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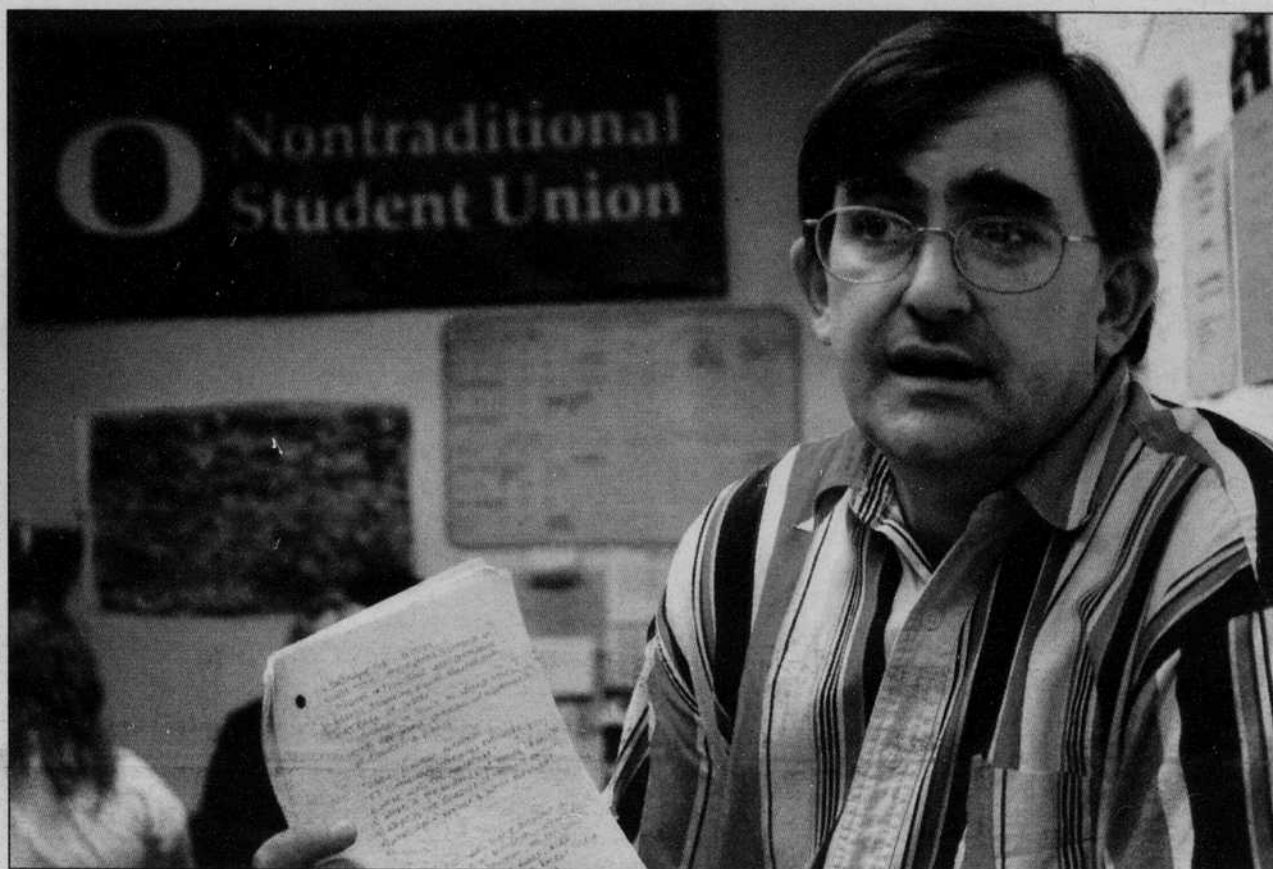
ENABLED LEARNING

A sound success

Rick King, a returning legally deaf student, makes an impact and maintains his sense of humor

Psychology major Rick King discusses his geology notes in the Nontraditional Student Union Tuesday morning. King has a hearing impairment, so notes and extra assistance help him to better grasp class material. King attributes his hearing loss to being in the military and working as a commercial fisherman.

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Tuesday: Freshman biology major Meghan Briggs, who is studying to be a genetic counselor, uses various tools to accommodate her blindness.

Wednesday: Living with spina bifida doesn't keep freshman Eli Ettinger from competing in wheelchair racing.

Today: Psychology major Rick King, 47, is legally deaf but returned to college last year after more than 20 years.

