

Greeks show pride

The fraternities and sororities of the University will celebrate their organizations in a week-long series of events

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Men make a comeback

Finding themselves in 12th place out of 20 teams at the U.S. Intercollegiate golf tournament, the Ducks manage to recover and take fifth.

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TODAY

Randall Rothenberg discusses culture, technology and business at Beall Hall at 3:30 p.m.

WEATHER

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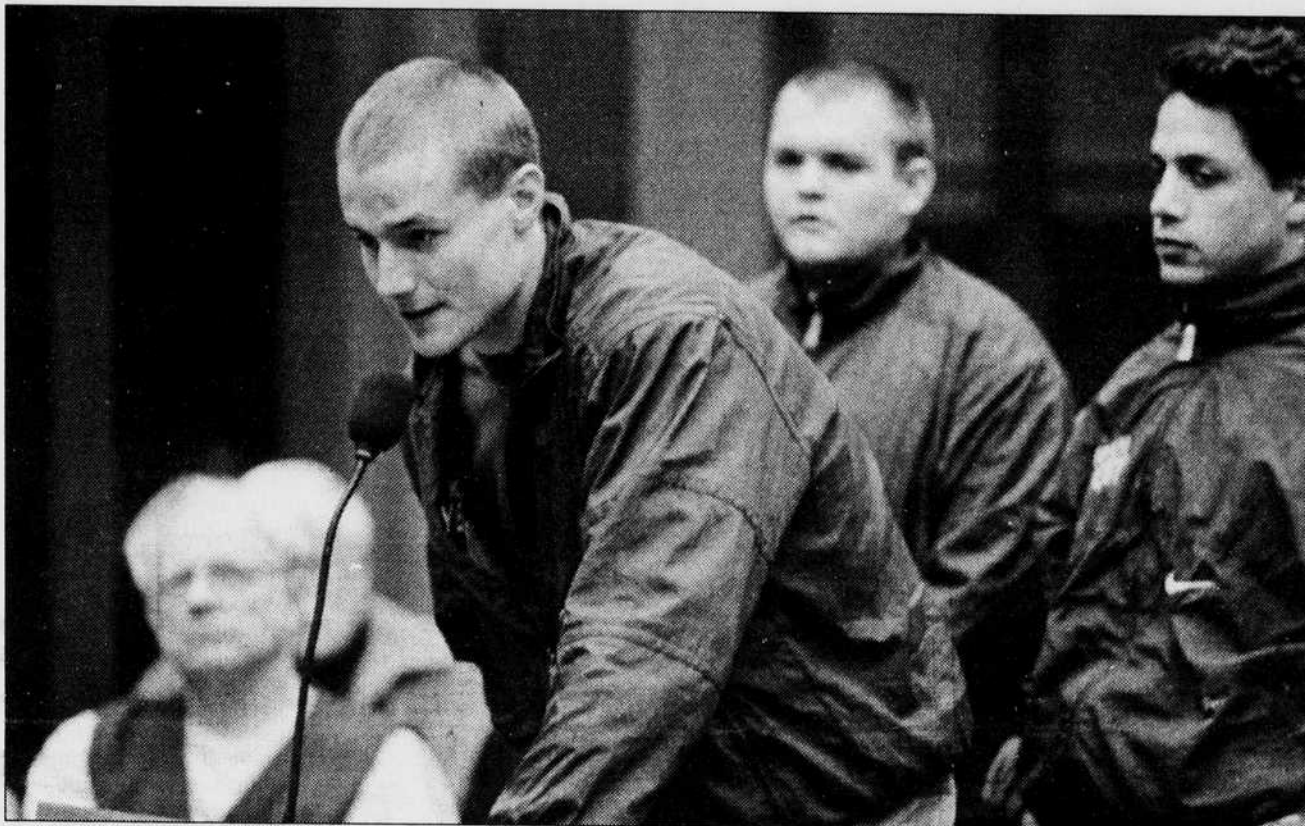
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CITY COUNCIL



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Junior Calan Taylor (left), along with other members of the Oregon Rugby Team, speaks against additional development of the Riverfront Research Park at the Eugene City Council meeting on Monday night.

