

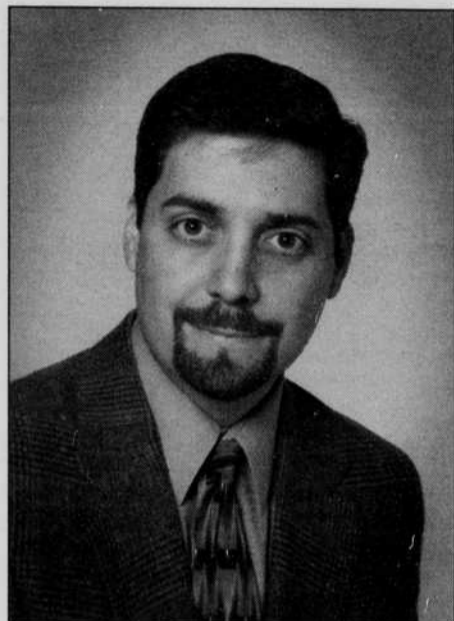
# University appoints interim positions

Current University employees were chosen to temporarily fill three top administrative vacancies

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The University announced last week three interim appointees to fill top administrative positions dealing with issues such as diversity and multicultural concerns, as well as student services.

The appointees will fill the three spots left vacant by the resignation of former administrators Greg Vincent



Charles Martinez has been appointed the interim vice provost for institutional equity and diversity.

and Anne Leavitt. Vincent is the former vice provost for institutional equity and diversity, and Leavitt is the former vice president for student affairs and the former dean of students.

Charles Martinez, an associate professor of educational leadership and a researcher at the Oregon Social Learning center, has been appointed interim vice provost for institutional equity and diversity.

Martinez is currently part of the executive workgroup for the University's Five-Year Diversity Plan, which will be a major part of the agenda for the office of institutional equity and diversity over the next year.

"There are huge challenges in terms of where the plan has been and where it's going," he said.

"I'm looking forward to the challenges," Martinez said. "I think I'm also appropriately apprehensive... We have complex issues facing us around diversity."

Martinez said he's glad for the opportunity to immerse himself in administration without giving up his teaching and research projects.

Mike Eyster, who currently serves as the assistant vice president for student

affairs as well as director of housing, has been appointed interim vice president for student affairs.

According to Eyster, the various offices that make up student affairs — which include the EMU, financial aid and scholarships, admissions, the registrar and others — have only been working as a cohesive whole for a couple years.

"Obviously that's going to be something we want to continue and do even better," he said. Eyster said he wants to maintain this cohesion for a permanent vice president.

"If that's the environment they can step into then they're going to be able to hit the ground running," Eyster said.

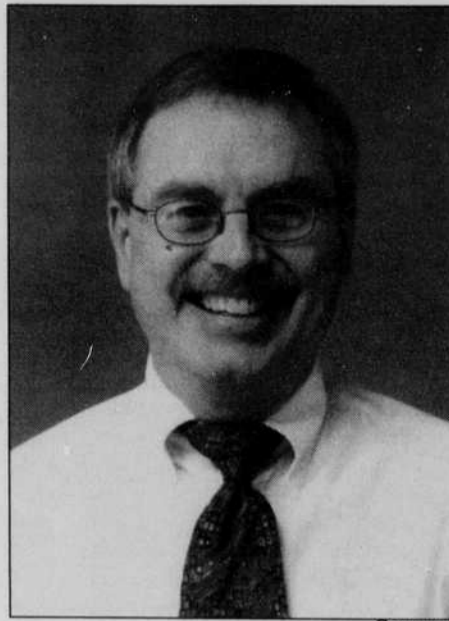
Eyster also said that the student affairs division wanted to maintain its commitment to cultural competency training.

"I see that as being an ongoing commitment," he said.

Eyster listed high turnover in the administration and funding as two of the primary challenges facing his office next year.

"The level of support we're receiving from the state is not adequate for what we're trying to do," he said.

Robin Holmes has been appointed interim dean of students. Holmes is currently the director of the Counseling and Testing Center as well as a clinical psychologist with a private



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practice in town. At the time of publication, the Emerald was unable to reach her for comment.

Vincent left the University to serve as vice provost for inclusion and cross-cultural effectiveness at the University of Texas at Austin.

Leavitt left the University to serve as the director of scholarship programs for the nonprofit Ford Family Foundation.

A search for permanent candidates to fill these administrative positions will begin in the fall.

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## IN BRIEF

### "Dog at large" turns out to be a crocodile

Eugene police officers and Lane County animal control officers responded to a report of a "small alligator" at large in northeast Eugene on Friday.

Officers captured the reptile, which turned out to be a 4-foot-long caiman, an American species of crocodile.

Since caimans are neither native nor prevalent in Eugene, the report was recorded as a "dog at large" in the police dispatch system because that was the closest incident code under which to log the incident, according to a Eugene Police Department news release.

### Albertson's to host Mayor's monthly meeting

Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy will hold her monthly One-on-One public session at the Albertson's at 1675 West 18th Avenue in Eugene tonight from 5 to 6 p.m.

Members of the community are encouraged to attend and take advantage of the opportunity to speak directly to the mayor about any topic.

Piercy typically holds the public meetings on the last Tuesday of every month in a different location in order to allow people from various neighborhoods to attend the meetings.

For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at 682-5010.

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