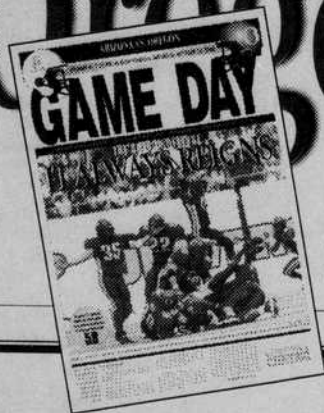


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Homecoming face-off

Possession of first place is at stake when the No. 7 Ducks take on No. 21 Arizona. **Section B**

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Oregon candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives have differing priorities. **PAGE 3A**

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Expanding Education



Dorian Robin, Annabell Pankalla and Isaac Marron stand in a cardboard helicopter. The children are cared for in the Moss House, run by the EMU child care center. *Catharine Kendall Emerald*

Conservation controversy

As election day draws closer, Nader supporters must make a heavy voting decision

By **Emily Gust**
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It was supposed to be a platform for local and national environmental activists to support Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore.

Instead, Thursday afternoon's press conference turned into a face-off between Gore followers and supporters of Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader. Of the 35 to 40 people who amassed in Alton Baker Park, roughly one-third showed their support for Nader with posters and signs.

The protesters didn't say anything until Carl Pope, executive director of the Sierra Club, stepped to the podium.

Facing a large sign that read "Gore & Pope: Old-Growth Sell-Outs" on the left, Pope delivered his intended speech, voicing support of Gore for president and urging citizens to use their votes responsibly.

"I'm here because I believe that the voters of Oregon may very well decide who the next president of the United States will be," Pope said.

Environmentally speaking, Pope said, there has never been such a contrast between two candidates as there is between Gore and Bush, leaving a significant choice for voters this election year.

Even though Nader is the candidate most aligned with the environmental concerns of many activists — Nader said four dams won't be missed by the country — Pope pointed out Nader "freely acknowledges that he's not going to be the next president of the United States."

"But we do have the choice, if we use our votes effectively, of a candi-

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CCDC experiences 30 years of change

Student parents juggle classes and babies with the help of the University's child care centers

By **Lisa Toth**
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Since 1970, the University's Child Care and Development Centers has helped to make education more accessible for student parents like Amanda Stout.

Stout, a junior biology major in the Honors College, is one of the "second-generation" student parents who attended the CCDC program as a child.

"I remember being a child of student parents, being on the bus or riding on the back of a bike through campus," Stout said.

Stout's four-year-old daughter, Antonia, followed in her mother's footsteps and participated in the Westmoreland Toddler Program for two years. Stout and her husband, who is just finishing his education in the business college, had their second daughter, Samantha, on Oct. 11.

Students, parents and faculty involved in CCDC celebrated the center's 30th anniversary Oct. 13. The celebration included performances from CCDC alumni, including blues guitarist David Jacobs Strain, juggler David Kelly and singer

Xavier Kylablue.

CCDC, a program specifically designed for children of University students and faculty, now includes seven nationally accredited child care sites in Eugene to serve the needs of University families. The programs are located in the University campus area and offer services to children between the ages of 12 months and six years.

Child Care Coordinator Dennis Reynolds has been managing the group of 25 regular staff members and the team of 100 student aides and assistant

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Counseling and Testing Center prepares for new director

Robin Holmes experiences a smooth transition as she trains for her new director's position

By **Brooke Ross**
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The University's Counseling and Testing Center has announced that Robin Holmes will succeed the current director, Weston Morrill, on Jan. 1, 2001.

"I look forward to this new position because college students have a lot of energy and passion, but they struggle too, and I want to help them," Holmes said.

Holmes is currently the associate and clinical director for the center, and is also training for the director position.

"I have been attending several student affairs meetings and going over the budget with Morrill," she said. "My transition has been smooth so far."

As director, Holmes will oversee the center and be responsible for helping students overcome any psychological issues they may have. She said the center provides a vital service because it is the only mental health agency on campus.

One goal Holmes has for the counseling center is to destigmatize mental health care.

"Our culture sees getting help

as a sign of weakness," she said. "I don't think we can change the world's views, but we can definitely work on the campus perception."

To make her goal a reality, Holmes is planning a future campaign to advocate mental health through relationship building and time management skills to make life less stressful for students.

"Most students do not realize the center exists and how affordable it is," she said, adding that students pay \$13 per term for

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Robin Holmes, who will be the new director of the counseling center, chats in her office with Anne DePrince on Thursday. *Dan Brunell Emerald*