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Project Saferide to expand service to 13th Avenue

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Project Saferide will expand its services beginning winter term, receiving riders on the currently blocked-off section of 13th Avenue from University Street to Kincaid Street.

The University Transportation Subcommittee unanimously passed a tentative motion Friday allowing Project Saferide vans access to 13th Avenue until the end of the current academic year. The program will be assessed at the end of the year to determine whether van access will be continued, said David Rowe, University planner.

When implemented, Project Saferide vans will enter 13th Avenue from the parking lot adjacent to Johnson Hall and exit at the intersection of 13th Avenue and Kincaid Street near the Chiles Business Center and Condon Hall.

The van service will run from 6 p.m. until midnight winter term, and 8 p.m. until midnight spring term to provide greater accessibility for women enrolled in night classes, said Shannon Meehan, Project Saferide coordinator.

Access through 13th Avenue will increase the effectiveness of the shuttle services, Meehan said, and will enable a driver to complete a van route every half hour rather than the hour it takes now. With the services of the second Saferide van to begin winter term, access to riders could be provided every 15 minutes, she said.

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A merry tuba Christmas

More than 200 tuba players of all ages gathered Saturday for the eighth annual Tuba Carol Concert at the Eugene Downtown Mall's Center Fountain. The players produced more than the traditional "oom-pah-pah" expected from a tuba: Listeners were treated to renditions of favorite holiday carols arranged by former University student David Grosvenor.

Photo by Shu-Shing Chen

U.S. stalls efforts to stop arms race, forum speaker says

By Tonnie Dakin
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The question of whether humanity will be able to step back from the precipice of nuclear annihilation dominated a forum sponsored in celebration of the United Nations' Year of Peace.

Most Americans have an idea of the devastation that nuclear war would cause by looking at the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II, said Karen Talbot, representative to the United Nations for the World Peace Council.

"We all have in our minds...the horrors of that holocaust...we know of the lingering effects on subsequent generations," she said. "But Hiroshima and Nagasaki live today...they have rebuilt."

If nuclear weapons are used again, the world would have a nuclear winter that would destroy all life on the planet, she said.

Certainly, the citizens of the United States, Soviet Union and European countries are aware of the devastation that nuclear war would bring. The citizens of Third World, less advanced countries also are aware of the effects, Talbot said.

"The people in these countries are very much aware they will not escape either...they are aware that it means death for them, too," she said.

If nuclear testing doesn't stop, the danger of the loss of arms control or of nuclear accidents grows greater, she said. "The genie is almost out of the bottle," she said. "We may reach the point of no return."

Although there was a chance to reach an arms control agreement at the summit meeting in Iceland, President

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University employees complain about forced holiday, Dec. 26

By Chris Norred
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All University employees will get to stay home on the day after Christmas, whether they want to or not. And many employees are less than thrilled with the extended holiday, said Kathy Wittwer, Oregon Public Employees Union representative.

Wittwer said the OPEU local is considering a group grievance against the University because the decision to close the union's place of employment for "lack of work" was made by administrators who don't have to do the work and who didn't ask how much has to be done.

University administrators announced in a memo dated Dec. 4 that all University departments, except for emergency services such as the Office of Public Safety, will be closed Dec. 26.

The closure may disrupt some University employees' holiday vacation plans, cause them to fall behind in their work, or to forfeit a day's wages from their December paychecks, Wittwer said.

But the decision to close the University was seen as a benefit for most employees, said Jack Steward, University director of

personnel services. Steward said he recommended the closure after consulting with a number of other administrators.

"The president, on advice of the vice president for administration after consultation with the provost and the director of personnel services, has determined that with classes already in recess and with the Christmas holiday occurring on the previous day, work loads will be so light as to meet the terms and conditions of (the Temporary Interruption of Employment - Lack of Work provision) of the current OPEU collective bargaining contract..." the memo reads.

"The main reason is just to give people the opportunity for a long weekend," Steward said.

But Wittwer said employees have a floating holiday, with which they could take a long weekend if they want, but by closing the University, the administrators are forcing employees to use the floating holiday on Dec. 26. "What has traditionally been a floating holiday doesn't float anymore," she said.

The memo advises employees to use the floating holiday known as Governor's Day or vacation or compensatory time to cover the Dec. 26 closure.

Governor's Day can be taken either the day before or after Christmas or the day before or after New Year's.

But the employees had to schedule their Governor's Day time off well in advance so the University would have enough employees to remain open on those days, Wittwer said.

"The union representatives got calls from employees who had already made plans for their Governor's Day time off, and now they'll have to change their plans or use some of their vacation time, or get a smaller paycheck for December," said Lisa Sieracki, OPEU representative. Also, employees who do not have holiday pay because they have worked less than six months or have used all of their vacation and compensatory time will be forced to take leave without pay, she said.

"For example, if somebody was planning to take Governor's Day on the day after New Year's, now they're forced to take another day off, and maybe get behind in their work, and they have to use a day they could have taken some other time," Wittwer said.

In addition, many employees are complaining that the "lack

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