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UO women finally ready to rock Mac Court

After a grueling stretch of road games, the women's basketball team is hungry for a win at home. **PAGE 13**

The Flash

Eugene airport to expand

In light of FAA safety regulations and concerns about getting travelers out on time, representatives from the Eugene and Springfield City Councils and the Lane County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing at Eugene City Hall Wednesday night on proposed amendments to the Eugene Airport Master Plan.

The five amendments would include adding parking space and constructing an additional runway. **PAGE 4**

Three killed, 58 injured in fire at N.J. college

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — Fire broke out at a Seton Hall University dormitory early Wednesday as hundreds slept, killing three people, injuring 58 and sending terrified students crawling in pajamas through choking smoke into the freezing cold outside.

Four students were critically burned. One of them suffered third-degree burns over most of his body.

Many of the 640 residents of Boland Hall rolled over to go back to sleep when they heard the alarm around 4:30 a.m., thinking it was another in a string of 18 false alarms set off in the six-floor building since September.

But many soon heard screams for help, smelled the smoke and saw flames creep under doors.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

Kitzhaber becomes first governor to endorse Bradley

PORTLAND (AP) — Citing differences with Vice President Al Gore over health care and Columbia River policy, Gov. John Kitzhaber Wednesday became the first governor to endorse Bill Bradley for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Kitzhaber appeared with Bradley's national campaign manager, Douglas Berman, former Gov. Neil Goldschmidt and other prominent Oregon Democrats who support Bradley.

The governor said only Bradley has offered a plan to extend health care to virtually all Americans.

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Students get taste of grad school

Juniors and seniors have an opportunity to contribute to research projects and establish graduate connections in their fields

By Jessica Blanchard
Oregon Daily Emerald

John Carasone is working hand-in-hand with a faculty mentor this year, researching the economic behavior in children and the development of their bargaining skills.

But Carasone isn't a graduate student.

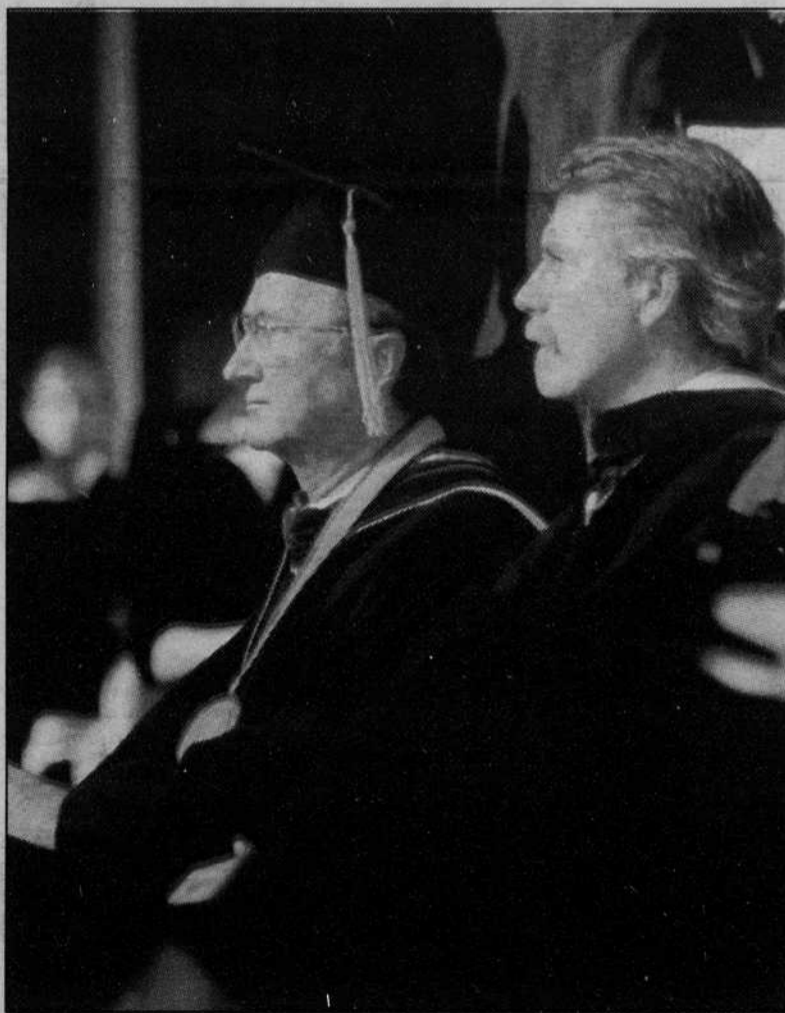
Instead, he is one of four University undergraduates who are getting a taste of what life as a graduate student is like as part of a year-long research program.

In the program, University juniors and seniors can apply to work as research fellows in their area of study. Students are responsible for choosing a research area and
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Azle Malinao-Alvarez Emerald
Annie Wiberg-Rozaklis is an undergraduate student working as a research fellow in a program designed to get juniors and seniors interested in graduate-level work.

Diversity takes center stage at convocation



Catharine Kendall Emerald
University president Dave Frohnmayer and Gov. John Kitzhaber are seated next to one another during the convocation Wednesday afternoon in the EMU ballroom.

By Cathlene McGraw
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To celebrate the local progress made toward greater diversity, the University set aside a week, highlighted by the University's convocation, to celebrate the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

As part of the celebration, the University invited keynote speaker Gov. John Kitzhaber to deliver the University's Convocation 2000 speech, which discussed campus diversity and other issues in higher education.

Traditionally, the University's convocation is an annual event held in October as a way to open the academic year. In light of University President Dave Frohnmayer's illness this past fall, convocation was postponed and combined with week-long campus events celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

At the ceremony, Frohnmayer spoke for a few minutes on diversity issues on campus.

"One of the challenges at the University is to understand our personal cultural differences and to understand that in these differences lies a common experience," Frohnmayer said. "From the past we can gain a

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Gov. John Kitzhaber delivered the Convocation 2000 keynote address, while Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey and University President Dave Frohnmayer added their thoughts on many issues facing the community and higher education

Resignations leave court running on empty

Two justices step down, and the timing could effect the upcoming ASUO elections

By Jeremy Lang
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The ASUO Constitution Court will face major changes in the coming weeks after Justice Glen Banfield announced his resignation Tuesday.

Banfield, who is in his second year of law school, said he is leaving the court on good terms but needed to commit more time to the

law school.

"I started looking ahead and saw that I want to graduate in the top of my class," Banfield said. "I also want to devote more time to my work in the Office of Student Advocacy."

His resignation couldn't have come at a busier time for the court, which is the judicial branch of the ASUO. Chief Justice Jeremy

Gibbons will also step down when he graduates at the end of the term. After Gibbons leaves, the court will only have two justices but will be completely able to function.

ASUO Vice President Mitra Anoushiravani said the executive is moving quickly to appoint replacements.

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