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## Iraq granted sovereignty two days ahead of schedule

*The interim government will hold power until elections set for Jan. 31*

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's new leaders reclaimed their nation two days early, accepting limited power Monday from U.S. occupiers, who wished them prosperity and handed them a staggering slate of problems — including a lethal insurgency the Americans

admit they underestimated.

The land once ruled by Saddam Hussein received official sovereignty from U.S. administrators in a secretive ceremony moved up to thwart insurgents' attempts at undermining the transfer.

"The Iraqi people have their country back," President Bush said at a NATO summit in Istanbul, Turkey.

On paper, the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional

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*Local reaction notes democracy may be a long time coming in Iraq*

BEN BROWN  
NEWS REPORTER

In a surprise move Monday, the United States handed over power to the new Iraqi government a full two days ahead of President Bush's original June 30 deadline.

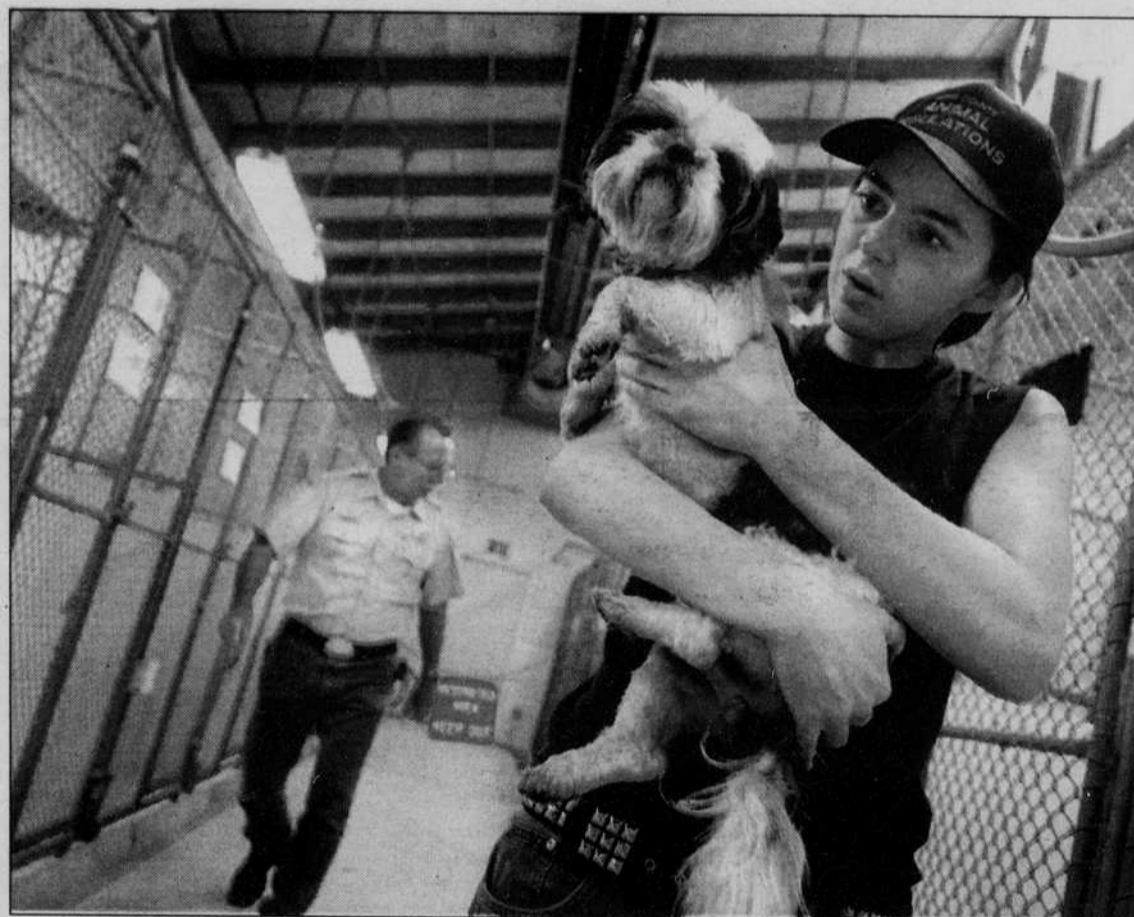
In a ceremony Monday morning, Iraq Administrator L. Paul Bremer turned over power

to Iraqi President Ghazi-al Yawar and Prime Minister Iyad Allawi. Both men swore an oath on a copy of the Koran to accept their new duties and responsibilities, which include day-to-day administration of Iraq and preparations for the democratic elections scheduled for Jan. 31.

