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After a five year campaign ASUO Vice President Diana Collins-Puente gave her resignation in a speech to media and students yesterday.

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ASUO vice president gives her resignation

ASUO: Concerns about increase in racism lead to resignation of Collins-Puente.

By Edward Klopfenstein
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In an emotional speech to media and students Thursday, ASUO Vice President Diana Collins-Puente officially announced her resignation, after a five year cause of advocating for minority rights on campus.

Collins-Puente, who will officially leave her position Jan. 21, said a worsening climate of racism on campus is forcing her to not only leave her position, but to leave the state.

She plans to start two internships in Washington D.C., Feb. 1.

"I have invested five years of my life on this campus, five years of sweat, blood and tears to affect change," she said in her speech. "I came on this campus with the intent to stay here in Oregon, which is 90 percent white, to achieve change, to better the lifestyle and the educational system and the justice system for people of color, for lesbians, gays and bisexuals, for women, and for non-traditional students. What I have found out is that those goals can not be accomplished."

She continued, "I heard everyone talking about (diversity), but at the same time, I've heard this so many times before. The point is nobody is listening to what we're saying... Not the white people at this University, and sometimes not even the people of color. That's a reality."

The administration's response to Collins-Puente's resignation was one of regret.

"I'm sad that Diana is not able to stay with it (her post at the ASUO)," Gerard Moseley, vice provost for academic support and student services, said. "She worked very hard for us and with us."

Collins-Puente told Moseley that she was harassed several times because of her leadership position, he said, adding that there may have been financial concerns that also pushed her to resign.

Responding to the charges of institutionalized racism Collins-Puente and others leveled, Moseley said the administration made gains. The number of minority professors on staff has increased from 7 percent in 1987 to the current 11 percent.

Although the University needs to work more for diversity, the increases in minority faculty are "at least in the right direction," he said. "The University can seem glacial with its movements. That is definitely frustrating."

Eric Bowen, ASUO president, also expressed remorse for Collins-Puente's resignation.

"Personally it's hard to see her leave because we do have a close relationship," Bowen said.

Outside the meeting, a friend of Collins-Puente said she couldn't believe there were not other issues besides race that influenced her decision.

"Her concerns are absolutely valid, and it is true that she has seen racism on campus," Caitlin Twain said. "To people who know the issue and know Diana, the (resignation) is going to look like a student leader that got

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GOOD MORNING

► Today is the last day to add a class, register, change to or from audit and apply for a Winter or Spring 1994 undergraduate degree.

► WASHINGTON (AP) — Fettuccine Alfredo is worse than eating a stick of butter, but other pasta dishes like linguine with clam sauce or even spaghetti with meatballs have much healthier doses of fat.

Those are the findings of a consumer group that followed up its study of Chinese-restaurant fare by sampling Italian cuisine.

"I was shocked. Many of the dishes I thought would be outrageously high in fat ... wound up on our low-fat list," said nutritionist Jayne Hurley, who conducted both surveys for the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

Spaghetti with meatballs was among the lowest and even spaghetti with Italian sausage was relatively low in fat, she said.

"I couldn't believe that spaghetti topped with fatty Italian sausage is only slightly higher in fat than most health authorities recommend," she said.

► WASHINGTON (AP) — Surgery sandwiched between two rugged, six-month courses of chemotherapy not only dramatically improves survival for women with advanced breast cancer, but also allows some to save their breasts, researchers reported Thursday.

Doctors at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, beginning in 1979, treated 158 of these women by giving them intensive chemotherapy

for up to six months before surgery.

The chemotherapy shrank the tumors dramatically, making it easier for surgeons to remove all the malignant cells, said lead researcher Dr. Gordon Schwartz.

► ARCADIA, Fla. (AP) — A man who had long wanted to switch sexes cut off his penis with an electric saw.

Doctors tried without success Wednesday to reattach the organ, which was found tossed under a bush near Bill Sconyer's home.

Sconyers, 23, said he "felt he needed to cut off his penis to become a woman," the sheriff's office said.

Sconyer's mother, Novella Holder, told deputies her son sometimes wore dresses and had wanted for years to be a woman.

"I don't feel like a man," he said from his hospital bed.

Ski resorts prepare for busiest weekend

Skiers: Thousands expected during the Martin Luther King holiday

By Rebecca Merritt
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Oregon ski resorts are preparing for one of the busiest weekends of the year.

With the long-awaited snowfalls at Willamette Pass, Mount Bachelor and Mount Hood Meadows last weekend, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday will more than likely send thousands of skiers to nearby slopes. And that's exactly what resort owners — and their pocket books — like to see.

"This weekend is going to be a great weekend to ski," said Katie Gottlieb, marketing coordina-

tor for Mount Hood Meadows. "Skiing is just really hot this year."

Gottlieb said last weekend was the resort's busiest weekend in its 25-year history. More than 25 inches of new snow greeted 15,000 skiers at the mountain last weekend. After even more snow early this week, Mount Hood Meadows reported a 107-inch snow base Thursday.

The ski resort, located 67 miles east of Portland, just opened a new express chair, called Cascade Express, to accommodate the weekend crowds.

"The new chair really opens up the whole mountain," Gottlieb said. "From the top of the mountain you can ski anywhere."

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Ji-hang Lee, a graduate student in exercise and movement sciences at the University, shops at Berg's Ski Shop.

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