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Today Rain High 50, Low 36  
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## Special elections flashback

The 1994 special elections focused on the issue of student control in incidental fees and division of finance power / PAGE 3

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# Zero Tolerance Rally fights racism

Speakers seek to raise campus awareness and increase the number of faculty of color

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The sunny skies Monday revealed a dark cloud looming over the University.

Several groups from campus and the community came forward to promote a hate-free campus and to raise awareness of the lack of diversity on campus. The Zero Tolerance Rally was held at the EMU amphitheater.

"We wanted to raise awareness. We wanted to come out strongly and show people that there is support and a grievance process against hate," said Jenifer Vernon, a graduate student in international studies and volunteer for the University Race Task Force.

The University Race Task Force and ASUO Safety Team organized the event. The task force is a group of faculty, students and staff formed in 1995 to help create an environment free from racial discrimination.

Keynote speakers and audience members stepped up to the microphone to convey their antipathy of racism.

The speakers included Lyllye Parker, an advisor from the Office of Multicultural Affairs; Missy Rock from the Multicultural Center and Rachelle Pavao, a resident assistant from Adams Hall, the multicultural residence hall.

John Gainer, assistant professor of music at the University, also spoke at the rally. Gainer, an African-American, has been detained and questioned twice by Eugene police, suspected for crimes he did not commit. Gainer has stated he believes the questioning was racially motivated.

"I have been following the John Gainer issue, and it is such a tragedy because he is established here. This is his home," said Zepha Wright, racial justice advocate for the YWCA in Eugene.

Wright also addressed The Process for Change, a University program created to guide students and faculty through the new millennium's changes in higher education.

The program includes a component to recruit and retain more faculty of color.

Currently there are approximately 129 faculty of color at the University, according to the University Resource Management office.

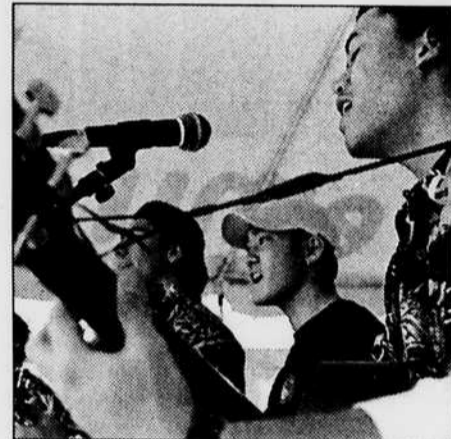
Some faculty of color leave campus for better jobs and a more diverse community.

"It is one thing to have this rhetoric, but it is something else when these people are leaving," Wright said. Students and faculty wore yellow ribbons to raise awareness about hate crimes. The yellow ribbon campaign was a result of the recent killing of Matthew Shepard, a gay student, in Laramie, Wyo.

In addition to student groups manning information booths, the Hawaiian music group, Ha'Y'N 151 performed.

Also, a bulletin board featuring informal reports of racial harassment and intimidation crimes filed on campus was arranged.

"First, we want to let people know hate crime does happen on campus and the subtle forms that it happens in," said Joseph A. Roley, ASUO multicultural advocate. "Sec-



Amanda Cowan/Emerald  
 Jason Takahashi and Kalani Jones entertain the crowd at the tolerance rally held at the EMU Amphitheater Monday afternoon.

ondly, we want those who have had it happen to them know they're not alone."

The report forms can be found at the Counseling Center, MCC and online at the task force website at <http://darkwing.uore>

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Amanda Cowan/Emerald  
 Senior Drury Hall, president of Christian Science Organization, reads a magazine at the exhibit commemorating Women's History Month in the EMU.

# Exhibit recognizes woman's work

The display honors the accomplishments of Mary Baker Eddy and women's history

By Teri Meeuwse  
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Mary Baker Eddy fought for women's rights, created The Christian Science Monitor and pioneered the field of mind/body medicine.

Eddy's work, ideas and beliefs will be displayed next to the EMU Fishbowl until Thursday, March 4, in honor of Women's

History Month.

"It's important for the University community to educate themselves about women's history, not only during March, but all of the time," said Elizabeth Reis, a history and women's studies professor.

The ribbon was cut Monday morning, opening up the traveling exhibit, entitled "This is Woman's Hour." The exhibit was featured last year at the National Women's Historical Park in Seneca Falls, N.Y., as part of the 150th celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Sentiments, the women's rights declaration of independence.

"At the 1948 convention, she was a single mother, she was 27, she had no property and no rights to her own child," said David Stevens, a Petaluma, Calif.-based Christian Science practitioner who is in Eugene for the exhibit. "In the context of the times, she had determination, persistence and was striving for freedom and liberty."

While chronically ill herself, Eddy searched for alternative therapies during a time when the medical community regarded women as naturally frail and prone to illness. She founded a relation-

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# Chief Justice Corcoran leaves court

The Constitution Court justice resigns his post, citing misunderstandings by critics

By James Scripps  
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Chief Justice Joel Corcoran is calling it quits after nearly two years of serving on the Constitution Court.

He resigned his post Sunday, saying he is tired of the naysayers and conspiracy theorists who constantly misinterpret the duties of the court.

Recently, the court's decisions have been interpreted by some as being anti-OSPIRG and anti-ASUO Executive, Corcoran said. He said these attacks have no merit.

The recent controversy started when the court postponed the Feb. 17-18 ASUO special election after student Scott Austin filed two injunctions to halt the election.

In its ruling on the injunctions last Friday, the court eliminated all funding measures from the special election ballot. Of the two measures permitted by the court, only the measure that would alter the elections grievance process will appear on the ballot this Wednesday and Thursday.

A measure that would have gauged student support for removing Gardenburgers from University Housing was ousted by the ASUO Elections Committee on Monday because of the expected low voter turnout.

After the court postponed the special election on Feb. 10, Corcoran said the court was the subject of unwarranted complaints.

"I think that there are some people out there who unfairly and personally attack the court without understanding the court's function," he said.

Criticism of the court goes unanswered because no justice is permitted to explain the decisions because the debate is private.

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