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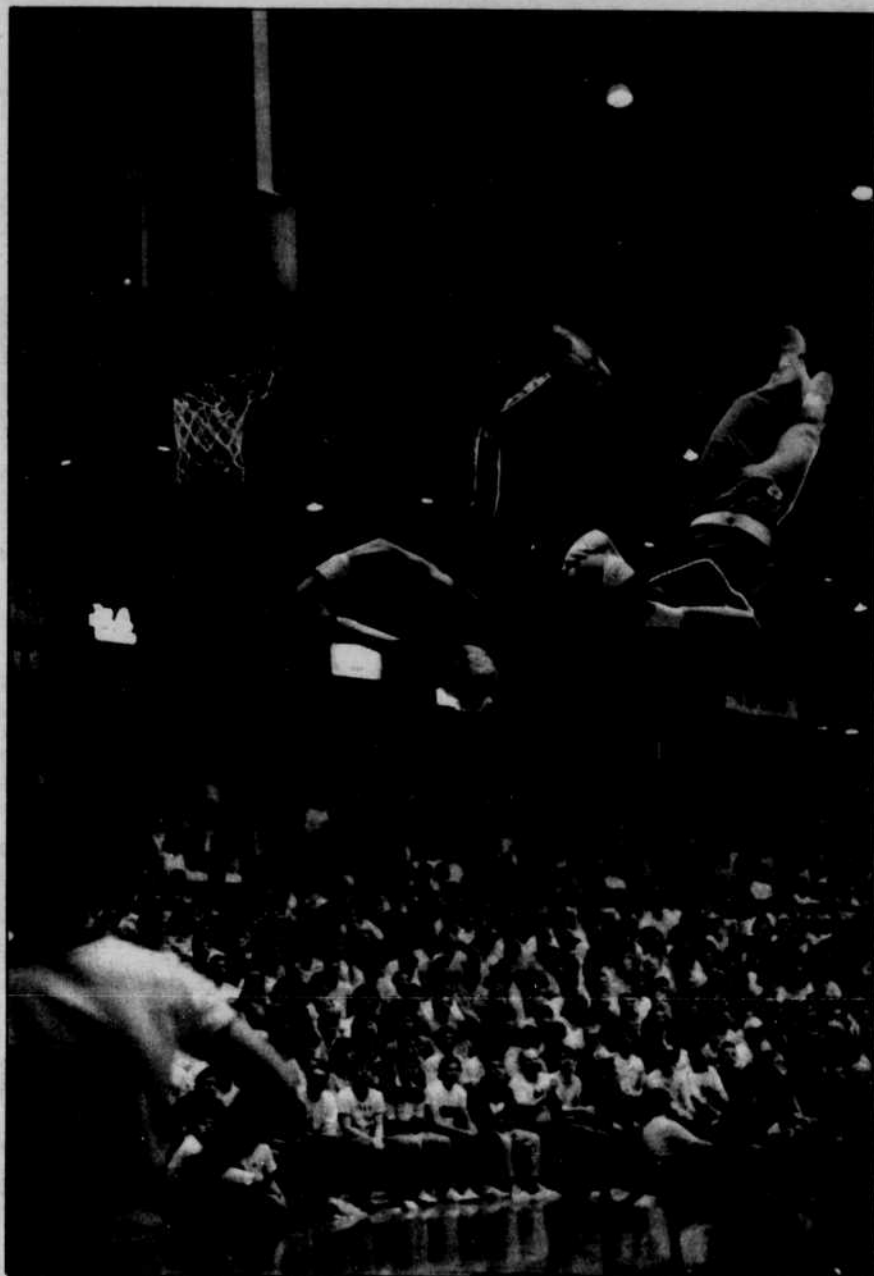
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Halftime antics

The Bud Light Daredevils delighted a packed McArthur Court on Sunday at halftime during the men's basketball game against UCLA. The touring group performs stunts using trampolines.

Photo by Michael Wilhelm
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State Board OKs plan to purchase NCC dorm

By Chris Norred
Of the Emerald

The State Board of Higher Education on Friday approved the University's request to purchase a dormitory from neighboring Northwest Christian College.

