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Students go abroad despite obstacles

While many countries express anti-American sentiments, the number of Americans studying abroad has increased by 7.6%

By Chuck Slothower
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Increasing tuition and sometimes volatile conditions abroad have not deterred University students from studying in foreign countries. More University students are studying abroad than ever before, according to the Office of International Programs.

The number of University students studying abroad increased 7.6 percent from fall 2002 to fall 2003. This reflects a nationwide rise of 4.4 percent for the 2001-2002 school year, the most recent year for which national statistics are available.

"The University of Oregon is certainly an international university, and with encouragement of faculty and the administration, more and more students are interested in studying abroad," Assistant Director of Overseas Study Programs Cari Vanderkar said. She added that about 15 percent of University students study abroad at some time during their University career.

The 775 students who studied abroad in 2002-2003 were part of a steady

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Lauren Wimer Photographer

UO defensive back Ryan Depalo gives high-fives at Edison Elementary during "Put the Civil Back in Civil War."

Promoting a Civil War

Athletes and cheerleaders from UO and OSU visit a local elementary school to educate kids about sportsmanship

By Andrew Shipley
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Cries of excitement echoed through the halls of Edison Elementary on Thursday as University athletes and cheerleaders visited the school for the annual "Put the Civil Back in Civil War."

The program was founded by Will Keim five years ago in response to escalating violence at col-

legiate sporting events. Now organized by the Greek Life offices of the University and Oregon State, "Put the Civil Back in Civil War" brings athletes and mascots from the two universities to elementary schools in their respective towns to espouse the value of teamwork and sportsmanship.

"It's great to see all the kids so excited; its really amazing," said Duck wide receiver John Esa. Esa added that community involvement is particularly important to him because he grew up in the Eugene public school system.

"I think it's cool for everybody, but it is just that much more rewarding because I think the kids re-

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Access to ASUO deemed deficient

In a survey conducted by the Emerald, ASUO officers were unavailable for scheduled office hours 75 percent of the time

By Jared Paben
News Reporter

ASUO President Maddy Melton, Vice President Eddy Morales and spokeswoman Taraneh Foster were unavailable during their scheduled office hours nearly 75 percent of the time, according to a seven-day analysis conducted by the Emerald.

In the survey, Emerald reporters made phone calls or went to the ASUO office to check once per day for a period of five days whether the individual was available. If officials were not in the office or were unavailable, they were considered "out."

Inquiries were made at random times during each of the listed office hours, which are set by each individual. The analysis was conducted during business days between Nov. 11 and Nov. 19.

As elected officials, Melton and Morales are accountable to their student constituents, Foster said. Accordingly, they try to make themselves readily available, but because their schedules are "packed" with meetings, they occasionally fail to be accessible.

Of the three, Melton was available most often. She was in her office during three

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Faculty recall Kennedy's assassination, life

Forty years later, John F. Kennedy's legacy and "mystique" live on

By Ayisha Yahya
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On Nov. 22, 1963, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy succumbed to an assassin's bullet in Dallas, Texas. As Kennedy's motorcade wove past hundreds of supporters, Lee Harvey Oswald shot the president, and the country came to a standstill as the youngest president ever to be elected died in a hospital a few minutes later.

Forty years later, some people still vividly remember that historical day and the man who is one of America's most memorable leaders.

Journalism Professor Emeritus Kenneth Metzler remembers he was walking in a hallway in Allen Hall when he heard a student make a flippant remark

about how people couldn't push Kennedy around

anymore because he was dead. Metzler said he rushed over to the Emerald office — which at the time was on the third floor of the building — where the staff was huddled around the AP teletype listening to the news.

"The first reports were coming in," he said. The reports said Kennedy had been shot in the head.

Everyone was shocked, Metzler said. After hearing the news, one professor kept saying, "Oh my God, oh my God, that's terrible."

One of Metzler's most vivid memories is when his 5-year-old daughter asked him about four days later, "When will people be happy again?"

"(Kennedy) was extraordinary and charismatic," Metzler said. "I was just entranced by him ... He reminded me a little of Bill Clinton."

Political Science Professor Emeritus James Klonoski said he was on his way to class when another professor told him the news.

"I didn't stop in horror," he said. "(But) since I was a Democrat, it was hard to take." He said, despite the harsh news, he proceeded to his class and tried to get through the day.

The shock was evident in other parts of the

country, too.

University History Professor Daniel Pope was a college sophomore in Pennsylvania when Kennedy died. He said he had a "delayed reaction" to the assassination, but many people were just stunned.

"In terms of immediate shock and horror, it was almost unduplicated," Pope said, adding that he can't think of anything in his lifetime other than the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks that had the same psychological effect.

At the University of Montana, University Assistant Adjunct Professor Dean Rea was standing in a classroom near a wire service machine when the first news bulletin reported that Kennedy had been shot.

"I was shocked and saddened but, as a former newspaper reporter, realized that this incident would develop into one of the great news stories of our times," Rea said in an e-mail interview. He said he had admired the way Kennedy kindled a sense of hope among people with bold initiatives like the Peace Corps and civil rights.

Elected at 43 years of age, Kennedy took office

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