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(left) Gloria Steinem signs a copy of her 1952 Western High School yearbook for Jim Wilcox following her speech. Wilcox brought the yearbook for Steinem to sign because his mother, Camille Jones, went to school with her.

(below) Steinem, founder of Ms. magazine, spoke to an overflowing crowd in the EMU ballroom Sunday.



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## Sexual harassment laws currently work for rights of accused

**Process:** Women's advocate often sees officials work to establish the victim's guilt

**Kim Stephenson**

For the Oregon Daily Emerald

In confronting the systems that address incidents of sexual harassment and sexual assault, more and more people are finding the process confusing, frustrating, unhelpful and ineffectual.

Current harassment and sexual assault seem to lean toward protection of the accused, said Shigeoka, an assistant to the Unwanted Sexual Behavior Task Force and staff member of the Dean of Students Office.

### SEXUAL HARASSMENT

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"There is so much emphasis on evidence which relies on ambiguous definitions that we very seldom attain justice for the victim."

"Often while in process," Women's Advocate Michelle Parks said. "I have experienced officials trying to establish guilt on the part of the victim by asking questions like, 'What were you wearing? What did you say to provoke him?'"

Because the due process rights of the offender are specific and enumerated, the offender's power and threat to sue the University (if the University sides with the victim) is much greater than that of the victim, Parks said.

The victim does wield a lot of legal power said Den Lehrman, director of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity.

"I would argue that it is not to the University's benefit to sweep anything under the carpet to avoid liability," Lehrman said. "If she is dissatisfied with our process and judgment, she can go outside the University to the Office of Civil Rights or the Bureau of Labor and Industries and sue the University for big time liability."

"That is correct," Drescher said. "But the Office of Civil Rights in the Department of Education and BOLI are heavily burdened systems and the University is aware of that."

Parks said women happen to stumble upon her support services after having been treated in a suspicious, unencouraging and uninformative manner by University officials.

"My experience as an advocate on this campus has been

## Steinem gives lecture, signing

**Author:** Editor of Ms. magazine says young women still call themselves feminists despite negativity attached to the term

**By Marius Meland**

Oregon Daily Emerald

More young women call themselves feminists today than ever before, Gloria Steinem told a University audience Sunday. In a lecture sponsored by the University Bookstore, America's most well-known feminist talked to a packed Ballroom and took questions from the audi-

ence. "After twelve years of Republican presidents who tried to stigmatize such words as 'feminism' and 'liberalism,' it's incredible that so many young women still like to call themselves feminists," Steinem told the audience. "In fact, there are more women today who call themselves feminists than who call themselves Democrats or Republicans."

"The mainstream press often ask me to define feminism for them. That's like saying, 'Please define the universe

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## Fraternity acquitted of charges

**Trial:** Sigma Alpha Epsilon had to represent itself, says president

**By Amy Columbo**

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The University chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity has been acquitted of two charges of violating the University conduct code. The fraternity's rush and socials next fall were at stake in the trial on May 26, conducted by an independent hearings officer.

The University charges were generated from police reports on the evening of April 30, the night SAE, with the co-sponsorship of other fraternities and sororities, sponsored a barbecue and barn dance. The two charges were contributing alcohol to a minor and unlicensed alcohol furnishing as individuals moved from the fraternity to the buses.

"I was Perry Mason in two days," said fraternity president

Kylee Brooks, who prepared the defense on behalf of the fraternity. "I'm just glad that I stayed up for 48 hours and studied the laws in our defense."

Brooks said he was notified by the University that the charges were going to be prosecuted formally on May 24, two days in advance of the trial. As a result of the short notice, the fraternity was unable to receive representation from the Office of Student Advocacy and was forced to represent itself.

Elaine Green, the University associate dean of students, disagrees with Brooks. She maintains the fraternity in writing May 12.

"If they were acting responsibly, they would have sought representation the day they received the letter," she said.

Since the fraternity failed to have representation throughout a negotiation process with her, Green said she believed that the members were representing themselves. She also said she

had previously advised Brooks on how to seek representation from the Office of Student Advocacy.

"Elaine Green fully knew that we were not getting representation," Brooks said. According to Brooks, both he and Green were in agreement about dealing with the charges informally, through negotiation.

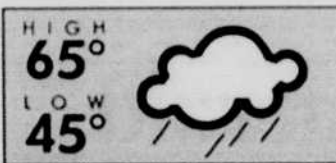
The plea bargain that Green offered in the negotiation process was for the fraternity to lose its rush and social activities or to employ a full-time live-in house director to provide adult supervision.

Green was concerned with the fact that the fraternity in the last four years has had the most conduct code violations of any fraternity on campus.

"The issue for us is if they can't conform their behavior to University regulations, how can we in good conscience send freshmen over to be affiliated

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### GOOD MORNING



► Today is the last edition of the Emerald this term. The Emerald will begin publishing for Summer term on June 21.

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► **PORTLAND (AP)** — Sandra Mims Rowe has been named editor of The Oregonian, effective Monday.

Rowe succeeds William A. Hilliard, 67, who retired last week after 42 years with The Oregonian.

Rowe, 46, has been executive editor of the newspaper for a year. She formerly was executive editor and vice president of The Virginian-Pilot and The Ledger-Star of Norfolk, Va.

"This newspaper has had very

strong editorial leadership through its history, starting with Harvey Scott, and in recent years with Robert Notson, who was also publisher; Hilliard, Dick Nokes and Bill Hilliard," said Fred A. Stickel, publisher of The Oregonian.

"Sandy Rowe will continue that strong tradition of news and editorial leadership."

Rowe will be responsible for editorials and all news coverage, overseeing a staff of 325 reporters, editors and others.

She praised Hilliard's many years of accomplishment.

"Bill Hilliard and the editors and reporters have left me a wonderful legacy," she said.

Rowe said The Oregonian's challenge is to anticipate and reflect changes in the world. Getting in better touch with readers, reporting on the good as well as the bad and identifying solutions along with problems will strengthen the newspaper, she said.