

**OKATEE GOLF CLUB**  
Golf at its Finest  
College Students - \$20.00  
822-3220

**Ideal for Grad Students!**

- 1 & 2 Bedrooms
- Quiet & Large
- Gas Fireplace
- Air Conditioning
- Laundry Hookups
- Free Cable

**Come check us out!!**



**McKenna Estates**  
342-5735  
near Autzen Stadium

**STOREWIDE SALE!**  
**20%—70 OFF**

Ski Equipment  
Downhill • Cross Country  
Snowboards

**ON NOW!**

**Berg's Ski Shop**  
Open Mon-Sat 10-7  
13th & Lawrence • 683-1300

ode classifieds 346-4343

# Candidate prepares to seek re-election

■ The Eugene Democrat wishes to continue working in her community and making a difference for students

By Darren Freeman  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Rep. Vicki Walker, D-Eugene, filed Tuesday to seek re-election to the post, which represents much of the Eugene, Springfield and Coburg area.

Walker will be unopposed in May's primary election, but Republican Wes Collins, a Eugene construction supervisor, has filed to challenge Walker in the November general election.

A member of the State House of Representatives since 1998, Walker said she hopes to serve another term and continue tackling the issues facing her district.

Collins declined to discuss his candidacy, saying it is too early in

the race.

Walker, who has served on the House Interim Transportation, Trade and Economic Development and Legislative Counsel committees, said she has worked closely with state university students on such issues as higher education funding, financial aid and cultural diversity.

"She's very understanding of the issues facing students, and she's been a strong advocate," ASUO state affairs coordinator Arlie Adkins said. Both of Walker's children attend college. Her son, Adam, attends the University.

Walker said she plans to soon meet with University President Dave Frohnmayer to discuss facul-

ty salaries. She said the Oregon legislature boosted University funding last year, and she would like to see that money used to pay faculty.

"I'd hate to lose good instructors to other states and colleges," said Walker, a 1978 University graduate.

Campus issues Walker hopes to address include diversity, providing affordable day care services for children of students and boosting student voter turnouts.

In the community at large, Walker said that if she were re-elected, she would continue working to create and improve suicide prevention programs and increasing awareness of and restrictions on the use of pesticides in the state.

After graduating from the University, Walker completed a court reporting program at Lane Community College and has worked as

a court reporter since 1983.

Dick Deers, who served with Walker on the Cal Young Neighborhood Association, said Walker is committed to meeting the needs of her constituents.

"She's responsive and able to work toward the goal of getting a project done," he said.

Walker said that she found politics to be a way to make the difference in society that she always wanted to make.

"I love what I do. I've always enjoyed helping people, and this is the perfect job to do it," she said.



WALKER

# Firefighter's motive in shooting still unknown

By Teresa M. Walker  
The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Memphis was a city in mourning Thursday — flags flew at half-staff, bouquets of flowers were placed on fire hall steps and firefighters and law officers wore black bands across their badges.

All were in memory of two firefighters and a sheriff's deputy who were slain Wednesday — allegedly by one of their comrades, firefighter Fred Williams — in a rampage that has angered and saddened this Mississippi River city.

"It's just so shocking," said Pam McFarlin, who took food to firefighters at Fire Station No. 55 and brought a bouquet of flowers to the home where the men were shot. "We all just feel so bad."

Williams, 41, ambushed the

firefighters as they arrived to fight a blaze at his home, authorities said. Williams' wife, Stacey, was found shot to death in the garage.

Investigators said they were still looking for a motive. They were trying to determine whether Williams set the fire to lure firefighters to the home or to cover up his wife's death. It was also unclear whether Williams made the 911 call to report the fire, Police Director Walter Crews said.

Williams, a six-year veteran of the fire department, was shot in the groin by a police officer when he refused to put down his weapon, authorities said. Williams was under police guard at a hospital in critical condition. Authorities plan to charge him Friday but did not give specifics.

Witnesses said that when firefighters arrived at the burning

home, Williams ran out of the garage firing a shotgun and screaming, "Get away! Get away!"

Killed were firefighter Lt. Javier Lerma, 41, the son of a Memphis firefighter who died battling a blaze in 1977, and Pvt. William Blakemore, 48, a firefighter who was working for a sick colleague, possibly Williams, Crews said.

Williams did not work at the same station as the men who were killed, but they probably knew each other. Firefighters often cover shifts of sick comrades at other stations, Fire Chief H.J. Pickett said.

Williams had returned to work Monday after taking a leave of absence for "employee assistance," Crews said, not providing details. Williams left work early Monday, claiming he was sick, and had not returned for shifts Tuesday or

Wednesday.

The fire chief wouldn't discuss Williams' work history or his leave of absence.

Crews said the couple had married on Valentine's Day and Williams moved into the house this week. He faced a court hearing next week on a domestic violence charge from October involving Mrs. Williams, then his fiancée. Details were not available.

Herman Harrison, Mrs. Williams' former husband, told The New York Times that he was trying to get custody of his 8-year-old son, who was living at the house. The boy was in school when the shooting occurred and was taken to Harrison's sister.

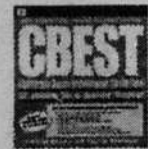
Neighbors had reported seeing smoke coming from the house and alerted Williams, but he said everything was fine, authorities said.

**LearningExpress is your TEST PREP PRO. COUNT ON IT.**

**YOU'RE IN A CRUNCH.**  
You're taking the CBEST on April 15.  
**YOU NEED HELP NOW!!**  
WE'VE GOT THE ANSWERS.

**WWW.LEARNX.COM**

Take a practice test online and improve your test score up to 30%!

 If you prefer to work from a book, just go to **WWW.LEARNX.COM** and order our exclusive test prep guide.

You'll Get 20% Off the CBEST Test Preparation Guide. In Fact, You'll Get 20% Off All LearningExpress Books When You Order Online. — It's Automatic!

**www.LearnX.com**  
**Call Toll Free: 1.888.551.5627**  
Also, Available at Major Book Stores Everywhere!

**ACHIEVE YOUR PERSONAL BEST AT LEARNX.COM**

**THIS IS THE LIFE.**

**Experience it**

Now you can have it all:

- Washer/dryer in each apt.
- Covered bike racks
- Private bedrooms
- Individual leases
- Computer labs
- Alarm systems
- Reserved Parking
- Fitness center
- Rec room
- Swimming pool

**CALL NOW! 338-4000**

**UNIVERSITY COMMONS**

**APARTMENTS**

Property address: 90 Commons Drive

come by our clubhouse and see for yourself:

**90 Commons Drive**

