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## Snake in the grass



Photo by Jeff Paslay

LCC student Linda Lohne takes Sammy, her 10-year-old Burmese Python, out for a bask in the sun Sunday outside the EMU.

"He almost got a squirrel munching on a nut before I moved her," Lohne says. "He can move faster than a blink of an eye."

Lohne has had Sammy since she was 14. "When Sammy was young, I use to take baths with him," she says. "I still have to keep him clean, but it's not fun to thrash around in the tub with him anymore."

As Sammy slithers across the grass, a ladybug

lands for a ride. It doesn't bother the snake, and he's just about ready to shed his skin.

"I took him to a rose garden, and he didn't want to leave," Lohne says. "He was so fascinated with all the smells."

During the summer, Lohne feeds Sammy four to five rabbits every two weeks. "He's still growing," she says, explaining that pythons can live for 20 years and grow up to 21 feet.

"I love reptiles," Lohne says. "He's my best friend."

## Harkin drops out of Demo contention

└ The Iowa senator withdraws his bid for the Democratic nomination and joins Sen. Bob Kerrey as an also-ran

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, the lone traditional liberal of the Democratic field, prepared Sunday to abandon his presidential campaign just before the 11 Super Tuesday contests.

"He's going to get out of it — officially," said one state party official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Another Iowa Democratic party leader said Harkin's intentions were "obvious" and said, "yes," when asked if his plans were to withdraw.

In other campaign news, former California Gov. Jerry Brown won the Nevada Democratic caucuses Sunday, with former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas and Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton trailing.

With 96 percent of the caucuses reporting, Brown had 35 percent, Clinton had 26 percent, and Tsongas 20 percent. Another 17 percent were uncommitted.

Harkin finished with 1 percent. Harkin huddled with advisers in Washington on Sunday after another disappointing showing on the campaign trail in Saturday's South Carolina primary. Harkin won the Iowa caucuses Feb. 10 and the Idaho caucuses last Tuesday, but registered poorly in the other contests so far.

After the meeting, aides said he would hold news conferences Monday.

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## Peace Corps volunteers share life experiences

└ The stereotypical 1960s 'flower child' is no longer representative of the Corps.

By Jacqueline Woge  
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A headline in the Jan. 22, 1966, issue of the *Emerald* tells the story: "Peace Corps sets record for campus recruitment."

After a four-day recruitment fair, University students out-applied the University of California Berkeley by 10 students and the University of Washington by 138.

Since President Kennedy signed an experimental Peace Corps into existence on March 1, 1961, 130,000 Americans have served in 99 countries.

Oregon has sent 2,900 volunteers, 920 of them University graduates. Perhaps more surprising is the fact that 700 returnees live in the Willamette Valley. This figure includes only those who are members of the West Cascade Return Volunteers Group, which covers the area between Medford and Corvallis.

"We have the most active group in the United States," said former volunteer Lorane Parsons, who worked with deaf people in Tunisia from 1983 to 1986 and in Jamaica from 1986 to 1988 as part of

her Peace Corps service.

"Tunisia was great experience," Parsons said. "We all worked together for a cause. Whenever a volunteer had a cause, we all got together, like with the Special Olympics."

"My assignment was to teach 12 students, but that was only five hours a day, five days a week," Parsons said.

Parsons also helped teach policemen sign language, found jobs for 37 deaf people, helped expand deaf clubs in both countries, spent time in court translating for a deaf person, and stayed three days with another who was undergoing surgery.

Parsons' experience in Jamaica was

more difficult.

"The Association for the Deaf saw me as a means to get them a grant," she said. "The teachers saw me as competition. I was seen as the ugly American. They didn't know who I was or why I was there. It was a really bad administrative situation."

Despite the problems, Parsons said she does not view her experience in Jamaica negatively. "The rich experience you get is from what you ask for," she said. "I didn't ask for anything from them, and they didn't ask for anything of me."

"I would have stayed longer, but I

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### THE MAESTRO

Searching for the perfect beer? Be it imported or domestic, Lobsang can pour it for you—and pour it well—at the EMU Beer Gardens.

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### KNIGHT AT NIGHT

The Knight Library is offering extended hours during Dead and Finals weeks, which should make upcoming all-nighters a little easier to deal with.

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### DEFEAT IN CORVALLIS

A dismal season grew darker Saturday night as the Oregon men's basketball team lost its lead and the game to Oregon State, 62-54.

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