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The Huskies are dealt a tragic blow as Curtis Williams sustains a spinal-cord injury. **PAGE 7**

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# Jackson to students: Take your souls to the polls

The 'great unifier' tries bringing together student voters in support of Vice President Al Gore

By Beata Mostafavi  
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He's been called the "conscience of the nation" and "the great unifier," and for about an hour Monday night, students had the chance to listen to the Rev. Jesse Jackson speak about the contrasting philosophies on the environment, education, women's rights and health issues between Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore.

More than 500 people stood and applauded in a packed EMU Ball-

room for several minutes Monday to welcome him to the University. Many cheered, a few chanted and some even cried.

Although his earlier scheduled visit to the University was canceled so he could fulfill his promise to stand on the picket lines with striking transit workers in Los Angeles, Jackson made it up to the local community. The former Democratic presidential candidate spoke to the overflow crowd in the ballroom and then spoke again in the lobby to a group of at least 200.

From exercising his student activism in the civil rights movement and officially assisting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to being the first American to bring hostages out of Kuwait and Iraq in 1990, Rev. Jackson has been known as one of the most prominent political figures in recent history. His presentation created a loud and supportive audience reaction.

Following the lead of other high-profile Democrats who visited the University recently, includ-

ing feminist Gloria Steinem and former presidential candidate Bill Bradley, Jackson emphasized the high stakes of this year's election. He also stressed his belief that the election isn't just about the candidates, but about the teams that stand behind them.

"We can't just look at the candidates through a keyhole," he said. "We have to look at them through a door and see who else is behind that door."

Jackson said that Bush's team Turn to Jackson, page 3



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## Patch Work



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Monday afternoon six-year-old Jalese Walky from Delight Valley School gathers gourds at Lone Pine Farms on River Road in Eugene. She and other students took a field trip to the farm in celebration of the fall season.

# ROTC cadets get down and dirty

As part of the rigorous ROTC program, cadets participate in tactical training exercises

By Rebecca Newell  
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With the deafening roar of a Black Hawk helicopter overhead, camouflaged figures charged over a ditch, weapons in hand.

This sounds like a scene from Desert Storm, but in fact, it was a Reserve Officers Training Corps field training exercise, held once a term to demonstrate the responsibilities and obligations cadets can expect to fulfill upon graduation.

Last Saturday's event consisted of tactical training exercises, such as a grenade assault course, camouflage application instruction and paintball drills. Planned and led by ROTC seniors, the field training exercise began at 6:30 a.m. and went at full speed throughout the evening. Cadets used simulation grenades for safety and "rubber ducks" — fake M-16 rifles — to replicate activities such as charging and flanking while using a weapon.

"Rolling around in the grass during on the grenade assault course and hiking through the forest really put it all in perspective," ROTC sophomore Jackie Reed said.

At lunch, cadets could opt for

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“The exercises gave me an idea of what is expected and what it's like from a soldier's position”

Jackie Reed  
sophomore



# Students get better understanding of principles

Faculty from the School of Journalism impress the importance of professional objectivity upon students

By Brooke Ross  
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Journalism students and faculty shared their thoughts on the benefits and challenges of being journalists during "Making a Difference," an interactive discussion sponsored by the Graduate Student Association.

The event was held Monday afternoon in Allen Hall before an audience of approximately 35.

Debra Merskin, an associate journalism professor and one of the key speakers, said the event was a success, and she hopes there will be a second meeting to

continue discussing journalism issues.

"We were able to learn more about what our colleagues are doing and how they feel about issues," she said.

During her presentation, Merskin said one advantage of being a journalist is the way she can introduce people to new ideas through her work.

To illustrate her point, Merskin spoke of writing her book, "What Does One Look Like?," in which she attempts to illustrate the differences among ethnicities. When members of a German museum e-

mailed her, asking permission to use her work in an upcoming exhibit, she knew her writing had made a difference to someone.

"I felt satisfied because people were obviously reading about what's going on out there," she said.

Carol Ann Bassett, an assistant professor in magazine writing, also shared how her work has made a difference in society. Bassett wrote a magazine article in 1986 about looters of sacred archaeology sites. Because of her work, one grave digger was put in prison. Bassett said she is pleased

because the article is also used today as required reading for archaeology students at the University of Arizona.

"As journalists we can make a difference sometimes," she said.

The group also discussed how a journalist should handle objectivity, both when reporting the news and when teaching students. Bassett said she thinks it's important to remain true to one's beliefs, but she said as a journalist, she often has to step back from the issue she is reporting

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“It is necessary to try and maintain neutrality in journalism.”

Carol Ann Bassett  
Asst. Professor, Magazine

