

Event: Torch to be carried on campus

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the United Way of Lane County Board of Directors.

University student and Miss Oregon, Emily Orton, said she is honored as well for being chosen to carry the torch.

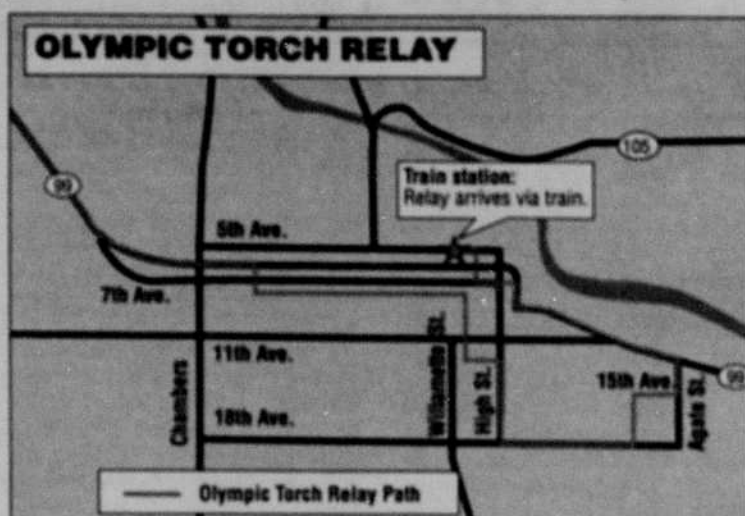
"I really feel good about being selected as a community hero," said Orton, who has worked with the group Start Making A Reader Today (SMART), which promotes literacy.

The torch will be carried through the Campus and around Hayward Field in tribute to Steve Prefontaine.

An American record holder in the 5,000-meter run, Annette Peters, will carry the torch around Hayward Field while members of local track clubs hold American flags in a circle around the track.

The United Way of Lane County asked community leaders to select those who would carry the torch.

Other leaders include Ter-



rence R. McDonald, director of St. Vincent de Paul Society since 1984, and Norm Luman, who has volunteered at local soup kitchens and who is a former member of the 1963-64 Nigerian Olympic Track and Field Team.

This will not be the first time the torch has been carried through Lane County. The 1984

Olympics' torch running brought the torch to Eugene, said Lisa Durham, marketing director for United Way of Lane County.

The torch will make a "whistle stop" in Springfield before it is carried to the Eugene train station around noon, which will mark the beginning of its path through town.

Event to focus on non-traditional students

■ **WOMEN:** The conference will include a variety of workshops and opportunities to network with local businesswomen

By Jennifer Schmitt
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The ASUO Women's Center conference taking place this weekend will provide assistance and choices for women preparing to enter school or the work force.

The Accessible Horizons Conference is geared toward non-traditional women students, said Lynne Mahan-Sweet, conference coordinator.

"Most of the students here fall into the traditional students category, which means they are between the ages of 18 and 21, fresh out of high school, and their sole responsibility is for themselves," Mahan-Sweet said. "Non-traditional students have different issues and responsibilities."

The workshops will cover a wide range of topics, including financial aid, time-management, sexual harassment and the educational system.

"The conference focuses on offering women choices," Mahan-Sweet said. "If people don't know about choices, they can't make them, and they'll end up living in a one-dimensional world of survival. Choices are vital to improvement."

The conference focuses on women who are returning to school and trying to adapt to the educational process, but it also provides choices and information for women who are preparing to enter the work force.

A reception, sponsored by the Women's Business Network, will give participants a chance to meet with women who are already working in the community and will provide an opportunity for networking.

Although the workshops cover a wide range of topics, they are all designed to assist women in transitional phases, said Mahan-Sweet.

"We are in transition from the day we are born, and that makes us vulnerable," Mahan-Sweet said.

Registration for the conference begins Friday at 3 p.m. in the EMU Gumwood Room. The conference runs through Saturday, and admission is free.

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