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## He's staying

With rumors floating around cyberspace and other media outlets, Oregon head coach Ernie Kent quelled all talk by turning down Notre Dame and staying as the head man at Oregon. **PAGE 5**

## The Flash

### Senate OKs \$1,000 funds request

The ASUO Senate met Monday night for its second meeting of the summer. The main issue of the evening was a request from the Survival Center for \$1,000. The requested money would go toward the annual joint organizing conference of United Students Against Sweatshops and 180 Movement for Democracy and Education, which will be held August 16-20 on the University campus. Six hundred dollars of the requested money would go towards a deposit for dorm rooms in which participants in the conference will stay. The remaining \$400 will be split between the cost of speakers and renting space on campus. The Senate voted 3-2 in favor of giving the Survival Center \$600 to cover the immediate need for the dorm deposit.

### Logging protester climbs building

PORTLAND (AP) — A man who spent 11 days on the ledge of a downtown building in a protest over logging descended Monday into the waiting arms of dozens of cheering supporters.

Arrow climbed to the ledge of the U.S. Forest Service Building July 7, saying he would stay there until the Forest Service reversed its decision to allow logging on 1,030 acres of forest in the shadow of Mount Hood. Several people camping outside the downtown building had been hoisting food and water up to him.

According to a police report, his real name is Michael James Scarpitti, and he is 26.

"This is a catalyst for a huge grass-roots effort to take back our land," he said before being taken away to jail.

## WEATHER

Today Wednesday



PARTLY SUNNY

high 80, low 55



PARTLY SUNNY

high 82, low 57

## LTD litigation



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The court states that petitioners can't stand within eight feet of a bus door, a distance that LTD officials say it is not enough and creates an imbalance between petitioners' right and passengers' needs.

## Petitioner wins approval to gather names at stops

A circuit court judge delivers verdict that petitioners can solicit signatures on LTD property, but not on or near buses

By Rebecca Newell  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Two years ago, Steve Leppanen was exercising his rights as a citizen, gathering signatures for the Parks and Salmon and the Medical Marijuana initiatives. When he chose to exercise those rights on the property of LTD's downtown station and at bus stops, a controversy arose that has yet to be resolved.

After being restricted from certain LTD property, Leppanen joined the American Civil

Liberties Union, and brought his concerns to its board. A year later, the board took up his complaint as a cause and began the legal process against LTD.

Leppanen's case was filed in May, and all parties agreed to fast-track it, holding the trial in June. Circuit Court Judge Gregory Foote returned a decision in favor of Leppanen and the ACLU.

Foote ruled that the ordinance is unconstitutional and  
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## Multicultural Center director secured at last

By Rebecca Newell  
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After a national search that lasted several months and uncertainty regarding the details of the position, the Multicultural Center found their third offer to one candidate was a charm in securing a director.

Director of Student Activities Greg Lobisser had initially offered the position to first-choice candidate Erica Fuller-Shindler in May, but she turned it down for personal reasons. The second choice for the job also turned down the position, and the search committee regrouped to decide what course of action to pursue.

After her circumstances changed, Fuller-Shindler notified the committee last week that she was still interested and available for the position.

"Things were better all around for this opportunity," Fuller-Shindler said.

At an informal meeting July 12, remnants of the original hiring committee and representatives from various facets of the University decided to offer the position as a one-year interim position.

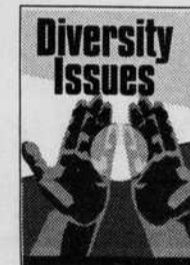
Lobisser then offered the position on Friday to Fuller-Shindler, who accepted that day and made plans to start within the week.

"It's been six years since I've lived on the West Coast," said Fuller-Shindler, an Oregon native who spent her first two college years at the University. "It was about time for me to come back over this way."

Both Lobisser and ASUO President Jay Breslow, who has been instrumental in the search process, expressed relief and confidence over the progress.

"It's a real advantage to the MCC to have Erica come on board so quickly," Lobisser said. "She'll have time to become established here before welcom-

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## Police review group examines dubious tactics

The Independent Police Review Project offers a forum for complaints toward the Eugene Police Department

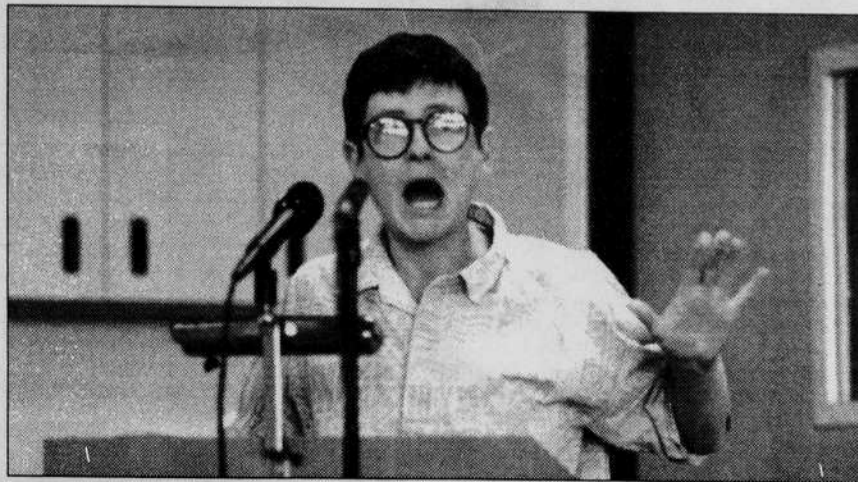
By Jack Clifford  
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The inaugural meeting for Eugene's newest watchdog group, formed to focus on police behavior toward city residents, kicked off not with a bang, but more of a drumbeat.

The seven committee members and approximately 50 supporters of the Independent Police Review Project, which was organized in late May to shed light on issues of police accountability, met Friday evening at EWEB to recount tales of what organizers say is an increasing amount of police misconduct.

"The turnout wasn't as great as I thought it would be, but I think we accomplished our goal

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Betsy Brown speaks out at Friday's meeting of the Independent Police Review Project. The group formed to help citizens with resources and referrals in regards to complaints against police misconduct.