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Professors shed light on Orange Revolution

A panel discussed Ukraine's recent revolution and its effects on democracy Monday night

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A poisoned presidential candidate and reports of widespread election fraud in Ukraine led to a citizen revolution, which professors described on Monday night as a complex event that can serve as a tool for the spread of democracy in Europe.

Visiting law professors Andriy Andrushevych, Natalia Andrushevych, Zoryana Kozak and Svitlana Kravchenko, University political science professor Mikhail Myagkov and 1975 University graduate and Eugene attorney Michael Goldstein spoke to about 50 people in the Knight Law Center explaining the situation surrounding the revolution and describing its impact on Europe and North America.

"Our people were tired of corruptive government," Kravchenko said.

The revolution — hailed as the Orange Revolution in reference to current President Viktor Yushchenko's use of the color in his campaign — happened during the weeks following Ukraine's November presidential election.

Yushchenko, who gained a reputation as the candidate in favor of western democracy, was declared the winner by the Ukraine Supreme Court after three rounds of voting and a bizarre poisoning that left his face deformed with pockmarks and cysts.

The then-serving Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich had originally been declared the winner by a razor-thin margin, only to have his victory overturned by the Supreme Court after hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians flooded the streets in protest.

"People organized this revolution all over," Kozak said. "Everyone tried to do something, which helped to build and create our idea."

The revolution was primarily started by university students who took to the streets in protest of the widespread fraud and corruption that characterized the election, Kozak said.

Andriy Andrushevych was at the protests in Kiev, Ukraine's Independence Square, and said the tone was non-violent, characterized by a natural, happy confidence.

"You see smiling people and happy people and that's exactly how it felt," Andrushevych said, emphasizing there was no hint of animosity and no sign things could get out of hand.

"People were not even drinking beer," Andrushevych said with a laugh.

The protest in Independence Square lasted 17 days and served as a force of unity for the nearly one million people who came out for the protest, Andrushevych said. Restaurants in the area provided free food and shelter for the protesters, who Andrushevych said were in the square for more than 10 hours every day.

Music was also a uniting force for the revolution, and live music was played at the protests to keep people moving and lively, Andrushevych said.

The professors discussed the aftermath of the revolution and its effects on surrounding countries so far and what they may be in the future.

Kravchenko said the European Union's and the United States' role in the election outcome has been questioned, and some European government leaders are examining the revolution out of fear that it could happen in their own countries.

Also discussed was the revolution's effects

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UO halfway to \$600 million goal

After four years, Campaign Oregon is exiting its 'silent phase' with \$300 million in donations

BY JARED PABEN
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The University is halfway to raising more money than any other fundraising campaign in Oregon's history, University President Dave Frohnmayer announced in a press conference Monday.

With a slew of recent million-dollar gifts from current and new donors, Campaign Oregon, the University's seven-year fundraising campaign, has

reached \$300 million, halfway to the most ambitious fundraising goal in state history.

Frohnmayer made the announcement at the University's newly re-opened Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, which was renovated and expanded with more than \$7 million in private donations.

"The silent part of the University of Oregon's campaign is no longer silent," Frohnmayer said.

"We are at \$300 million and counting higher by the minute."

