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The Flash

Walker announces plans for re-election

Rep Vicki Walker, D-Eugene, filed this week to seek re-election in her district, which includes much of Eugene, Springfield and Coburg.

Walker has been a champion of student concerns and plans to meet soon with University President Dave Frohnmayer to discuss faculty salaries.

Around the community, Walker's key issues are improving suicide prevention programs and increasing awareness of and restrictions on the use of pesticides in Oregon. **PAGE 6A**

Push-ups pump up Rec Center

The Recreation Center in Esslinger is home to many physical education classes and a climbing wall, but lately it has also been the site of a new pushup contest.

The contest, thought up by sophomore and international studies major Wes Hare, who also serves as judge, is held each Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. in the weight room at the Rec Center. The men's record stands this week at 61, and the women's is currently at 41. **PAGE 3A**

Bush, Gore set for fall election

With former Sen. Bill Bradley and Arizona Sen. John McCain conceding defeat in the Democratic and Republican primaries, respectively, Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore are ready to put on the gloves for fall's presidential election.

Both Bradley and McCain will keep control of the delegate they have accrued so far in the primary voting. **PAGE 5A**

WEATHER

Today

Saturday



RAIN
high 50, low 38

RAIN LIKELY
high 55, low 40



Junior Jessica Binder prepares to spar. Binder started boxing two years ago.

Azle Malinao-Alvarez Emerald

Rolling with the Punches

University students are showing some prowess in the sport, and the fights are gaining in popularity

By Lisa Toth
Oregon Daily Emerald

The adrenaline rush peaked, and the crowd rose to their feet as blood sprayed from Tim O'Brian's face.

The heavyweight fight between O'Brian and opponent Manny Gonzalez had all 800 spectators' eyes glued to the ring. Gonzalez managed to knock O'Brian down three times before the fight was over, and the referee held the taped hand of Gonzalez high in the air.

"I was in the crowd, and in the first round, the crowd leapt off its feet, which tended to validate the whole experience," boxing volunteer Gary Fraser said. "A spectator came running by me and was proud that he had O'Brian's blood splattered all over his shirt."

The O'Brian/Gonzalez fight

“Every-one wonders what it would be like to step foot through those ropes.”

Gary Fraser
volunteer

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Sigma Chi Beta works to open UO chapter

The Oregon State University chapter of the fraternity was closed, but colony members may reopen it

By Simone Ripke
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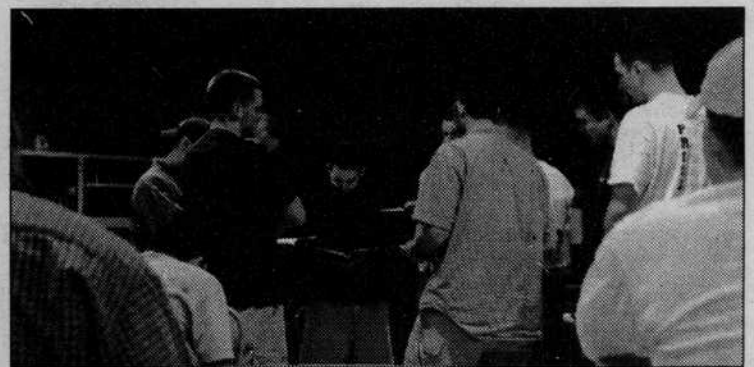
How do you trade an orange fur coat for some green and yellow feathers?

Just ask members of the Sigma Chi Beta Greek "colony" who transferred to the University from Oregon State University last fall in the hopes of re-establishing the local chapter of Sigma Chi Beta.

Jason Merck, senior business major and president of the colony, is one of 11 former OSU students who decided the future of their fraternity was worth the transfer even if that meant losing academic credit along the way.

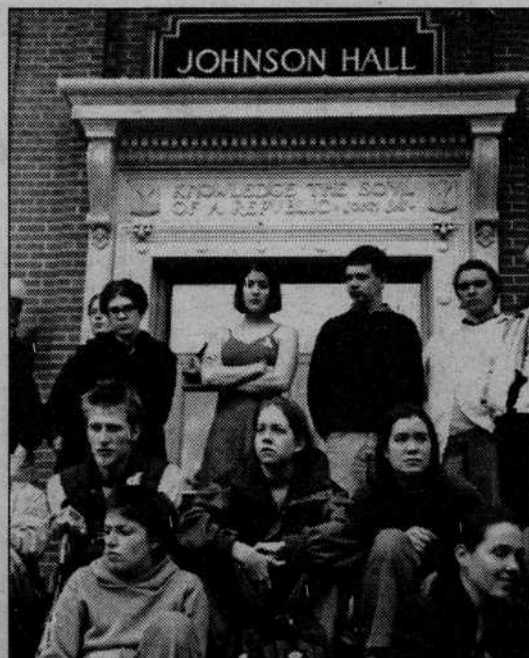
"It really didn't help us school-wise," he said.

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Pledges at the Sigma Chi Beta colony practice singing their sweetheart song.



Kevin Calame Emerald

Concerned students demand the University adopt the WRC.

Frohnmayer hears concerns of students regarding WRC

■ The Worker's Rights Consortium monitors the working conditions of foreign companies

By Emily Gust
Oregon Daily Emerald

Backed by supporters from various campus student groups, the Human Rights Alliance met with University President Dave Frohnmayer Thursday afternoon to formally request the University listen to the student body and sign on to become a member of the Workers' Rights Consortium by March 31.

Over the last year, several students from various campus groups have jumped on the is-

sue, pledging support and encouraging the University's acceptance of the code. On Thursday, about 45 students crammed themselves into the conference room in Johnson Hall to express their opinions about the issue and listen to Frohnmayer's response.

"This isn't a Johnny-come-lately issue for the administration," Frohnmayer said. "I want to assure you that the student voice is heard on campus."

The WRC is a monitoring system that oversees the working conditions in factories outside of the United States. If the administration decides to join,

“I question why [the administration] would feel the need to call police out.”

Jevon Cutler
Human-Rights Alliance

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