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Credit cards can lead to debt and a poor credit rating for the unwary. **PAGE 4A**

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Eugene and the entire state of Oregon have many participants representing their country. **PAGE 12A**

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## Elections 2000



Al Gore's Senior Environmental Policy Advisor, Katie McGinty, speaks at the Erb Memorial Union on Thursday. She discussed environmental policy with a large group of students and community members. Dan Brunell Emerald

# Gore environmental adviser speaks on campus

Green Party supporters and a dead fish greeted Kathleen McGinty in the EMU Thursday

By Jeremy Lang  
Oregon Daily Emerald

When Kathleen McGinty, the top environmental adviser for Al Gore, came to campus for a town hall meeting Thursday, she probably expected to have an easy time talking policy. After all, Oregon voted Democratic in the last three presidential elections.

But this is Eugene and the

University of Oregon, which also makes it a major Ralph Nader stronghold. A handful of the Green Party candidate's supporters came wearing T-shirts and buttons supporting the Green Party candidate, who holds a liberal platform of environmental conservation.

They challenged McGinty with tough questions about Gore's environmental record.

She also had an unexpected confrontation with a large, dead fish.

About 200 students and community members packed themselves in the Ben Linder Room in the EMU for a chance to voice their concerns to McGinty, who has been Gore's environmental policy adviser since the vice president was a Ten-

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Kathleen McGinty has been an environmental adviser for Al Gore for more than a decade. She resigned from her position as a senior environmental adviser for the Clinton administration in 1998 and lived in India with her husband for 15 months.

**Q:** What was there for you in India?

**A:** Well, if you work on environmental issues for a while, you really begin to realize that the

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# GTFs, University satisfied with health care agreement

Graduate Teaching Fellows won full individual coverage this summer, but some question the stability of the plan

By Kristy Hessman  
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Imagine being a single mother living on a salary of less than \$400 a month — before taxes.

This scenario is reality for some Graduate Teaching Fellows here on campus, and they welcome the agreement on full individual health insurance coverage, part of their contract with the University. The health-insurance agreement was reached in September.

"It is an issue for all GTFs, but for those with dependents, it is really important," said Charli Carpenter, a political science GTF and single mother. "It is nice to have that safety net."

Carpenter is just one of the 1,140 GTFs on the University campus who are excited about the decision, which came after controversial negotiations between the University and the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation this summer.

The negotiations began in June, when about 100 GTFs and other students protested outside Chapman Hall in demand of better coverage.

In early September, the University and the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation struck a deal in which the University agreed to cover the entire cost of health insurance for individual

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# Safety officers stationed in attempt to build trust

The Department of Public Safety will set up a sub-station for officers in the residence halls.

By Emily Gust  
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There were many changes over the summer for the University Office of Public Safety.

One of the modifications is that its name is no longer Office of Public Safety. It is now called the Department of Public Safety.

The traditional uniforms of white shirts and dark pants are being swapped for more official-looking blue uniforms, and enforcement of parking fines on

University streets was relaxed for two weeks at the start of fall.

In addition to the name and wardrobe change, there is an even bigger change that is affecting some University students a bit closer to home.

Soon, three DPS patrol officers will occupy a sub-station in the University residence halls. Aiming to put on a friendlier face, DPS hopes the officers' presence will increase the comfort level in the halls while also improving relations between itself, residents and student staff, DPS Director Tom Fitzpatrick said.

"It is our hope that by having DPS in the buildings on a regular

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This is the first of a two-part series about changes at the Department of Public Safety.

**Today:** Public safety officers move into the residence halls

**Monday:** New patrol cars with red and blue lights