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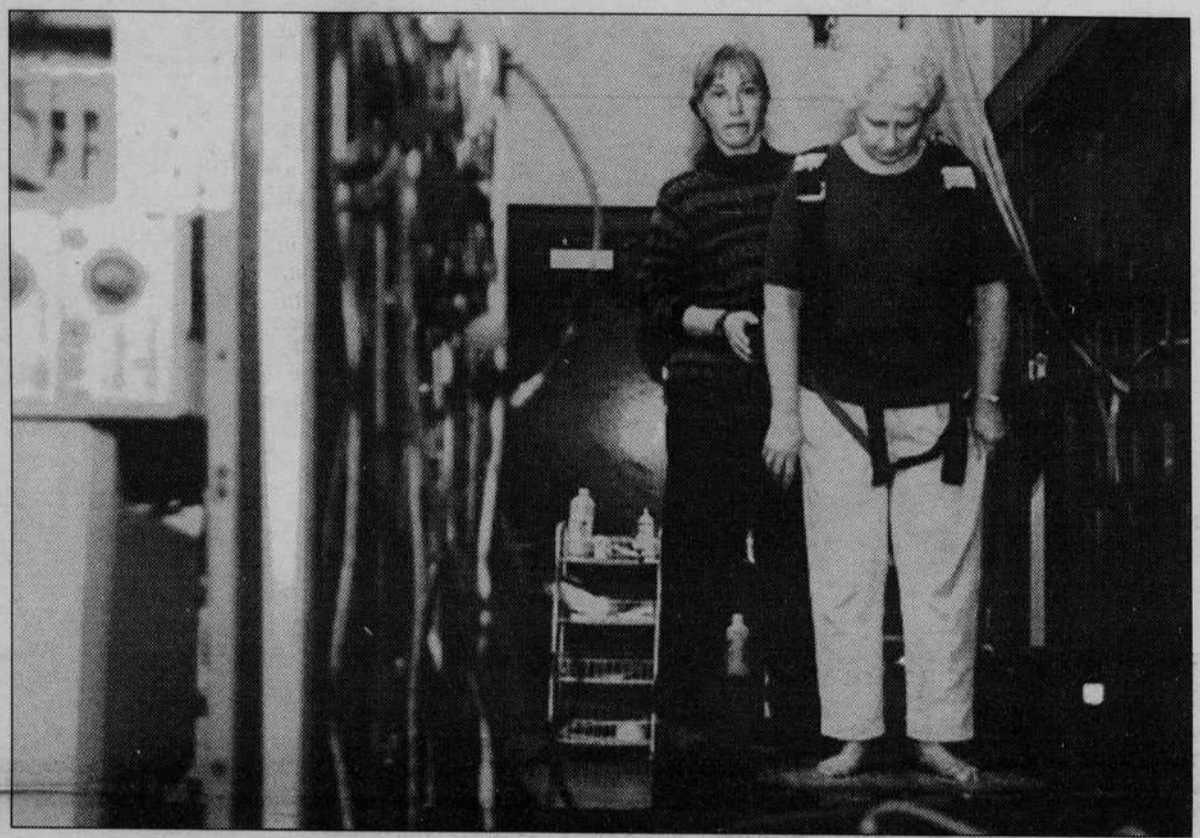
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The Oregon women's basketball team beat UCLA to end a two-game losing streak. **PAGE 5**

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The Baltimore Ravens dominated Super Bowl XXXV with a stifling defense. **PAGE 6**

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Jennifer Hess (left), a graduate student in exercise and movement science, assists Wanda Kimball, an elderly member of the strength and balance study at the Motor Control Laboratory. *Laura Smit Emerald*

Study may give elderly new strength

University researchers will conduct a strength and balance study that may help elderly people better perform daily activities

By Mandy Toomey
Oregon Daily Emerald

In the past 10 years, Charlotte Mullen, 74, has noticed her legs getting weaker. Although she has not fallen yet, she has come close many times, and has at times felt inhibited by her lack of leg strength. But a study by researchers in the department of exercise and movement science could benefit people like Mullen. The study aims to find

out if muscle conditioning can improve balance in elderly people. "The ability of adults over 65 to live independently is compromised because of their fear of falling and shattering a hip," said Jennifer Hess, director of the study. She added that this a common accident: Every year, one in three adults over 65 falls and breaks a hip. Although the study focuses on the elderly, Hess said it affects everyone.

