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## BACK ON TRACK

*The site selection committee chose Eugene to host the 2008 Olympic Track and Field Trials*

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Add another chapter to Hayward Field's storied history: the 2008 Olympic Track and Field Trials.

The USA Track & Field site selection committee chose Eugene over 2000 and 2004 host Sacramento late Friday night. The trials take place from June 27 through July 6, 2008 and determine which United States track and field athletes will compete at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

This will be Hayward's fourth time hosting the trials, the last being in 1980.

"We are ecstatic yet humbled by this tremendous opportunity," Oregon Track Club President Greg Erwin, a former University

distance runner, said in a news release.

The Oregon Track Club submitted the bid for the trials with the help of Northwest Event Management and the University Athletics Department.

USA Track & Field estimates the event will bring more than 1,000 athletes, 500 coaches, 1,000 media representatives and \$20 million to the Eugene area.

"It's certainly an effort — needless to say — that's going to be more widespread than the

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## Fictitious researcher harasses students

*The Department of Psychology has altered its research methods to thwart a fraudulent caller*

BY EVA SYLWESTER  
SENIOR NEWS REPORTER

In the last two weeks, five University students have reported receiving phone calls from someone impersonating a psychological researcher, causing the psychology department to implement new procedures for its researchers who contact study participants by telephone.

Under the new procedures, if a researcher wants to contact a prospective study participant by phone, he or she must e-mail the student one day in advance. These e-mail messages contain experiment protocol numbers, which callers must be prepared to verify. The numbers can also be verified at the psychology department office in 131 Straub Hall.

"We took it pretty seriously," said acting psychology department head Lou Moses. "We wanted to set some procedures in place that would help students distinguish between the real and the phony ones."

While details vary in the five student reports, Human Subjects Coordinator Lisa Cromer said common tricks of the "mystery caller" include keeping people on the line for up to 40 minutes,

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## Constitution Court will review RRC

*Recognition Review Committee's inspection of student groups' loyalty to policies under scrutiny*

BY NICHOLAS WILBUR  
NEWS REPORTER

Student government's Recognition Review Committee, which ensures student programs meet ASUO and University standards, is facing a review by the Constitution Court that will decide whether the new committee is constitutional.

The new committee is generating praise from some student groups while also raising questions about the committee's power and legality from others.

RRC will decide whether student groups' mission and goal statements meet standards and whether those groups are following those statements. Approved groups are allowed entrance into the Programs Finance Committee hearings, where incidental fees are allocated.

Charlotte Nisser, general manager of campus radio station KWVA and Constitution Court justice, said last week that the court is reviewing and discussing the duties and procedures of the Recognition Review Committee. The court has the authority to review the committee because the Green Tape Notebook, a book of rules and guidelines for student government, requires that it approves new policies, she said.

The committee must be ap-

proved before it can make a decision.

"I can tell you there will be a decision in the next week," she said.

David Goward, programs administrator and chairman of the ASUO's RRC, circulated a memo at Friday's Programs Council meeting with "important clarifications and explanations" about the new committee. The memo was mainly in response to student groups' concerns about losing funding through the RRC process.

Last year, PFC, which will continue to review mission and goals statements after RRC, twice attempted to defund the Oregon Commentator, a libertarian opinion journal, by denying its mission and goals. Some PFC members felt the journal propagated hate speech and wasn't advantageous to students or University diversity.

Goward's memo stated that RRC does not decide which programs are "worthy of funding"; it only decides whether a program is "worthy of ASUO recognition."

Programs that aren't recognized can't receive funding.

"We can unrecognize a group, which means they aren't eligible to go through the PFC process, and if they cannot go through the

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## Measure addresses complaints on police

*A special election will decide whether an outside auditor is needed to review claims*

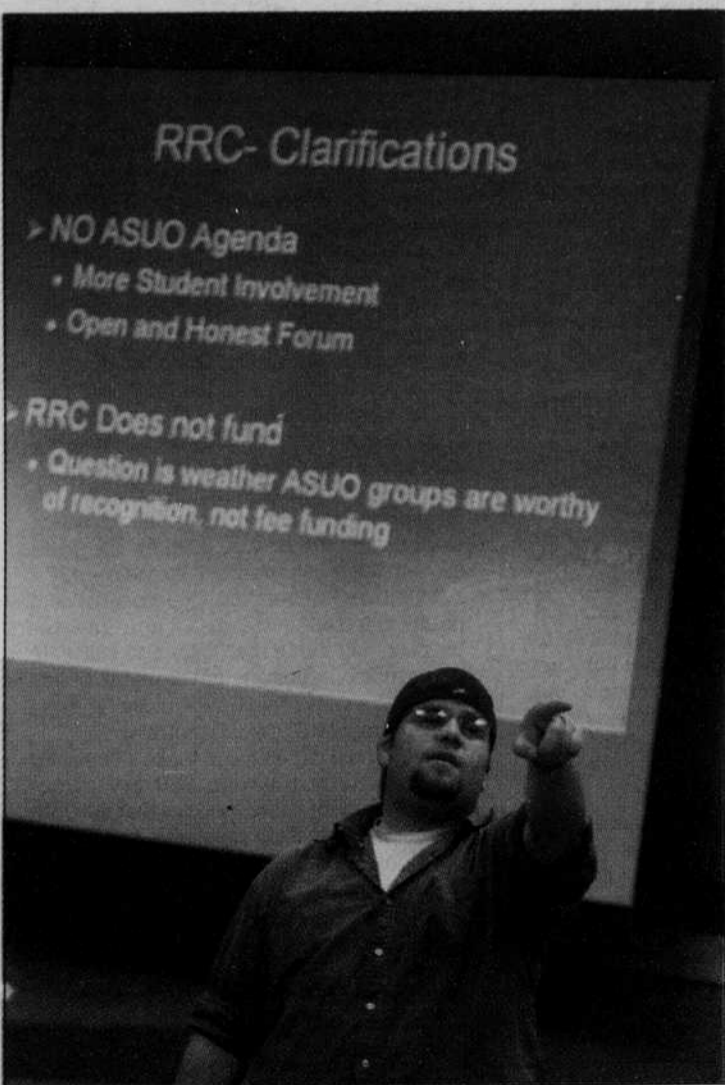
BY CHRIS HAGAN  
NEWS REPORTER

The City of Eugene will mail voters' pamphlets today for a special election that could allow an independent auditor to evaluate complaints against the Eugene Police Department.

The measure is the result of recommendations made to the council by the Eugene Police Commission. The commission spent 15 months studying the police department after police officers Roger Eugene Magaña and Juan Francisco Lara were arrested for sexually abusing more than a dozen women. The two were convicted in 2004.

Measure 20-106 would amend the city charter so that the city council appoints an auditor and a civilian review board of no more than seven to oversee the police department's response to complaints. The civilian review board would monitor the auditor and review closed cases. It would also have the ability to

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At the Programs Council meeting, David Goward, the Recognition Review Committee chairman, answers questions about how the new organization will affect student groups.