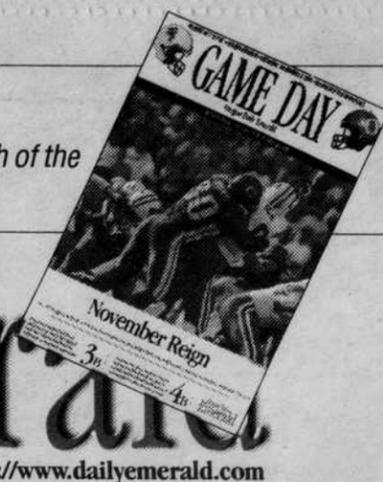


etc. ■ Police issued 29 MIPs in the campus area on Halloween night. PAGE 3A
■ Wayne Morse Chair leads panel on race relations. WWW.DAILYEMERALD.COM

A November to Remember
The Oregon football team opens the final month of the season Saturday. **GAME DAY**



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Wiccans look for apology from KEZI

■ Local Wiccans are unhappy with news anchor Lisa Verch's report about their religion

By Brook Reinhard
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It's been hundreds of years since witches were burned at the stake, but local Wiccans in the community feel they are still being persecuted.

Norma Joyce, high priestess of the local Wicca coven, said she feels slandered by KEZI news anchor Lisa Verch's report on Wicca and the Oregon Youth Authority.

"We want an apology and a fair airing of what the religion is," Joyce said.

In August, Verch was contacted by Michelle Crane, a woman whose son is in prison and had met with Joyce to explore the Wiccan religion. State institutions are required by the Federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act to provide religious opportunities when inmates request them, said Karen Andall, spokeswoman for Oregon Youth Authority. Wicca is a religion recognized by the state of Oregon.

Crane was deeply worried about the interaction between Joyce and her son, and she asked Verch to research the topic and see if Wiccans had a right to talk to her son without her permission. Crane's son is still a minor, and she would not release his name.

Verch researched for more than a month before determining there was a story, Crane said.

The broadcast was 7.5 minutes long, as aired. Six minutes of airtime was given to people who felt Wicca shouldn't be allowed in state institutions. Only one and a half minutes were allowed for supporters of Wicca in state institutions.

"It wasn't an indictment of Wicca," Verch said. "It was examining the system — is this a good choice?"

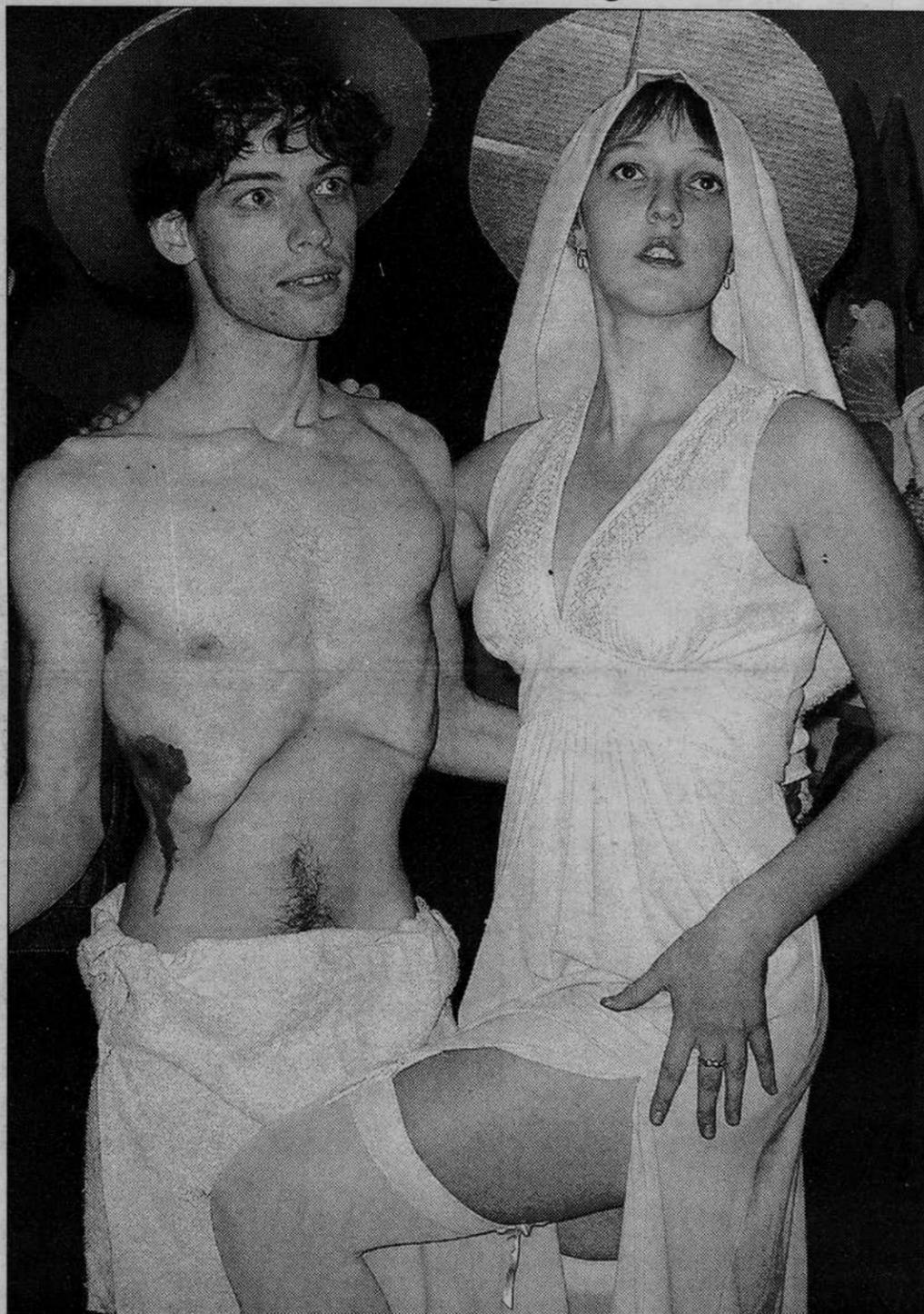
Oak Creek Correctional Center opened its doors to Wicca earlier this year. Joyce said she and other women of her order have been reaching out to kids in correctional facilities because the kids want support.