Political science Assistant Professor Jane Cramer said the surprise turnover was an attempt by U.S. and Iraqi officials to preempt attacks that may have been planned

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### ANIMAL ACTIVISM



University student Lauren Zavrel comforts a stray Schitzu at the Lane County Animal Regulation Authority building as Senior Animal Welfare Officer Bill Waugh quiets barking dogs in neighboring kennels.  
Erik R. Bishoff  
Photo Editor

## Helping four-legged friends

*Undergraduate Lauren Zavrel started her own nonprofit, Puptent Inc., to benefit local animal-rights causes*

OMIE DRAWHORN  
NEWS REPORTER

Most college students lead hectic lives. They balance writing that Chinese literature essay, cramming for an economics exam, working a closing shift at the Olive Garden and carving out time for a social life.

Imagine balancing classes and homework with three part-time jobs, volunteering, and then deciding to start your own nonprofit organization.

Meet Lauren Zavrel, a University senior majoring in romance languages, is described by those who know her as bubbly, friendly, smart and funny. She works for Events Services on campus, the Cash Store and as a teaching assistant.

But, her true love is helping animals. She volunteers at Lane County Animal Regulation Authority (LCARA) and spends much of the rest of her time running Puptent Inc., the nonprofit organization that she founded last year. Puptent, which came to life on December 26, 2003, is dedicated to raising

money for animal organizations, promoting awareness about animal over-population and preventing cruelty to animals.

Starting a nonprofit organization might be the furthest thing from most college students' minds, but Zavrel felt there was no reason not to do it.

"This is something that couldn't wait," said Zavrel. "I can't put off making a difference; anybody can make the time for something they really believe in."

She said the campus also has many resources to offer, including free office space in the EMU, student volunteers, the Career Center and resources in the School of Journalism and Communication.

Zavrel admits she's always liked animals. Growing up, she had birds, turtles and a dog.

Zavrel didn't get into animal activism until a few summers ago when she was watching television and saw terrorists testing chemicals on a dog overseas. She couldn't bear to watch.

"I thought, 'I can't even deal with this,'"

she said "I have to volunteer. I have to do something for animals."

So Zavrel began to volunteer at LCARA where she cleaned up after animals, but she started to feel that wasn't enough.

"I wasn't really spreading awareness or helping with the bigger issue," Zavrel said. "I was really motivated to do something more."

From there, Zavrel incorporated her love of mountain biking with her passion for helping animals by coordinating Pedal for Pets in June 2003, bringing bicyclists from as far as Portland together to raise \$1,500 for LCARA's "Adopt a Kennel" program. She organized all the public relations, volunteer coordination, organization and fliers.

Bill Waugh, Senior Animal Welfare Officer at LCARA, was impressed by her hard work.

"I think the world of Lauren," he said. "It's very commendable to see young people so dedicated to a cause."

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## Property damage results in lawsuit for UO fraternity

*The property owners are seeking \$500,000 from Sigma Alpha Epsilon following the November incident near Sunriver*

OMIE DRAWHORN  
NEWS REPORTER

Two homeowners have filed a half-million-dollar lawsuit against Sigma Alpha Epsilon and its members, alleging they damaged a house and the surrounding property outside Sunriver during a November party.

Homeowners Les and Nora Brock say that while the fraternity was renting the property, its members built a bonfire in the backyard; served alcohol to minors; engaged in public drunkenness, nudity and public urination; cut down trees; damaged the inside of the house and a wooden footbridge; disturbed the peace and drove vehicles around neighboring property. The lawsuit, filed in Deschutes County Circuit Court June 5, seeks \$500,000 from the national organization, the local chapter and 45 named fraternity members for negligence, fraud, timber trespass and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon advisor Kent Williams declined to comment on the event because of the pending litigation.

The lawsuit claims Cameron Crockett, the SAE member who rented the house, told Brock the house would be used by two

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## Student Senate issue resolution supports GTFF

*The resolution, aimed at preventing a potential GTFF strike, will not be official until voted on by the Constitution Court*

MEGHANN CUNIFF  
FREELANCE REPORTER

The ASUO Student Senate approved Thursday night the first issue resolution since 1999, calling for the University to "negotiate in good faith with the GTFF in order to avert a potential strike."

The resolution responds to the ongoing contractual negotiations between the Graduate Teaching Fellow Federation and the University for the 2004-2006 biennium, the resolution read.

Summer session Senate President Rodrigo Moreno-Villamar said it is crucial for the Senate to take a stance in the negotiations because GTFFs make up nearly half of the summer teaching staff.

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