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year. The assault has not increased concern around campus much, though, Frye said.

"I don't think it's any different from things that have happened at the University for a while now," she said. "This was just kind of the straw that broke the camel's back."

Hicks said increased lighting and faster responses are only a starting point. He said a large part of crime prevention comes from community involvement and awareness. The Women's Center

and Office of Student Life in particular have successfully educated the University community about crime prevention, he said, and the surrounding neighborhoods have effectively used community policing to decrease crime in the area.

Despite the campus safety measures, many women feel unsafe, according to Martha Ravits, an assistant professor and director of the Women's Studies Program.

Ravits said new female students in particular often feel unsafe on campus.

"I'm hearing vocal women stu-

dents feel they're unsafe," Ravits said. "The lighted paths are a good thing, but perhaps more could be done with it."

Ravits said increased education should be a priority.

"This is a problem that needs to be addressed not by trying to shelter women or suppress them, but by approaching it as a systematic problem at the societal level that can be helped through education and management of men's behavior," she said.

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that sentiment, pointing out that while the \$48 million cut would be hard for the OUS, earlier proposals threatened to cut as much as \$80 million.

Monday's voting fell largely along party lines. Republicans defended the plan, while Democrats criticized it.

"This plan balances the state

budget without raising taxes or creating new taxes, and does so in a responsible manner," House Majority Leader Karen Minnis, R-Wood Village, said in a statement.

State Sen. Tony Corcoran, D-Cottage Grove, called the plan a failure and warned that the fight over the budget could turn into a standoff between Kitzhaber and House Speaker Mark Simmons, R-Elgin.

"It was the biggest failure I have seen in four sessions of the Legisla-

ture," Corcoran said. "Simmons needs to know that the governor doesn't play chicken."

Kitzhaber said Monday he will create another budget plan, his third since early January, in an attempt to find a solution with the Legislature.

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"duck feet" program. It says which paths are safe to walk on. We'd repaint those, as well as fully support Saferide and the new program, Night Ride.

Q: How do you define diversity? And how do you plan on bringing diverse voices together on campus?

Diversity is not only race issues or gender issues, but also political views as well. That's the short definition.

All of our issues touch directly to campus issues one way or another. The diversity action plan is still in the works. We need to draft it up with the cooperation of (the Multi-cultural Center) and (the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Alliance) — all the student groups.

We can't just go in and delegate it to student groups.

One thing we'd really like to see is to hold two town hall meetings every month where students can come with questions and concerns and we can address them right there, back and forth, one on one, and bring those back into the office.

Q: If two student groups were at odds with each other, how would you resolve the conflict?

Generally the easiest things to do is to sit down with them independently, separately, and find out what's going on. Then we can come to an understanding of what the issues are, and then meet with them and find out what we as an executive do to make this better.

Q: If there was one thing you could change about the University

instantly, what would it be?

Making sure the student voice is heard on this campus, heard in the city of Eugene and heard in Salem. We want to make sure students are not overlooked in issues regarding budget cuts, tuition, or any issue that concerns this campus.

Q: How would you do things differently than the current ASUO Executive?

We will be more accessible to student groups and students in general, whether it would be with the town hall meetings or just an open door policy and getting that diversity in the office. I think we bring very different leadership backgrounds, but we still know a ton about ASUO.

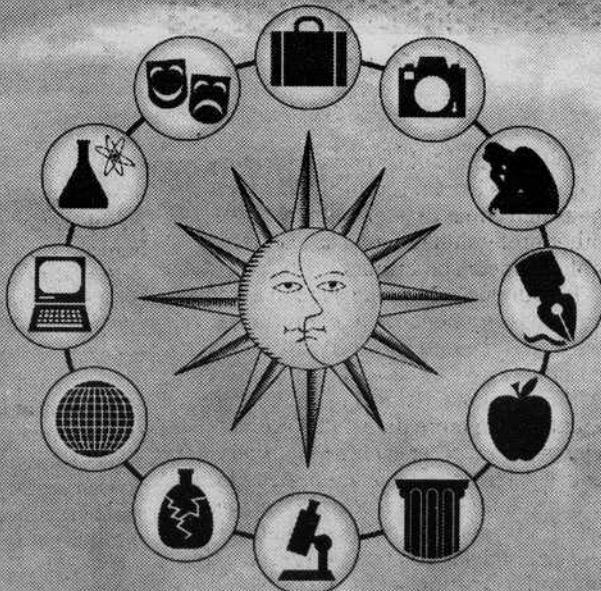
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