produce national-level contenders year after year in all four throwing events to a coach who has yet to prove that status,

for that person to be selected, it clearly demonstrates a bias."

Harmon had coached at Oregon since 1986. Prior to that, she was a star javelin thrower for the Ducks and became the program's first women's individual national champion in 1981. Harmon spent her post-collegiate career coaching athletes who competed in throwing events.

During her 18 years of coaching at Oregon, Harmon's accomplishments include coaching three NCAA national champions, 18 All-Americans, seven Pac-10 champions and one athlete who became an Olympian.

Harmon has been inducted into the Oregon Hall of Fame twice, both for her athletic and coaching accomplishments.

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## NEWS BRIEF

### Michael Jackson vows to fight against boy's claim of molestation

Pop star Michael Jackson prepared to surrender himself Wednesday on charges that he repeatedly molested a young boy.

Santa Barbara District Attorney Thomas Sneddon called for the entertainer to turn himself in quickly.

"Get over here and get checked in," Sneddon advised as he announced a warrant for Jackson's arrest. He also asked other possible abuse victims to come forward.

In a brief statement, the world-famous entertainer — who admits he

### "Michael would never harm a child in any way. These scurrilous and totally unfounded allegations will be proven false in a courtroom."

Stuart Backerman  
Spokesman for Michael Jackson

has invited children to sleep in his bed — called the accusations "outrageous."

"Michael would never harm a child in any way," said his spokesman, Stuart Backerman. "These scurrilous and totally unfounded allegations will be proven false in a courtroom."

Jackson's accuser is a 12-year-old cancer survivor who says the pop

star lured him to his Neverland Ranch and plied him with wine before abusing him, according to several reports.

Holed up in Las Vegas on a music-video shoot, Jackson made plans to return to Santa Barbara as soon as Thursday — and hired high-profile lawyer Mark Geragos to defend him.

— Jerry Cornfield and Tracy Connor (KRT) and staff reporters

## CORRECTIONS

■ In the story "Sibling rivalry" (ODE, Nov. 19), the courtesy photo accompanying the story was not attributed to a source. Mike Arrington gave the photo to the Emerald. Also, Ethan Firpo was identified as being in the foreground of the photo, but he actually appeared in the background.

■ In the column "Dear Britney" (ODE, Nov. 18), it was stated that Britney Spears was 18 years old when she recorded "... Baby One More Time." She was, in fact, only 17.

■ In the graphic accompanying the story "OSU president earns highest OUS school pay" (ODE, Nov. 18), Southern Oregon University President Elisabeth Zinser was identified as having a car provided by the state. In fact, she has a house provided by the state and a car provided by the SOU Foundation. The Emerald regrets the errors.

## CAMPUS BUZZ

### Friday

Theater showcase, 5 p.m., 101 Villard Hall. A showcase of student playwriting talent, "New Voices" includes three original student plays: "Talking to Strangers" by Matt Chorpenning, "Between the Lines" by Dinae E. Horne and "Need" by L. Maximilian McCall.

### Winter 2004 Classes

**Business**  
BA 410  
CRN: 20718  
2:00 - 3:50 U

**Sciences**  
BI 407  
CRN: 20857  
CH 408  
CRN: 21031  
PHYS 408  
CRN: 23989  
EMS 408  
CRN: 21700  
10:00 - 11:50 H

**CIS**  
CIS 410  
CRN: 21186  
4:00 - 5:50 H

**Envs. Studies**  
ENVS 407  
CRN: 21849  
10:00 - 11:50 F

**English**  
ENG 408  
CRN: 21795  
2:00 - 3:50 H

**All Majors**  
PPPM 410  
CRN: 24039  
4:00 - 5:50 U

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