

Grunge is gone

The Seattle-based band sheds its grungy skin and explores a new musical sound on 'Yield,' its fifth release

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Men drop No. 6 Bruins

The Ducks run away with their second straight home win over UCLA in a 97-81 triumph

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TODAY

A candlelight vigil for rape survivors will be held at 9 a.m. in front of Johnson Hall.

WEATHER

Today
Showers
High 54. Low 40.
Saturday
Rain
High 56. Low 40.

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CAMPUS VISIT



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Gov. John Kitzhaber announced Thursday in the EMU Ben Linder Room that he will seek re-election.

Kitzhaber will run again

The Oregon governor admitted the decision was a tough one to make because of his family

By Tricia Duryee
Community Reporter

Gov. John Kitzhaber not only announced on campus Thursday his commitment to Oregon issues, but also his decision to seek re-election for a second term in office.

The University was just one of four stops the governor made to disclose the decision that has been delayed numerous times over the last few weeks.

The EMU Ben Linder Room contained about 130 people, including representatives from the student body, College Democrats and ASUO. Before Kitzhaber made the announcement, ASUO President Bill Miner, state Sen. Susan Castillo and Kitzhaber's mother, Annabel Kitzhaber, said a few words on his behalf.

Miner was impressed with Kitzhaber's decision to come to the University, showing what Miner thought was commitment and support for higher education. "He was for higher education policies during his first four years, and I am in support of sending him back for another four years."

Sophomore Allison Quarles agreed with Miner: "I think it was very important for [Kitzhaber] to come and speak at a college campus. Higher education is not supported enough in the state and Legislature, and it shows the students how much he cares about us."

If elected to a second term, Kitzhaber said he would work to expand the Oregon Health Plan. He also said he plans to

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Women of color will challenge stereotypes

Conference organizers say the annual event is unique in the Northwest

By Chris Kenning
Student Activities Reporter

Women of color often carry a double burden in society — racism and sexism.

"You have two sets of stereotypes working against you, and sometimes people don't understand how it feels," said Vikki Nakamura, a 22-year-old Japanese-American student from Alaska.

These are the issues that the third annual Women of Color conference, which begins today, will address.

Organizers hope the two-day conference will attract more than 300 attendees. It will feature a greater number of workshops and panels than ever before, as well as a performance and speech by Reanae McNeal, an internationally known speaker and artist.

"This is such an important

event because there are not very many conferences like it in the Northwest," said Aneelah Afzali, conference coordinator for the Women's Center.

The conference, titled "The Colors of Herstory: Reclaiming Our Identity," is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by a variety of groups, including the Women's Center, the Multicultural Center and the Race Task Force.

Workshops will be given by a variety of experts on topics such as "Racism, Sexism, and Homophobia: Parallels in Oppression," taught by Robin Holmes. Other topics will include women in the media, affirmative action, women and religion and international feminism.

Afzali said one of this year's aims was to attract a more diverse range of participants because the issues are relevant to everyone. "We've tried to get a good mix of workshops and

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Funding forces housing to make hard choices

Room and board rates for a standard double may increase by as much as \$500 per year

By Michael Hines
Student Activities Reporter

University Housing is experiencing its own version of Economics 101. And the class project is a doozy.

Housing must make several tough financial decisions in upcoming months, affecting many University students and even staff organizations.

The decisions, which should be made by early April, are a matter of weighing residents' desires with housing needs, said University Housing director Mike Eyster.

"We frankly can't afford to keep underfunding our residence halls and expect to maintain them in the future," he said.

University Housing is forced to make yearly budget decisions because it is completely self-sufficient. It does not receive any funding from the state of Oregon or the University.

To compensate for the housing needs, Eyster said he wants to raise room and board for a standard double room 9.7 percent. This would be nearly a \$500 increase from \$4,646 to \$5,100. The rate for other room and board packages will also rise, but Eyster would not speculate on the amount.

Oregon had the lowest room-and-board rent package cost of all Pac-10 schools based on fall rates from 1992 to 1995, according to the University Housing 1995-96 annual report. Fall statistics for 1996 and 1997 were unavailable.

"We need to change rates that will let us

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STUDENT HOUSING



This is the second in a two-part series covering proposed changes in University Housing next year.

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