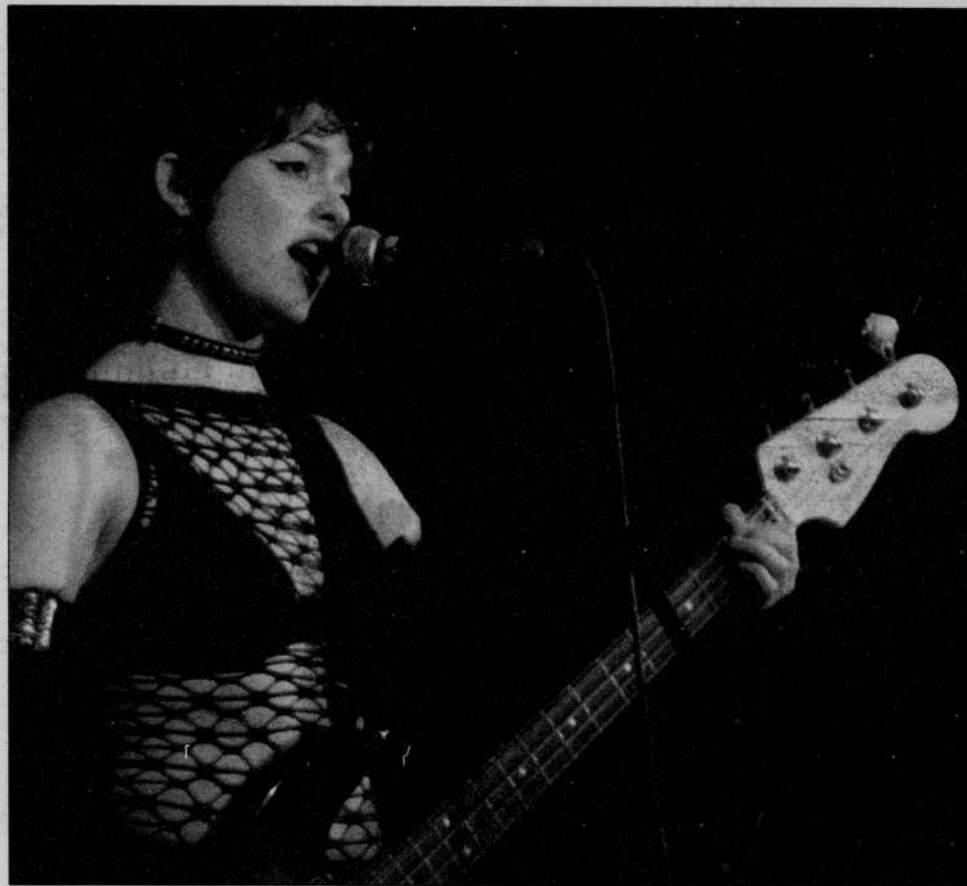
Patrick Kilkenny of San Diego, Calif., gave \$5 million to support programs in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics; an anonymous donor gave \$4 million for the creation of the Society of College Scholars; the estate of Laura and James Baker gave \$3.6 million to create an endowment for open use by the University Foundation; and Julie A. and Keith L. Thomson of Portland gave \$2.3 million for the College of Education building project and for scholarships at the school. Four other donations

brought the total of recent donations to just shy of \$20 million.

"I think it means a direct impact on the quality of the education experience that (students) have here," Frohnmayer said in an interview after his speech. "It's about what the University does as a community, and certainly the scholarship component is very big. We want to make sure that we keep Oregon students home in Oregon and recognize that they can get a really high-quality education here. They don't have to spend more or go farther

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FASHION FO'PAWS



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Left: Dori Prange of The Ovulators kicked off "Fashion Fo'Paws," an event to raise money for Lane County Animal Regulation Authority. The event was sponsored by the nonprofit organization Puptent, run by a group of University students. Right: Brandi Frederick was responsible for organizing most of the modeling for the show held on Monday evening in the EMU Ballroom. She also choreographed three of the show's dances.

Indonesian students share food, culture

Funds raised at Indonesia Night on Saturday were donated to the Red Cross for tsunami relief

BY AMANDA BOLSINGER
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Filling the EMU Ballroom on Saturday, University community members feasted on traditional dishes and played trivia games for prizes during the Indonesian Student Association's annual Indonesia Night.

An opportunity for Indonesian students to share their culture with others, the event was also a fundraiser for tsunami relief.

This year's Indonesia Night was organized by senior Deny Unardi and other members of the association.

"No one thinks we can pull this off," Unardi said. "Ten or 12 students worked with me to plan a really fun night."

Unardi booked Portland band Jem & Dawalk to provide live entertainment for

the event.

Group members and other volunteers spent Friday and Saturday cooking several Indonesian dishes. The students cooked a beef stew, called beef rendang, as well as a variety of meat and vegetarian dishes, and dessert. Although Indonesian dishes typically aren't spicy, many are flavored with curry.

"I helped with the cooking and I'm done," senior Andreas Subekti said. "Now I want to taste the food."

All of the dishes served were traditional items from different places in Indonesia.

As the culinary smells wafted through the ballroom, Unardi began the evening with a moment of silence in memory of tsunami victims. Unardi and other students then sang along with the Indonesian national anthem.

Posters on the far wall of the ballroom detailed different locales in Indonesia. Throughout the night, the group offered prizes for the first person to answer trivia questions about Indonesia. The prizes included native headwear

FAST FACTS: INDONESIA

Location: Indonesia encompasses Southeastern Asia and the 17,508-island archipelago between the Indian and Pacific oceans; 6,000 of the islands are inhabited. Its total area is slightly less than three times the size of Texas.

Population: 238,452,952

Capital: Jakarta

Government type: Republic

Main ethnic groups: Javanese (45 percent) and Sudanese (14 percent)

Main religion: Muslim (88 percent)

Agricultural products: Rice, peanuts, rubber, cocoa, coffee

source: www.cia.gov

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