

DAILY

Eugene Symphonic Band plays in the park

8 The Eugene Symphonic Band will play two fun concerts in Washburne Park this summer. The Band features a mix of professional musicians and music hobbyists.

6 Matt Sevits schools young Hollywood about why actors should avoid making babies if they want to make more movies and have a successful career.

Online

Will Heath Ledger's last film live up to the hype? Be sure to check out dailyemerald.com/pulse tomorrow for our review of the latest Batman installment, "The Dark Knight."



GO GONZO

A new documentary looks at the life of famed writer Hunter S. Thompson

**“GONZO: THE
LIFE AND WORK
OF DR. HUNTER S.
THOMPSON”**

What: A documentary about the late journalist and author of "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," Hunter S. Thompson

When: The film opens tomorrow and will show at 5, 7:30 and 9:55 p.m. daily. Weekend matinees start at 2:30 p.m.

Where: Bijou Art Cinemas, 492 East 13th St., for more information call 541-686-2458

TIFFANY REAGAN | PULSE EDITOR

Hunter S. Thompson was not the visionary that liberals claimed him to be nor the lunatic that conservatives titled him — he was all of those things and more.

Thompson's outrageous yet impactful life has been chronicled in the new film "Gonzo: the Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson."

The two-hour documentary, directed by Alex Gibney and narrated by Johnny Depp, is as fast-paced and chaotic as

Thompson's life.

It truly feels like a glimpse into Thompson's brain, utilizing home videos, old pictures, and illustrations by Gonzo artist Ralph Steadman to help the viewer understand the man behind the typewriter.

From classic black-and-white footage of Thompson's appearance on the game show "To Tell the Truth" to home videos, taken by his second wife, of him clunking away at a typewriter, the documentary presents several sides of the counter-culture icon.

TURN TO GONZO | PAGE 6

THE YEAR IN OREGON SPORTS

BY THE EMERALD SPORTS DESK



The men's cross country team won Oregon's first NCAA team title in 20 years. The Ducks' top five runners all earned All-American honors in defeating Iona 85 points to 103.

TEAM OF THE YEAR: MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Winning Oregon's first team national championship in 20 years is a sure-fire way of getting named the Emerald's 2007-08 team of the year. The men's cross country team went through the season undefeated and was ranked number one most of the season.

The Ducks, led by juniors Galen Rupp and Shadrack Kiptoo-Biwott, repeated as Pac-10 and West Region champions. They dominated the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute, Ind., from start to finish, scoring 85 points to defeat Iona (103) and Oklahoma State (180).

All five scorers — Rupp, Kiptoo-Biwott, Diego Mercado, Kenny Klotz and Daniel Mercado — earned All-American honors, the most in the program's history. The championship was the University's first since the women's cross country team won in 1987.



JAROD OPPERMAN|Photo Editor

Gorana Maricic emerged as one of the best players in the Pac-10 for the Oregon volleyball team last fall.

WOMEN'S MVP GORANA MARICIC

Few outside of Oregon volleyball coach Jim Moore knew how good Maricic was when the season started, but by seasons end it was clear the 6-foot-3 outside hitter was one of the top performers in the Pac-10 Conference. The soft-spoken Maricic, who seldom liked to draw attention to herself, grabbed the spotlight with her powerful swing and large impact on Oregon's matches. She topped Oregon with 616 kills — more than 200 past the next closest teammate in Sonja Newcombe, who had 397. Maricic led the Pac-10 — the country's top volleyball conference — with 6.07 points and 5.5 kills per game. For her efforts, Maricic became the second player in Oregon history to earn All-American honors with Sue Harbour being the other in 1984. Maricic was also named to the All-Pac-10 Team. Maricic set multiple Oregon single-season records. She accumulated 679.5 total points, 5.5 kills per game and 6.07 points per game.



CHRISTIN PALAZZOLO|Photographer

The men's basketball team finished its season 18-14 (9-9 Pac-10 Conference). The Ducks lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament to Mississippi State.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT MEN'S BASKETBALL

Few really expected the Ducks to return to the Elite Eight after losing Aaron Brooks, but people expected more from a team that returned four starters from its deep NCAA tournament run. The up-and-down season wore on Oregon fans, who saw the Ducks' ability to compete with the Pac-10's best teams but continued to flounder when the game was on the line in the final few minutes. If it were nearly any

other year, the season would be considered a mild success, but the expectation weighted on the shoulders of Malik Hairston, Bryce Taylor and Maarty Leunen demanded more. While there were numerous reasons for the underwhelming season: no real point guard, spotty defense and a lack of senior leadership/aggressiveness, the real reason was no one could offset Brooks' departure.



JAROD OPPERMAN|Photo Editor

Jonathan Stewart rushed for more than 250 yards in a game twice in 2007, once against the Huskies and then in the Sun Bowl.

BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE JONATHAN STEWART, SUN BOWL

Jonathan Stewart had a number of fine performances as a Duck, including a 251-yard, two-touchdown performance at Washington, but none was more impressive than in the Sun Bowl. Stewart eclipsed his performance at Washington, rushing for 253 yards, a Sun Bowl record, and one touchdown in helping the Ducks' 56-21 romp the South Florida Bulls. It was the ninth highest rushing total in bowl history and propelled Stewart to the upper echelon of NFL draft status. It was even more impressive considering that the Bulls defense, which was considered one of the best run-stopping units in the country, knew the Ducks were going to run, with freshman Justin Roper at quarterback, but Stewart ran the ball all day while the ill effects of his turf toe injury lingered.

For more awards, turn to page12A

BACH FESTIVAL 9

The 39th annual Oregon Bach Festival returns to Eugene

This year's events have been tied into Eugene 08 to offer the community and visitors a cohesive experience.



ROCKETMAN 8

Steve Prefontaine's life serves as book's inspiration

A New Jersey author has used the icon's story to inspire children and teens in her new book.

WHEATING 15

Andrew Wheating prepared for Olympic Trials 800m race

The Oregon runner is currently seeded fifth amongst all qualified 800m runners.



EVENT PREVIEWS 16

Women's 100m, men's 800m among Olympic Trials event previews

The Emerald takes a look at every track and field event to be held Friday, including record holders in each event.

08
EUGENE
SPECIAL
COVERAGE

OREGON
DAILY EMERALD

FRIDAY
JUNE 27, 2008

The independent student newspaper at the University of Oregon | Since 1900 | dailymerald.com

Volume 110, Issue 3

INSIDE

SHUTTLE
SCHEDULE
PAGE 2

TOUR
SCHEDULE
PAGE 5

FESTIVAL
SCHEDULE
PAGE 11

CAMPUS MAP
PAGE 12

COMPETITION
SCHEDULE
PAGE 17

WHO TO
WATCH
FOR

Tommy Skipper
Former Oregon pole vaulter

Andrew Wheating
Oregon distance runner

Galen Rupp
Oregon distance runner

Matt Scherer
Former Oregon middle-distance runner

FRIDAY



SUNNY
87°/60°

SATURDAY



MOSTLY SUNNY
91°/61°

SUNDAY



MOSTLY SUNNY
87°/59°

— 1980 Olympic Track & Field Team —

HISTORIC

A U.S. boycott of the 1980 Summer Olympic Games took away a team's chance of competing at the Olympics, but a reunion today celebrates the teammates' achievements

Local athletes qualify in final trials events

ANDREW GREIF | SPORTS EDITOR

In 1995, John McArdle put down the hammer and stepped out of the ring. After he graduated from the University in 1979, McArdle enjoyed a 16-year career as a professional athlete, one of few athletes to have competed in parts of three decades. Athletics behind him, he tried politics. He ran, unsuccessfully, for Oregon representative in 1996 before becoming the mayor of Independence in 1998, a post he still holds. A curious move, considering that in 1980 politics took away his one and only chance to compete on the U.S. Olympic Team.

TURN TO 1980 TRIALS | PAGE 4

“While I was at the beginning of my career, it was really hard to see so many people who didn’t get the chance to do everything they wanted to do.”

JOHN MCARDLE
1980 TEAM MEMBER

DAVE MARTINEZ | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

EUGENE 08

Hundreds of housing prospects still online

Many community members' housing offers for Eugene 08 have not been taken yet

JESSIE HIGGINS | NEWS EDITOR

Community members are scurrying to take advantage of the increased housing demand estimated to hit Eugene today with the start of Eugene 08: U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials by offering to rent out whatever space they have for trial visitors to rent.

Online housing listings have been flooded with advertisements to rent or sublet houses, apartments, studios, rooms and RV spaces.

Fast Track Housing, a Web site set up specifically to post private housing options for both the Trials and the Beijing 2008 Olympics, currently has more than 600 postings advertising spaces for rent in Eugene. Craigslist has more than 700 postings specifically for renting in Eugene during the Trials, dating as far back as May 12.

Akeel Qureshi, a University student, has a total of seven people renting rooms from a house he rents out on 30th Avenue and Kincaid Street.

“I actually posted a bunch of listings for a bunch of different prices, so I’ve got a pole vaulter staying for \$30 a night, and a couple staying for \$8 a night,” Qureshi said. “I listed from really expensive to really cheap, and basically everything in between.”

Qureshi said that he is doing this to raise money for his roommates who are spending the summer biking across the country.

Others were not as successful in finding people to rent their spaces.

Donna Blair, a Portland resident, said that her daughter and her daughter's roommates rent a house on 17th Avenue and Hilyard Street during the school year while attending the University. She said they have been trying

TURN TO HOUSING | PAGE 6

Inside

BUSINESS IMPACTS | 3

Local businesses, hotels make preparations for the incoming 75,000 visitors from out of town.