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IN BRIEF

University a capella group Divisi wins regionals

University women's student vocal ensemble Divisi won first place at the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella West Regional Finals at Stanford University this past

weekend. In addition to scoring 86 points above the nearest of their seven competitors, Divisi also won awards for outstanding choreography and outstanding solo by Eynne Smith for Joni Mitchell's "Woodstock."

"We've never given a better performance ever," Divisi member Katie Hopkins said. Hopkins added that the group enjoyed a strong fan base at the Stanford show, including parents, On The Rocks members, and friends. On The Rocks is the male student vocal ensemble at the University.

"It kind of felt like a home crowd when we were singing," Hopkins said.

Divisi will compete in the ICCA finals at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York City on April 30, where the six North

American regional champions and the winners of a cappella tournaments from other countries will vie for the title of 2005 International Champion, according to the ICCA Web site. Divisi will perform the same set of songs it performed at divisionals in Eugene and at Stanford: "Broken Glass" by Annie Lennox, "Yeah!" by Usher, and "Woodstock." Hopkins said Divisi's transportation costs will be covered by ICCA and by proceeds from Divisi concerts and CD sales.

Divisi and On The Rocks perform every Friday at 4 p.m. in the EMU Amphitheater. The groups will present their last show of the term on Friday, March 11 and will resume during week one of spring term.

— Eva Sylwester

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UO Cultural Forum



Saturday, March 12

Oneida, Kinski & Black Mountain

Kinski, from Seattle, walks the margins of avant-rock with nods to Krautrock and a penchant for noisy psychedelia.

Oneida brings their flavor of Brooklyn electro-psychedelia-rock with a twist: they like to have a good time.

Black Mountain, from Vancouver, BC, brings their vein of classic rock: think of a cross between KYUSS and the Rolling Stones—except groovier.

This show is not one to miss!

Agate Hall (18th & Agate), 7:30 pm

Tickets \$6 Students & \$8 General at door



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University Senate supports effort to restructure athletics

The resolution aims to hold athletes accountable for academic integrity and their course selections

BY MEGHANN M. CUNIFF
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The University Senate endorsed a resolution at its monthly meeting Wednesday from the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics that outlined proposals and guidelines aimed at aiding in the nationwide reform of collegiate athletics.

University English professor Jim Earl, co-founder of COIA, said the resolution took years to draft and

has been approved by NCAA members. The goal of the resolution is to stimulate a national dialogue concerning the academic integrity behind intercollegiate athletics, not to minimize or cut athletics in any way, Earl said.

"This is by no means some crackpot faculty scheme," Earl said.

University senators expressed concern that the senate was only able to vote on the resolution as a whole

rather than examine and vote on its specific points, something Intercollegiate Athletics Committee chair Jim Isenberg said was the committee's main worry when it examined the document at its March 2 meeting. Isenberg said committee members supported the resolution's overall intention of improving the academic integrity of intercollegiate athletics but wanted more power over the specific points.

Isenberg said the resolution includes three specific NCAA requirements that include collecting data on the academic achievements of

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Buras: UO might still award his degree

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there, which basically means they were someplace they weren't supposed to be."

Buras, who was studying non-profit administration, transferred to the University last year after working with non-profit organizations in Chicago and Oakland, Calif. He is remembered by students and faculty for his contagious enthusiasm, laughter and dedication to social issues.

"He's the kind of student that I saved stuff for," said Renee Irvin, an assistant professor in the PPPM department. "I would see something and think 'Oh, Tim would be interested in this.' He found everything interesting, he was a really fun student."

Buras was planning to graduate in spring and wanted to pursue a career

working for non-profit organizations.

"Knowing Tim is like being a sports fan," Irvin said. "Looking forward to watching his career trajectory, you just knew he would be doing amazing things for the world because he already is."

PPPM assistant professor Richard Margerum teaches a senior capstone class in which Buras was enrolled. During Monday's class, Margerum dropped the class discussion to allow students to talk about Buras.

"There are a lot of really nice memories," Margerum said. "Students mentioned his enthusiasm and his laughter and that he was very dedicated to social issues."

"He is a wonderful young man and an excellent student," PPPM Department Head Jean Stockard said. "He

got along very well with both faculty and fellow students. He's very dedicated to trying to help other people."

Buras may be awarded his degree posthumously. The Office of the Registrar makes the decision and there is a stringent set of guidelines and criteria for awarding the degree.

"I don't know the process, but we would like to pursue (the degree)," Margerum said. "If it's up to us as a department we will certainly acknowledge his work."

There will be a memorial service on campus for Buras during the first week of spring term. A member of the Buras family will attend the service.

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