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Crash: Survivor was in critical condition

all three men were ejected ... 

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he said, “This is the most overt con-

ment of the rockets and missiles when

Shiite force in a hub of the Sunni Tri-

property in an operation by a mostly

have also been using Iranian rockets

has fired against Israel in recent con-

tlefield in Iraq, even as some experts

the Iranian missiles introduced a new

official offered no other details. The CIA

ons were similar to the Fajr-5 rockets

reports on Iran said the deployed weap-

rockets and Fateh-110 missiles and their

services to help defeat the Islamic State,

UO does not list their full names

cheerleaders are seldom quoted

background.

women associated with it.”

and choreography and imple-

monitoring the latest develop-

wrote: “Our cheerleaders and

Craig Pintens, the athletic de-

Guthrie or any of the cheerlead-

we need to look at.”

The UO declined to make

Cheerleading is “part of the
doctorate,” Coltrane

day in Tikrit and still controlled parts

conduct of Iranian support, in the form of

That sentiment underscored the real-

U.S. officials say they believe that

Either way, U.S. officials agreed that

follow Chelsea on Twitter @chel-

Sexualized dancing is hardly

A more recent incident raised

BANG BANG lyrics: bit. 

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Students ahead

UO psychology professor Jen-

He added, “We need the

In March 2014 — just before

the alleged rape — Pintens re-

“Is there any consideration of

whether the uniforms and/or

choreography might (or might

not) contribute to the cultural.

“Rape culture” is as

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SPIRITED DEBATE
A trustee questions the propriety of some cheerleading routines

University of Oregon cheerleaders perform during a basketball game earlier this year at Matthew Knight Arena in Eugene.

By Diane Dietz
The Register-Guard

Ginevra Ralph hesitated when she brought up the subject to fellow members of the University of Oregon Board of Trustees recently. She could imagine the reaction before she spoke: She’s a prude. She’s an enemy of free speech. Or she is the type of person who would blame the victim in a sexual assault.

But Ralph, who besides being a trustee is a prominent Eugene arts administrator, plunged ahead:

“I have watched people be incredibly uncomfortable with the U of O cheerleaders,” she told the trustees, “and they actually leave the basketball (arena) during intermission because of the overt sexual dancing, or whatever you want to call it.”

UO cheerleaders perform traditional straight-arm leaps and cheers with pom pom shaking, but they also shimmy their shoulders and chests, roll their hips and pop out their bottoms.

The cheerleaders perform to overtly sexual lyrics, such as Jessie J’s “Bang Bang,” which goes:

“Back, back seat of my car — I’ll let ya have it.
Wait a minute lemme take you there — ah
Wait a minute till ya — ah.”

Cheerleaders serve as “official ambassadors for the University of Oregon,” according to the UO athletic department’s Web page.

“It’s one thing if someone is doing any of that on their own,” Ralph told the trustees, “but we are making a public statement. . . . I’d like to see us analyze it a little bit.”

No other trustee commented.

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