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TODAY

The University Master of Fine Arts Exhibition opens at the Museum of Art. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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Eugene band Jibliminis rocks the city in a series of unique performances

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ASUO Women's Center sponsors a non-traditional women students conference

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WEATHER

Scattered showers.
High 55. Low 35.

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Choose or lose



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Helping college students register to vote, Nicole Justice (left) takes part in the Rock The Vote rally by helping Joey Lyons register to vote Thursday afternoon at the EMU Courtyard. Rock The Vote is sponsored by MTV's Choose or Lose campaign, which encourages 18-25 year olds to register to vote.

Vigil calls for end to animal research

■ **DEBATE:** Researchers contend their work is beneficial in treating human ailments

By Laura Kepshire
Higher Education Reporter

University sophomore Chelsea Lincoln donned a gorilla costume yesterday afternoon and climbed into a handmade cage, where she will stay for the next 24 hours. She said she hopes to raise awareness of the animal experimentation taking place at the University.

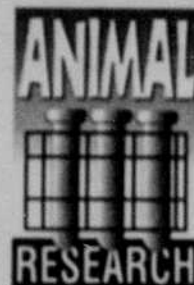
Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals began its 72-hour vigil yesterday at 5 p.m. on the Franklin Boulevard side of Oregon Hall. SETA is holding the vigil to raise campus awareness of the millions of animals who are killed each year in experimental laboratories,

including those at the University, for scientific research, said Kaci Elder, the director of SETA.

"Millions of dollars go toward experimental research each year with no results," Elders said. "It's futile and unnecessary."

But University researchers say animal research is necessary to find cures for human ailments. Michael Marusich, director of the monoclonal antibody facility at the University, said the kind of research he does on mice and rabbits has made many things possible for our society. Home pregnancy tests, blood

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Olympic torch run reaches Eugene

■ **EVENT:** The torch will be at the Amtrak station in Eugene Sunday at noon

By Brian Womack
Community Reporter

The Olympic torch will reach Eugene on Sunday as it is carried through Lane County on its way to the Olympics in Atlanta in July.

Local community leaders, volunteers, Olympians and citizens

will run the torch through Eugene before bicyclists carry it to Albany, Corvallis, Salem and Portland.

Douglas McKay, a ROTC graduate from the University in 1959, said he is excited about getting to carry the torch.

"It's a once in a life time kind of opportunity. It's a neat pay back for work for the community," said McKay, the president of

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Vote ELECTIONS REFLECTIONS

■ **TUESDAY:** Comparing election turnout
■ **WEDNESDAY:** Publicizing the elections
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■ **TODAY:** Looking at this year's ASUO

Williamson, Kelton make room for new executives

■ **ELECTION:** The pair want to make the transition for their successors easy.

By Ashley Bach
Student Activities Reporter

Jennifer Williamson and Zachary Kelton are walking across campus on a sunny day, and they can't help seeing people they know.

It's no surprise however, because they have been the ASUO president and vice-president for almost a year. It's their job to know people.

Come May 25 though, that job will come to an end and Matthew Scotten and Glen Banfield, the ASUO Executives-elect, will take their places.

As Williamson and Kelton's stint as the University's top student representatives comes to a close, some sort of reflection would be hard to avoid.

QAC!

When they ran for the offices last spring, Williamson and Kelton's platform was simple: Quality, Access and Community. Quality entailed an improved peer advising, teacher evaluation and environmental studies program. Access meant lobbying for financial aid and tuition. And community involved reopening the ASUO with coffee and donuts and "town hall" meetings with students.

Were they able to hold up their end of the bargain?

"I think we progressed pretty far this year by way of changing some academic standards," Kelton said of the quality.

Changing the way professors teach their classes and improving the coordination of the advising program were two of the areas where education was improved, he said.

Kelton soon found, however, that making dramatic changes was difficult.

"I didn't have as accurate a depiction of just how truly difficult it is to change a faculty climate," he said.

With access, Williamson worked with both state and federal government to lobby for student interests as well as

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Zachary Kelton (left) and Jennifer Williamson prepare to turn over their offices