Friday: Jessica Wyant, a student with attention-deficit disorder, dyslexia and auditory discrimination, receives tutoring from other University students.

By Ayisha Yahya
News Editor

When Rick King sits in a classroom, he hopes he'll be able to hear the teacher in front of him. Ambient noise, students' chatter or bad acoustics all have the potential to make the task harder for King, who is legally deaf.

"The challenges around can be really frustrating," he said.

The 47-year-old psychology major, who returned to the University last fall after more than 20 years, said he has

complete hearing loss in one ear and about 65 percent loss in the other. King damaged his hearing when he was in the military, and his hearing worsened later when he became a commercial fisherman.

Whether he can hear successfully in his classes depends on whether the facilities and professors are "user-friendly," he said. Some classrooms have terrible acoustics. And if the professor moves around a lot or doesn't speak clearly, it is more difficult to hear, he said.

"When you get in a large classroom it's

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University may face GTFF-filed grievances

The GTFF claims the practice of hiring undergraduates for positions traditionally filled by GTFs is breach of contract

By Moriah Balingit
News Reporter

The Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation is planning to file up to five grievances against the University to address the practice of hiring undergraduates for positions traditionally filled by GTFs, which the GTFF claims is a violation of its Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The conflict stems partially from differing interpretations of Article 17, Section 4 of the contract, which states if an undergraduate is to fill a position "appropriate for GTFs," the position must provide "appropriate educational opportunities." The GTFF and the University differ on which positions offer such opportunities.

The GTFF, in their negotiations with the University, proposed to clarify the language of the disputed section to remove any ambiguity. But at a bargaining session on May 14, the GTFF conceded this demand, seeking instead to rectify the situation through the grievance process.

The GTFF began its investigation when it asked the University to provide the names of departments that are using undergraduate labor. GTFF negotiator David Cecil disclosed that five such departments — the mathematics, biology, chemistry, English and architecture departments — have all been found to use the controversial hiring practice.

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Students help take on 'heart of campus' redesign

The intersection of East 13th Avenue and University Street will undergo a long-planned makeover this summer

By Lisa Catto
News Reporter

University students returning in the fall may not recognize the kiosk area at the corner of East 13th Avenue and University Street. The University Planning Office and a University architecture class have been working to redesign the "heart of campus."

For several years, various campus departments have brainstormed ways to improve this busy campus intersection. Some of those possible changes include a traffic turnaround on University Street near the EMU, a new kiosk on the corner of East 13th Avenue and

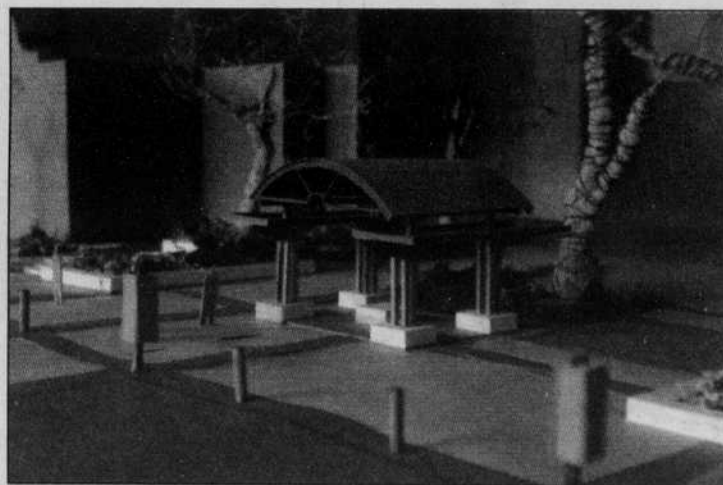
University Street and improvements to that area, and an expansion of the EMU's visitor parking lot.

Currently, the University has funding to build the new kiosk and revamp the surrounding area but is still working to fund the turnaround and parking lot expansion.

University Planning Office Planning Associate Dorene Steggell wrote in an e-mail that the University received a donation in 2000 to create the University Street Axis Framework Study, a study of potential changes to the area spanning University Street from East 18th Avenue to Lawrence Hall.

"The intersection of 13th Avenue and University Street was envisioned as the heart of campus, a space to be celebrated," Steggell wrote. "A major aspect of the concept is to make the place more pedestrian friendly, to be accomplished by giving the space a

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A model shows what part of the proposed "heart of campus" at East 13th Avenue and University Street could look like after it is completed this summer.

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