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## The sky was crying



Photo by Jeff Paslay

Eagle Park Slim whoops up his blues Monday afternoon with "Stormy Monday" in front of the University Bookstore after skies cleared. Park plays around campus and downtown Eugene on a regular basis and at local clubs with his band. He says people should come to hear his band play because "it's '90s music to dance and listen to."

## Writer faces publisher's particulars

□ Editor gives English professor bribes to cut novel down to size

By Lisa Millegan  
Emerald Associate Editor

When University English Professor Diana Abu-Jaber sold her first novel to a publishing company last September, she thought she was selling a finished product.

*Arabian Jazz*, which focuses on the life of an Arab-American family in upstate New York, had taken Abu-Jaber nearly four years of rewriting to perfect.

But the editor at Harcourt, Brace & Jovanovich publishing had other ideas. She wanted Abu-Jaber to cut the first chapter and trim the 400-page manuscript, which is scheduled for publication in January, down to somewhere between 250 and 350 pages.

So, instead of celebrating the completion of her novel, Abu-Jaber has been reluctantly reorganizing her words for the past six months.

Making the cuts was one of the most difficult tasks Abu-Jaber has had to do.

"It's a horrible, painful experience," Abu-Jaber said. "There's a real emphasis

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## Republican, Democrat unite for ASUO Executive

□ Don King and Holly Ferguson, candidates for ASUO president and vice president, promise to represent average students

By Kirsten Lucas  
Emerald Reporter



Coming from different ends of the traditional political spectrum, University students Don King and Holly Ferguson have united to run for ASUO president and vice president.

King, vice chairman of the College Republicans, and Ferguson, advertising manager for College Democrats of America, officially announced their ASUO candidacy Monday.

King and Ferguson said they want to "pitch the buzz words" and become truly responsive to the needs and interests of average students — the first and foremost of which is to lower student fees.



Courtesy photo

Republican Don King (left) and Democrat Holly Ferguson, who are running for ASUO president and vice president, respectively, have united to advocate lower student fees.

"What we want to see is a student government that is responsive to students," King said. "None of the current candidates have a history of offering that. We

hope to bring average concerns into the (ASUO)."

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## Ticket wants cut in student fees

□ ASUO Executive candidates plan ballot measure to reduce fees 10 percent

By Kirsten Lucas  
Emerald Reporter

Even if they're not elected this spring, ASUO presidential and vice presidential candidates Don King and Holly Ferguson are determined to lower student fees.

King and Ferguson will start collecting signatures to get a measure on this spring's ASUO ballot that would cut incidental fees by about 10 percent.

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### ACADEMY FOR DINNER?

'Silence of the Lambs' swept the five top Oscars by winning best film, best director, best actor, best actress and best screenplay.

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### GUNFIGHT

One man was killed and two were wounded in a gunfight early Monday at a duplex in a suburban Eugene neighborhood near the Willamette River.

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### MVP HONORS

Dan Vidlak capped his collegiate career by winning team MVP honors.

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