The dormitory, Marian Hall, will cost \$2.2 million, but officials said it should be a great deal for the University. It will house 150 students.

The University housing department turned away 483 students from existing campus dormitories last fall. The University is expected to maintain an enrollment of more than 17,500 students for each of the next 10 years, and the housing department expects the demand for dorm rooms to remain high.

The purchase of the dormitory now must be approved by the state Legislature as part of the State Board's 1987-1989 capital construction plan.

Marian Hall is located at 650 E. 11th Ave., about one block from the Universi-

ty Inn. It doesn't have a cafeteria, but the University Inn will increase efficiency in order to accommodate the additional 150 students, housing officials said.

Building a new dorm of similar size would cost more than \$3 million and would use precious University land or require the University to purchase land off campus.

University and NCC officials have discussed the Marian Hall deal for more than a year but didn't reach an agreement because the University couldn't afford to remove asbestos from the hall's rooms and hallways.

But NCC recently agreed to pay for asbestos removal and to sell the building for \$2.2 million.

The hall was built in 1963 by Sacred Heart General Hospital to house nursing students. NCC bought the building from Sacred Heart in 1972.

The purchase is the University's second acquisition from NCC this year. In

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Post office may discontinue its Saturday window service

By Joseph Menzel
Of the Emerald

The Eugene post office has recommended discontinuing Saturday retail window service at all local stations, including the University branch.

"It has been recommended that the University branch be closed to consolidate the service offered," said Dixie Krueger, manager of retail sales for the Eugene postal area. The proposal to discontinue branch window service has been forwarded to the Postal Division headquarters in Portland, she said.

Al Williams, customer services director, predicts the proposal will be accepted.

"No changes for window services so

far have been disapproved," he said. A decision is expected on Friday.

The recommendation followed evaluations of transportation facilities, economic factors and demand, Krueger said.

"When individual units are looked at, there doesn't seem to be much use of the University facility," Krueger said.

Post office box delivery will not be affected if window service is discontinued, she said.

And the main branch downtown and contract stations, including those inside Hiron's drug stores, will remain open on Saturdays, Krueger said.

"We want to make hours of service

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Fifth Street Market food hall undergoes renovation

By Laurie Schwartz
Of the Emerald

The buzz of electric saws will temporarily replace the hiss of espresso machines and the hum of conversation in the second-floor food hall at the Fifth Street Public Market.

The food hall will be closed until about March 1 as part of a long-term and controversial renovation project. Six restaurants on the bottom floor of the market and all the retailers remain in business as usual.

Construction costs for the coming year will be at least \$200,000, said Doug Obie, Fifth Street manager. Half of this money will pay for an elevator to provide handicapped access in accordance with city regulations, and electrical rewiring will take up another large chunk.

Obie hopes to evoke a Euro-

pean street scene at the market through the renovations, including new paint, a new tile floor, planters in the windows and about 20 percent more seating.

Two of the nine tenants in the food hall, the French Horn Cafe and Genesis Juice, moved out Feb. 15, complaining of huge rent increases. Many other market tenants, however, favor the renovations and are upset by the negative publicity the market management has received.

Kathleen Cooper, owner of the French Horn Cafe, estimated that her rent would have tripled under a new lease that switched from a flat rate to a percentage rate.

"The changes that are going to take place in there are going to force restaurateurs and retailers to charge more," Cooper said. "You can't operate

with those increased rents and not charge more for your food."

But Michael McCuen, co-owner of Top Grain Leather, is upset by the misconception that all tenants are getting rent increases. He does not expect his own rent to go up.

"I'm sure if you took a poll of all of the tenants that you would find that the vast majority support the market management," he added.

"I've had customers tell me that they've decided they wouldn't shop at Fifth Street Market anymore because of the treatment that management has given the tenants," McCuen said. "We'd like to get the customers back that have gotten bad impressions."

The French Horn has had "basically one-half to one-third the rent to pay every month that

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Doug Obie, manager of the Fifth Street Public Market, hopes to create a European atmosphere in the market's second-floor food hall.

Photo by Bobbie Lo