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Lighting the way...



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After an initial speech by Mayor Jim Torrey at the Eugene Amtrak Station, Amy Feinberg (above) traveled the first leg of the Olympic torch's procession throughout Eugene. Waving flags and taking pictures, crowds of spectators lined the route braving rain, cold weather, and a forty minute delay to cheer on one of the most visible and prominent symbols of the Olympic Games. After completing its route through Eugene, the torch moved on to Portland.

Supporters get together to celebrate Roe v. Wade

■ The ProChoice Coalition of Oregon sponsors a candlelight vigil to observe the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision

By Ben Hughes for the Emerald

A different kind of torch was passed Tuesday at the First Congregational Church in Eugene — it was not passed for athletic achievement, but for the achievements of women, men and organizations that have helped women gain control of their right to choose.

Traveling through the latest cold-wave, nearly 130 people attended the event sponsored by the ProChoice Coalition of Oregon to light candles and show their support for the 29th anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

A number of state and city representatives were in the crowd, along with several other representatives of pro-choice organizations. Each candlelighter had his or her own reason for lighting one of the 29 candles.

"We've got to remind our President and remind our U.S. Supreme Court and remind our fellow citizens that reproductive choice is a core freedom; it's a fundamental value and it is a cherished right for all of us," said Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury.

Bradbury also reminded the crowd that if President George W. Bush appointed an anti-choice justice, it that could swing support in the Supreme Court toward a recall of the Roe v. Wade decision.

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Ducking in and out

■ Nearly 1,000 Ducks dropped out this winter, but 486 new students have enrolled to take their places

By Marcus Hathcock Oregon Daily Emerald

Not all University students start their academic year in the fall and end it in the spring.

Jim Buch, associate vice president of enrollment services, said 990 students have discontinued their education at the University between fall and winter term — excluding fall graduates. At the same time, 486 new students have enrolled.

Freshman Emma Hertzal left the University after fall term. After leaving her native Arizona in pursuit of a journalism degree, Hertzal said she realized her need for the friends she left back home.

"It was really hard," Hertzal said. "For a while, I just missed my friends so much it was distracting me. Then I'd talk to them and think 'What's the point of being here if all I do is talk to my friends in Arizona?' Ultimately it was about me being completely happy."

Hertzal is now pursuing a psychology degree at Arizona State University. She said that in her case, the decision

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Brady Barksdale, a transfer student from Willamette University, searches for history books at the University Bookstore.