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Briefly

Eugene's proximity to three ski areas is a blessing to local skiers. A variety of services and bargain prices are available at nearby resorts.

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Almanac

The Knight and Science libraries will extend hours of service until 2 a.m. for eight days during Dead and Finals weeks, between Wednesday and Dec. 12.

Circulation, study space and access to the collections will be available, but no reference service will be provided during the extended hours.

For more information, call the librarian's office at 346-3056.

Nationally

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — At least four moderate earthquakes rattled parts of the world, but there was nary a tremor Monday along the New Madrid Fault, where a scientist said an earthquake was likely to occur.

"This is just a normal day," said Waverly Person, chief of the U.S. Geological Survey's National Earthquake Information Center. "We're not backing the prediction at all."

Along the New Madrid Fault, some schools were canceled and residents purchased earthquake emergency kits and others left town, just in case climatologist Iben Browning was right.

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A jetliner clipped another while preparing to take off from the Detroit airport in heavy fog Monday, igniting a fire that left one plane in smoking ruins. Eight people were killed and at least 21 injured, officials said.

It was not immediately clear what caused the collision between a DC-9 and a Boeing 727-200, both operated by Northwest Airlines.

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Sports

The NCAA's decision to let the UNLV men's basketball team defend its title was a sham, and set a bad precedent in dealing with schools that violate the regulations of amateur athletics.

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The mortar merrier

Bob Walker, of Pioneer Waterproofing in Portland, puts new mortar in the brickwork of the Museum of Art entrance. He is a member of a ten-person crew that has been on campus for the past three months.

Photo by Sean Poston

Task force attacking harassment by faculty

By Carrie Dennett
Emerald Reporter

The implications and effects of sexual harassment of students by faculty members is a universal problem on college campuses.

A recently formed subcommittee of the Unwanted Sexual Behavior task force is looking at the gaps and problems in the existing University policy, in addition to other issues.

The nature of this type of harassment is unique because there is a power differential between students and faculty, said Hasani Kudura, Women's Center coordinator. Kudura said harassment by faculty members also violates the trust between students and teachers.

"Sexual harassment is probably one of the biggest problems facing organizations today," said Ron Sinacore, assistant director of the Office of Affirmative Action. "We've allowed unacceptable behavior in the workplace and in the academic environment. ... It's almost become part of the operating scene."

The committee was born out of the Women's Sexual Harassment Resource Network, a group of University faculty, staff and administrators who offer informal, confidential support and referrals to victims of harassment.

The network was formed two years ago "by a group of faculty women who were fed up with their students being sexually harassed," said Marlene Drescher, director of the Office of Student Advocacy.

The network released a poster with the names and numbers of its members, which is found in the student directory and

around campus. However, Drescher said the posters often do not stay up for long.

"A poster gets put up and is torn down fairly quickly," she said.

Drescher said there have been complaints about the posters, and that some feel they are unwarranted. She also said a few faculty members themselves may be tearing down the posters.

"Some professors see it as part of their position to have power and control over their students, and this may include sexual power and control," she said.

Another topic of discussion is a seeming discrepancy between part of the Oregon Administrative Rules' definition of sexual harassment, and the federal definition.

One section of the Oregon rules specifies that sexual harassment "takes the form of physical contact or imminently threatened physical contact," which adversely affects the working or academic environment. Federal rules do not specify physical contact.

Sinacore said that while many of the same words are used, the federal rules are much broader. He said his office plans to formally address the issue.

"Our intent is to work through the director, Diane Wong, to point this out to the president," Sinacore said. "I don't know how we can get away with being more restrictive than the federal law."

Sinacore said it is more difficult to apply the Oregon policy to behavior that's meant to be stopped.

"It's my opinion that we do

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Roberts inspires women to leadership

Governor-elect a political role model

By Rene DeCair
Emerald Reporter

In their climb up the political ladder, three women holding powerful positions in state government have helped to pave the way for other women to follow in their footsteps.

Barbara Roberts, governor-elect, Mary Wendy Roberts, labor commissioner and Norma Paulus, superintendent of public instruction, hold three of the six executive positions in the state, and all have become visible leaders in their positions in the traditionally male-dominated political arena.

"A lot of women don't have any role models," said Ellen Furstner, president of the Lane County chapter of the National Organization for Women, adding that because of this women

feel that they cannot seek leadership roles.

Furstner said she was glad to see Oregon elect Barbara Roberts — Oregon's first woman governor — because women view the world differently than men.

"It is important for women to get into politics because they bring a different perspective," she said. "Women can bring more compassion, caring and listening into government. They have the ability to stand in other people's shoes and understand how they feel."

Furstner said this is a generality that would not apply to all women, such as British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who she said "is a man in woman's clothing."

James Klonoski, professor of

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Governor-elect Barbara Roberts is one of three women to hold executive positions in the state government, serving as role models and helping to pave the way for other women in politics.

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