"We teach them ethics and non-blaming behavior," Joyce said. "I can teach them how to protect themselves, but 99 percent of what we do is dealing with the psyche."

Crane's son heard that Joyce was

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She's a 'Virgin Virgin'



Thomas Patterson Emerald

Martha Steele, dressed as the Virgin Mary, waits in line with Jesus (John Larson) to watch the Rocky Horror Picture Show, which was shown at the EMU Ballroom on Wednesday. Those who have yet to see the show performed live are called 'virgins.'

Movie to premiere at Convocation

The University will continue 125th anniversary activities today with its annual Convocation ceremony, starting at 2:30 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom.

Convocation is the ceremony that traditionally marks the beginning of the University's academic school year. Janet Fratella, coordinator of the event, said the Convocation allows "faculty to reflect on their teaching, and staff to reflect on their work and the importance of the University."

President Dave Frohnmayer will begin the event with a keynote address about the state of the University. A series of four lectures will begin at 4 p.m., and they will discuss the state of the world and the University at its founding in 1876, and how the University has changed

through the years. At 5:15 p.m., the University will premiere the video "A History of the University of Oregon: The Founding."

Although Convocation traditionally marks the beginning of an academic school year, the University typically holds it halfway through the first term to allow the school of music time to practice pieces for the convocation, according to Fratella.

The Oregon Brass Quintet, University Brass Choir and University Singers will perform several traditional selections as well as "Fanfare for the New Millennium," a piece specially composed for the Convocation by University alumnus Bernard Scherr.

— Marty Toohey

Lawsuit alleges race bias at UO

■ Joseph Wade is asking for punitive damages and his former position back

By Leon Tovey
Oregon Daily Emerald

The Oregon Attorney General's office is working to settle a lawsuit alleging the University and Provost John Moseley discriminated against a former University administrator based on his race.

Joseph Wade, who served as director of academic advising and student services from 1985 to 1999, filed the civil rights suit in June after he was fired by Moseley, ostensibly because Moseley was not satisfied with Wade's supervision of the Special Academic Support for Student Athletes unit.

Moseley and the Attorney General's office declined to comment on the specifics of the case, but the 63-year-old Wade claims that he was fired in retaliation for a lawsuit he filed against the University in 1996. He dismissed the suggestion that he

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From parks to football yards

■ Even before Donald Duck represented his football team, Jim Adams was a Disney fan

By Eric Martin
Oregon Daily Emerald

What do the Internal Revenue Service, Disneyland and "The Shawshank Redemption" have in common?

Each played an integral part in Oregon offensive lineman Jim Adams' formative years. No, Jim

wasn't hunted by the government's tax hounds and thrown in Maine's notorious state prison. But he loves the 1994 film starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman, and his parents, Richard and Connie, work for the IRS office in Laguna Niguel,



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