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Back with a vengeance

Senior Guillermo Carter returns from a term away, improved and set on leading the Ducks to their first Pac-10 win. **PAGE 7**

The Flash

Community members and Eugene police communicate

Tuesday, the People's Forum was held at the Lane County Courthouse and allowed for communication between law enforcement and the community.

Although most of the forum went as planned, a few incidents occurred where people spoke out of turn, usually criticizing police actions.

Several comments were in response to the police department's use of tear gas.

Police Chief Jim Hill was the only police officer represented at the forum. **Page 4**

Hatch to call it quits after last-place finish in Iowa

WASHINGTON (AP) — A last-place finish in the Iowa caucuses persuaded Orrin Hatch to drop out of the Republican presidential race.

The Utah senator had hoped to capitalize on his political experience, repeatedly stressing his record as a four-term senator and chairman of the committee overseeing judicial appointments. But few voters were interested.

Hatch, who received just 1 percent of the Iowa votes, planned to announce his decision at a news conference Wednesday in the hearing room of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Grandmothers allowed to meet with Cuban boy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under government orders, the Florida relatives of Elian Gonzalez agreed Tuesday to make the boy available for a meeting with his Cuban grandmothers Wednesday at a neutral site, the Justice Department said. The grandmothers pressed their insistence for the boy's return and pleaded with Congress not to force U.S. citizenship upon him.

"The meeting will take place at the time and site selected by the Immigration Service," Justice spokeswoman Carole Florman said Tuesday evening. The agreement culminated a long day of negotiations marked by an order from the Immigration Service for the meeting, that had been thwarted on Monday by the relatives.

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Turning a new leaf



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Members from ASUO-sponsored groups including the Black Student Union; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Alliance; and Native American Student Union gather in the Multicultural Center to discuss next year's new full-time director position. The MCC director will be in charge of all organizational duties.

MCC now able to hire a director

Increased funding allows for the Multicultural Center to add the new position

By Serena Markstrom
Oregon Daily Emerald

The basement of the EMU was buzzing with excitement Monday after the Programs Finance Committee approved a \$38,743 budget increase for the Multicultural Center.

The additional funding makes it possible for the MCC staff to hire a director as early as July. MCC staff members are organizing efforts to

conduct a national search to fill the position.

Inside the MCC on Tuesday, congratulations and high-fives were exchanged all day. The University Counseling Center's office manager and MCC board member, Gwen Tisdadt, sent congratulatory muffins.

"This is a historic thing," said Jay Breslow, coordinating diversity intern for the University President's

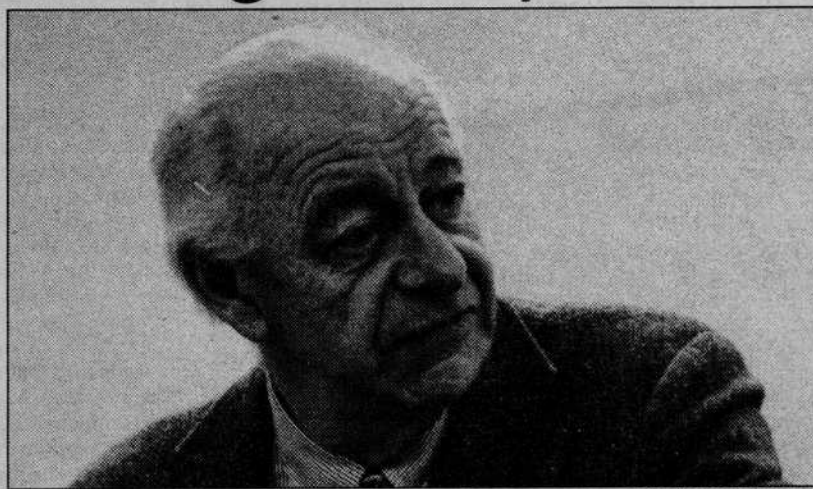
office. "It's going to change the entire way [the MCC] is run."

The added director position means there will be someone in the MCC from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, something the MCC has not had consistently since it first received ASUO funding in 1995.

The goals for the director position

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Civil rights lawyers share experiences



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Former Oregon Supreme Court Justice Jacob Tanzer speaks at the law school Tuesday evening.

■ Tuesday, a panel of Oregon lawyers discuss representing African-Americans during the 1960s civil rights movement

By Serena Markstrom
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In 1964, all that remained of Mount Zion Baptist Church was a brick chimney and a set of concrete stairs. The rest was ashes. Ashes that before then had been a building that had survived since the slave days.

The church was burned to the ground by Ku Klux Klan members in response to civil rights activists' attempts to raise African-American vot-

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“We learned how the law can make changes in our society ...”

Les Swanson
civil rights lawyer

Beltline Highway to undergo construction

Officials expect minor traffic delays to result from the Beltline Modernization and Safety Improvement Project

By Brian Goodell
Oregon Daily Emerald

Just as construction on the Ferry Street Bridge project is winding to a close, officials from the city of Eugene and the Oregon Department of Transportation announced last week their plans to begin the Beltline Modernization and Safety Improvement Project.

The \$9.2 million project, expected to begin this week, will expand and renovate a section of Beltline Highway from just north of Royal Avenue to the railroad overcrossing south of Roosevelt Boulevard.

ODOT designed and will manage the project and Wild-

ish Construction Co. will serve as the general contractor. Don McLane, ODOT assistant project manager, said he expects there will be some delays as a result of the project.

"Whenever a highway is under construction, there are going to be delays," McLane said. "But we have a good detour set up and generally things should work quite well."

Michelle Cahill, project liaison for the city, said it is reasonable during any construction time to expect delays.

"It's always a good idea to seek alternative routes to the University," Cahill said. "We have a Web site and a relief hotline for all construction

Improvements

The following are included in the Beltline Modernization and Safety Improvement Project from Royal Avenue to Roosevelt Boulevard:

Expand Beltline from two lanes to four.

Build a bridge to take Beltline over Royal Avenue.

Extend Roosevelt Boulevard westward.

Construct and illuminate new bicycle-pedestrian paths along Beltline and Roosevelt.

Install new traffic signals.

Improve landscaping along the construction zone.

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problems in the Eugene area."

City and ODOT officials deemed the project necessary following an environ-

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