

office. "I wish I could be here. But this insurance thing" is important enough to warrant her being away, she said.

Gaffney will be in the office all day today, helping the new staff get oriented with desks and files, she said.

On Wednesday, the newly hired executive staff will be meeting again to get further acquainted and start organizing the office, Brooks added.

The Executive has its first meeting with the Incidental Fee Committee on Thursday. The Executive will request some budget shifting to allow for the creation of some new positions.

Both agree their conceptions of the Executive office haven't changed since the elections.

"We both expected it would be a lot of work," Brooks said. They had a good sense of

what they were getting into, Gaffney added.

"Kasey's been on campus for years, and I've been involved in student government for a while, so we certainly weren't blind to what is going on," she said.

Right now, they are trying to give the new staff a handle on things, so those who won't be at the University over the summer will have some idea of what is going on when they return in the fall, Brooks said.

"We're really excited about the diversity of our staff," she said. "I think it shows how we're trying to open up student government."

"What we've heard from a lot of people is that they were really excited to finally get involved," Gaffney added.

Brooks plans to be busy with insurance and the semester-transition committee in the up-

coming weeks. She also will be involved in the Oregon Student Lobby and the United States Student Association.

In a recent interview in The Record, the official ASUO publication, Brooks said she wasn't sure about keeping the ASUO in USSA. Since then, she and Gaffney have spoken with Cameron about the national student lobbying group. Cameron served on its board of directors this past year.

"We are excited about the possibilities USSA can bring us," Brooks said. "From what we've heard, it's been very helpful."

In June, Brooks and Gaffney plan to tour child-care centers and try to come up with "some creative funding alternatives" so parents don't have to pay for improvements themselves, Gaffney said.

the different levels of education in the state.

"They'll become the governor's key advisors in critical education issues."

Yunker said one of the education specialists is expected to keep track of elementary/secondary education and another is expected to follow the work of higher education administrators.

The salaries of the governor's education specialists will be far below the more than \$90,000 earned by Chancellor William Davis, the state's top higher education administrator.

But the near \$60,000 annual salary that Goldschmidt's top assistant for education will earn exceeds the salary of elected

Superintendent of Public Instruction Verne Duncan. Duncan earns about \$52,000 a year.

Currently, the OECC is charged with advising the governor and legislators about issues concerning the planning and policies of education, including primary/secondary, community colleges and higher education.

But Yunker said the OECC is, by its nature, required to take a very objective and neutral position on education issues.

In contrast, the governor's education specialist staff members will be "more actively involved in taking particular positions and helping the governor take an active stance in the role of education," Yunker said.

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was too rambunctious," Gillispie said.

Clinical studies suggest pet therapy may be useful in treating chronic illness or disability, low self-esteem, depression, loneliness, isolation, hopelessness and a host of other ailments that afflict the aged. Some studies conducted in nursing homes with pets indicate the residents became more outgoing, talk more and take better care of themselves.

"I think there's increasing evidence that it does contribute to a sense of well-being for older people," said Delpha Camp, University assistant professor in gerontology and a grief counselor for the campus Center for Gerontology.

Camp said she doesn't know of any conclusive evidence that pet therapy prolongs life. However, some suggest if a person feels responsible for another living entity, then the person's well-being is likely to prosper, she said.

"The feeling of being useful is important for the basic psychological sense of well-being in everyone, no less so for the older person," she said.

Whether it be a long-time pet or newly acquired, the animal often fills a gap left by the loss of a loved one, Camp said.

"The older one gets, the more losses that come along. The pet fills that need for companionship," she said. "It often is the only motivator, when there has been loss of a spouse or significant other, that gets them out of bed in the morning."

"When there is no other person or live thing around, the senior citizen can be much more susceptible to depression," she said.

Although cats, dogs and birds are the most common, Camp said any animal that will respond in a positive, unconditional and playful way is best. "It's the same way people light up when they see babies. Watching their antics brings a lot of delight and joy," she said.

Delight and joy are exactly what prompted Gillispie to consider an in-house dog at Hillside. "If it worked once a week, I thought it would be something good to have on a daily basis," she said.

Across town, three stray cats have found a home at Eugene's Applegate Residential Care Center, where 30 senior citizens currently reside.

"I think the most enjoyment comes when the cats curl up with one of them in the reading room," Applegate Manager Carrie Bishop said. One of the cats has become accustomed to taking

a noon snooze on the bed of a 92-year-old resident who "gets mad if anyone bothers it," she added.

Bishop delegated the responsibility of taking care of the cats to one resident, Ray Sweet, 53, who she said was slightly depressed before he became the cat curator.

"I don't mind it, 'cept when I have to catch them (to put them in the garage for the night)," Sweet said, who has taken care of the cats — Spot, Teppin and Gator — for nearly three years.

The cats "give it a friendly atmosphere," according to 68-year-old resident Charlotte Ulmer, who brought home one of the strays.

Bishop agreed. "The most important part is the unconditional love — the touch and the warmth," she said.

In addition to the felines, Applegate owns a 33-year-old mare, which is kept at the Boots and Saddle Livery west of Eugene. Each week, several of the residents board a van and take a field trip out to see their horse, which they named Ginger.

"We thought it would really click because most of our residents were brought up when horses were the only form of transportation," Bishop said about the project, which began last fall after the center obtained the mare from a ranch near Ashland. The animal had been turned out to pasture and was nearly starved, she said.

"Quite honestly, we didn't know if she'd make it," she added.

But Ginger pulled through and now gets plenty of attention. In fact, amid barbecues, dances, movies and trips to the coast, going to see Ginger is the residents' favorite activity, Bishop said.

A black poodle-mix belongs to a wing of residents — many who suffer from Alzheimer's disease and severe dementia — at the Eugene Good Samaritan Center.

"I really believe the residents relate to a dog in a way that they can't relate to people. There's a lot of sharing of their feelings with the pet," said Donna Germen, the activities coordinator at Good Samaritan.

A golden retriever also visits the center two or three days out of the week, and volunteers for the regulation authority's pet therapy program make periodic visits.

Most significant of the pet therapy at Good Samaritan is the affection the residents receive without being inhibited, Germen said. "It makes it more of a home, more of an everyday life, like they would have if they weren't here," she said.



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