"All of us have parents or grandparents we know now who could benefit from this knowledge," she said. Hess will lead the study, which will analyze 36 individuals age 65 and older three days a week for 12 weeks. The participants' balance and muscle strength will be tested at the beginning of the study. After low-impact muscle training focusing on lower leg muscles, the balance and muscle strength will be retested and compared with the original figures.

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Groups conflict over fundraiser

College Democrats and Students For Choice refuse to join a fundraiser for Womenspace because of anti-abortion group Justice For All's participation

By Jeremy Lang
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Echoing the current call for bipartisanship being made in Washington, D.C., the College Republicans are enlisting the help of a variety of student groups to raise money for the Womenspace clinic for domestic violence. But the College Democrats and Students For Choice have declined to be part of the fundraiser because Justice For All, a campus group that opposes a woman's right to choose an abortion, has already decided to participate. Last year, Justice For All sponsored the controversial Genocide Awareness Project, which used large posters in the EMU Amphitheater to compare abortion to the Holocaust.

Senior English major Scott Austin, who is a member of both College Republicans and Justice For All, said the idea was to bring all four groups together to show the widest support for the clinic, which has been in Eugene for 24 years.

"Here are four groups that are polar opposites of each other," Austin said. "But here's a program all four groups can agree on."

The College Republicans are planning to spend a weekend in February calling Eugene homes, soliciting money and other donations for Womenspace.

But College Democrats co-chairman Jed McGuire said after discussing the offer in its meetings, the group thought it would be a poor environment in which to have groups with such varying political ideologies together.

Students For Choice director Sara Poynter agreed and said her group, which advocates abortion rights, doesn't want to be affiliated with a group that adamantly opposes them.

"If Justice For All wasn't involved, Turn to **Fundraiser**, page 4

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Conference issues call to combat environmental racism

Winona LaDuke and other speakers emphasized global equality last weekend at the Economic and Environmental Justice Conference

By Brooke Ross
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Dozens of people had to sit outside, while hundreds more packed into the EMU Ballroom on Friday to listen to former Green Party vice presidential candidate Winona LaDuke call on national leaders to end environmental racism.

Her speech kicked off the Seventh Annual Economic and Environmental Justice Conference, "The Environment Sees No Color."

Turnout remained steady throughout the weekend as people participated in workshops, panels and social events to examine the issue of environmental racism, which is often defined as the dumping of pollutants in areas where minorities and low-income people live.

LaDuke spoke of the consequences

that can result from pollution, regardless of where it is placed.

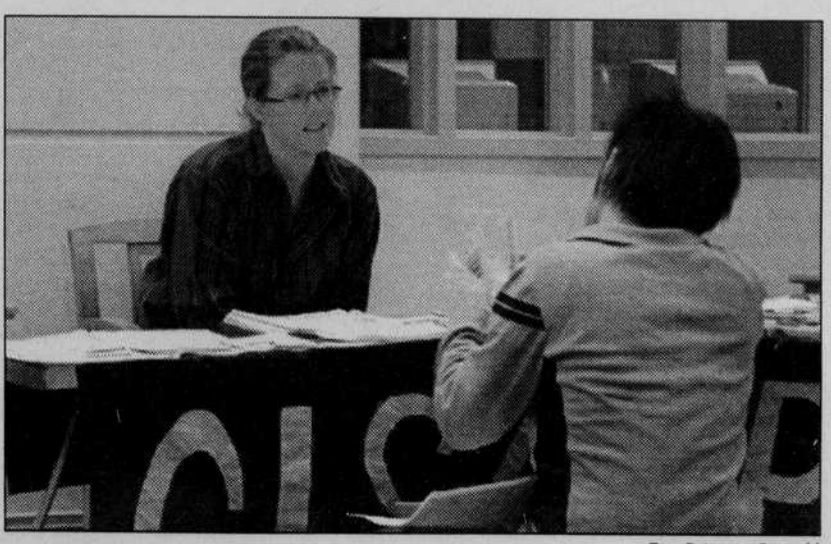
"There are about 72,000 chemicals out there, and we have no idea how they may impact our bodies," she said.

A health problem that can arise from environmental pollution is birth defects, which can be caused when pregnant women ingest chemicals that travel to their unborn babies, LaDuke said.

However, certain areas in the world have greater pollution problems than others, so several events on Saturday addressed the impacts of environmental racism felt by other countries.

Ipat Luna, a panelist and teaching fellow at University of California, Berkeley, discussed what she believes is a growing crisis in the Philippines. She said the United States uses the country as its dumping ground for

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Sophomore Sura Cox talks with a visitor to her booth at Lane Community College Saturday. *Tom Patterson Emerald*