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High: 67 Low: 46 Precip: 10%	High: 65 Low: 43 Precip: 50%	High: 69 Low: 42 Precip: 10%

IN BRIEF

Knight Library begins extended hours today

Students, faculty and staff will have extra hours to study and research at the Knight Library starting today. The library will be open around the clock until 7 p.m. Friday, March 18. Patrons who use the facility during the extended hours will be required to show their University ID to enter or remain in the building.

Extended hours run from midnight to 8 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Friday to 11 a.m. Saturday; and 7 p.m. Saturday to 11 a.m. Sunday.

All other University branch libraries will maintain regular hours.

While patrons will be able to use photocopy machines and the Information Technology Center computers and printers during the extended hours, checkout of library materials, reserves and video, and reference assistance will be unavailable.

— Ayisha Yahya

Fraternity to smash car for fundraising campaign

The Delta Sigma Phi fraternity will be holding its first annual car smashing today on East 13th Avenue near Johnson Hall to raise money for the SMART Reading Program.

The event, which lasts from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., will include a raffle with gift certificates for food at local businesses. One swing at a car costs \$2 and includes a raffle ticket. Two swings costs \$5.

According to a press release from Delta Sigma Phi, the fraternity raised \$2,800 for the SMART Reading Program last year in a different philanthropy event.

— Jared Paben

No charges in death of OSU football player

OREGON CITY — No one will face criminal charges in the death of an Oregon State University football player who was killed in a road rage incident last summer, a Clackamas County grand jury decided Monday.

Justin Williams, 19, a redshirt freshman cornerback, was a passenger in a pickup that was hit by another vehicle

on Interstate 5 about 20 miles south of Portland after a confrontation with the driver of the other car, police said at the time.

Williams, of Los Banos, Calif., was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

Jurors in Clackamas County have been reviewing evidence in the case and hearing testimony for the past two weeks.

"The grand jury deliberated and decided there was not sufficient evidence to find either driver criminally liable in this case," Clackamas County Deputy District Attorney Brian Brock said.

The pickup was driven by Williams' uncle, 40-year-old Michael Keyes of Harrisburg, Ore., a former football player at Oregon State. Keyes and Jason Williams, Justin's brother, were taken to Portland-area hospitals with minor injuries after the accident.

Timothy Senske, 27, the driver of the other vehicle, and his passenger, Sonjulaine Jurasz, 34, were uninjured.

Williams, who majored in business management, was expected to compete for playing time this fall. He was listed third on the depth chart at right cornerback at the start of spring practice.

Williams lettered and started three years at wide receiver and cornerback for the Los Banos High School Tigers, and was the team's most valuable player during his senior year.

Court to issue ruling on state pension plan

SALEM — The Oregon Supreme Court will issue an eagerly awaited ruling today on the legality of the Legislature's cost-cutting reforms to the public employees' pension plan.

The changes pared back payouts for the state's 300,000 active and retired government workers, including teachers.

The implications of the court's decision are huge both for public employees and for state and local governments that pay into the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System.

The 2003 Legislature passed the reforms at the urging of Democratic Gov. Ted Kulongoski, who said the changes were needed to avert a deficit once estimated to be as high as \$17 billion.




But union officials who filed the lawsuit challenging the PERS reforms contended the changes were unconstitutional because they violated workers' contract rights.

Further, union officials said the legislative changes could reduce public employees' pensions by as much as one-third for employees in mid-career.

— The Associated Press


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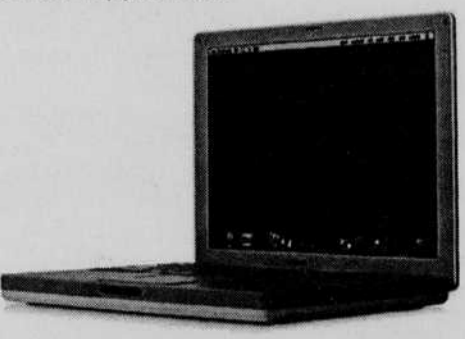


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