Council listens to concerns

Students told the council they do not want the city to develop the Riverfront Research Park

By Jesse Sowa
Community Reporter

The Eugene City Council heard testimony Monday night from local citizens on the potential effects of the council's future vote on the urban renewal district.

The council spent nearly three hours listening to comments from more than 60 people. The length of the testimony resulted in the postponement of a decision on the city's tree removal permit program. Mayor Jim Torrey said the decision would be made at a future date.

Citizens voiced concerns about the need

to build a new library in the downtown district and the possibility of expansion in the Riverfront Research Park district, which is part of the city's urban renewal plan.

The council is scheduled to select one of four options to be used for the downtown district by May 30. Voters will then decide whether to select that option or return to the base option used before the passing of Ballot Measure 5 in 1990.

The first option is to terminate the district

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City manager position filled temporarily

Jim Johnson has served as the library, recreation and cultural services director for the past five years

By Tricia Duryee
Community Reporter

The city of Eugene is rebuilding structural damage at City Hall — one person at a time.

Currently, three of the city's executive staff positions and the city manager position are vacant. However, the city is one step closer to filling those spots after Mayor Jim Torrey announced Monday morning that Jim Johnson would assist Eugene as the city manager *pro tem*.

"I'm expecting him to move forward, as if the *pro tem* didn't exist," Torrey said. "I want to get the things done that the people have asked us to get done."

Johnson will become the city's temporary manager after serving as the library, recreation and cultural services director for the past five years. He also has served as the Lane County administrator for eight years. Johnson had not announced who will be replacing him as of Monday afternoon.

His job will include hiring an assistant city manager, a police chief and a planning and development director.

Johnson said he thought his experiences were similar on the city level to those he had encountered at the county level. "We have to be in touch with the people," he said, "and we both deliver services."

Johnson will replace Warren Wong, who was temporarily filling in as city manager after Vicki Elmer's position was terminated last month.

During the Monday morning announcement, Torrey said Johnson was one of three qualified people and that the decision was a hard one to make.

Wong, Johnson and public works direc-

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Wortman, Cowling support across-the-board tuition freeze

The ASUO Executive candidates also said they want to bring concerts to Mac Court

By Chris Kenning
Student Activities Reporter

Rising tuition has put the squeeze on students, which is why a tuition freeze is one of the most important issues for ASUO candidates Geneva Wortman and Morgan Cowling. The pair promised to fight to lighten students' financial burden.

"Tuition has gone up 80 percent in the last five years, and what we need is an across-the-board tuition freeze — one that would help not only in-state students, but out-of-state, international, graduate and law students, too," Wortman said.

Gov. John Kitzhaber has promised to support a freeze if certain conditions are met, including the defeat of a state ballot measure limiting the size of classes.

Wortman, who spent two years as a student senator on the EMU Finance Board, said the pair plans to work on the state and

federal level to increase Pell grants. Both have had experience lobbying. Wortman worked for state Sen. Susan Castillo in Salem, and Cowling is the ASUO federal campus relations coordinator.

"Saving students money provides access to those who may be at a disadvantage," said Cowling, who majors in political science and environmental studies.

Because student fees paid for McArthur Court, students should be able to schedule concerts there, something the University has thus far refused to allow, Wortman said. Profits from the events would trickle down to ASUO programs and could lower incidental fees.

A focus on environmental and women's issues makes them stand out among the field of candidates, according to Wortman

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ASUO President and Vice President candidates



Geneva Wortman



Morgan Cowling

Geneva Wortman and Morgan Cowling are candidates for ASUO President and Vice President respectively. The primary elections will be held Wednesday and Thursday.