

USA Today added up Bellotti's compensation as \$1.1 million in salary, plus \$155,000 in "other income" and \$368,000 in maximum bonuses in a November article on million dollar coaches. Bellotti's salary figure apparently includes a percentage cut of ticket revenue, which brought in \$631,000 last season, the paper reported.

The paper published coaches' contracts from other universities, but the UO was one of five such public institutions in the nation which refused to supply the document, in apparent violation of the Oregon Public Records Law.

Bellotti's big paycheck ranks him 26th in the nation and fourth in the Pac-10, according to *USA Today*. Bellotti's salary is 10 times what Gov. Ted Kulongoski earns, making him the highest paid public employee in Oregon. The football coach's salary is about 20 to 30 times what many UO faculty earn after years of study and experience and a Ph.D.

Bellotti is not the only UO sports figure making the big bucks. UO Athletic Director Bill Moos just got pushed out with a \$2 million golden parachute.

In a Jan. 14 op-ed in *The Register-Guard*, 92 senior UO faculty signed on to a statement calling the "lavish" athletic spending a "deeply troubling" indication that university officials were putting athletics over financially struggling academics. They pointed to \$140,000 spent in one weekend on recruiting

a few football players and a \$4 million learning center solely for athletes, "many of whom do not meet admission requirements."

The faculty called on the UO Athletic Department to direct donors to academics first and to share some of its huge budget with the academic mission of the university, like at other institutions. But the administration refused. The professors asked, "What's more important at the university, better education or better games?" — Alan Pittman

GREEN SKIING?

Ski resorts look greener these days — and not just because the snow's melting. Global warming's threat has prompted many resorts to adopt sustainable practices such as extensive recycling programs and wind-powered ski lifts.

In 2000, the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) adopted its industry's environmental charter, "Sustainable Slopes," which emphasized green building, water quality and clean energy. Today, 75 percent of U.S. ski resorts, including Willamette Pass, have endorsed the charter, according to NSAA's 2006 Annual Report.

But back in 2000, conservation group Colorado Wild felt the charter failed to address wildlife and land preservation issues. In

response, they created the Ski Area Citizens Coalition (SACC) and developed an annual environmental scorecard, which ranks the green practices of Western U.S. resorts.

SACC's research director, Ben Doon, says the scorecard's criteria focus on resource preservation and mitigation, like using renewable energy. Resorts get points based on the rigor of their eco-policies. But Doon adds the



HAPPENIN' Biz



CLARK TIPPEN AND JACOB FRANKFORT OF GREEN EYE AUTO SALES

"I don't care if people buy our cars or not," says Clark Tippen of Green Eye Auto Sales. "I want them to burn a biofuel. We offer cars that are compatible." An Elmira High School grad, Tippen got into buying and selling cars when he was a "soul-searching surfer" in Hawaii. "I bought my first Mercedes diesel in '96," he recalls. Returning to Oregon in 2000, Tippen met finish carpenter and fellow parent Jacob Frankfort at the Eugene Waldorf School. They became friends and went into business together, as carpenters and also selling cars, mostly Mercedes diesels. "The carpentry side got smaller as this side got bigger," says Frankfort, and last year the pair opened the Green Eye Auto Sales lot at 295 River Road. "We did our last cabinet job a year ago," he says. In addition to cars, Green Eye offers diesel conversion kits, the Brazilian-made Full Flex computer that allows gas engines to burn E85 (85 percent ethanol) fuel, and workshops on home-brewed biodiesel. Learn more about Green Eye at the Good Earth Show Jan. 26-28 at the Lane County Fairgrounds or online at greeneyeautos.com — Paul Neevel

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The City of Eugene is now accepting applications for the newly created Civilian Review Board. The Civilian Review Board has been established to review completed complaint investigations involving sworn police employees, and to provide comment about whether the complaint was handled fairly and with due diligence. This important advisory board will work closely with the Police Auditor, to increase transparency and accountability in local government. The members of this new board will also develop standards and protocol to guide future operations of the Civilian Review Board.



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