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## Library plan garners input

By Betsy Clayton  
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The inadequacy of the current Eugene Public Library and reactions to a final draft proposal on its future resurfaced at a Monday City Council public hearing.

Many community members commended the Future of Our Library Committee on its draft that outlines a plan for a larger, \$16.4 million library and a \$6.6 million parking structure to be built opposite the Broadway Street entrance to the downtown pedestrian mall.

Other residents, however, discussed problems with the parking cost and site selection. Mary Benson of Eugene said, "The \$23 million includes the price of the parking garage. I believe it's doomed to failure on the bond ballot. The price is out of reason for today's Eugene."

Committee member Jim Saul told the council the city should proceed with the construction of the 115,000-square-foot structure to meet the needs of the community. In addition, it should strongly consider the location on the south side of Broadway Street between Lincoln and Charnelton Streets.

The site selection on Broadway received the highest score of all the locations considered for the new library, said Jim Robertson, of Robertson Sherwood Architects. The site is large enough to accommodate the proposed size, close enough to downtown commercial activity, accessible by vehicles and buses and already under public ownership, he said.

Parking posed a difficult issue for the committee, committee member Julie Aspinwall-Lamberts said. "We considered multi-level parking and surface parking. Surface parking would take two square city blocks and that did not seem reasonable," she said.

The per capita circulation of the library is very high compared to other cities the size of Eugene, consultant Dick

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## Tradition

Hsiao-Wen Chang, vice president of the University's Chinese Student Association, pauses during a ceremonial march Monday from the EMU Courtyard to Gilbert Hall to fashion her warrior costume depicting an ancient Chinese female warrior. Several members of CSA and the Hong Kong Student Association donned such traditional clothing and made the short trek as part of festivities leading up to China Night on Jan. 31 at the EMU Ballroom. "Traditional to Modern" is the theme of the program, which will feature exhibitions, dinner and entertainment.

Photo by Andy Cripe

## Student Senate debates health class necessity

By Kelvin Wee  
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The future of required health education dominated Monday's Student Senate meeting, as University representatives and senators clashed over the merits of health education.

At issue was a proposal to support the School of Community Health's attempt to preserve the University's health education requirements. Currently, all students are required to take one course in health education.

Also at stake is the University's subsidy of about \$30 million in federal financial aid for offering health education.

"That's contingent on if there is substance abuse education made for all students, and the health requirement fulfills that," said Jody Ellingson, a School of Community Health student representative. "If it were axed, then we would not get that money."

The proposal is in response to a Special Semester System Curriculum Committee proposal that would remove health education as a graduation requirement when the University switches over to the semester system in 1990.

Senators discussed the quality of the health classes and how the classes can be improved. Current health classes, senators believed, were either too lax or repetitive of high school curriculum.

After 20 minutes of debate, the senators decided to postpone taking action until additional information about the proposal is available.

Also discussed at the meeting was a proposal by University faculty member Mike Ellis that seeks to delay the University's 1990 conversion to a semester calendar.

Senate Chairwoman Karen Frymoyer told the senate the proposal had the support of other faculty members in colleges

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## Students offer their time and friendship as role models

By Jennifer Carlin  
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A few years ago Jeff Brew watched from the window of his Springfield home as a young boy was kicked out of his house by an angry mother. Brew had seen the child before, walking alone to and from school.

Brew, 21, a history major at the University, remembers feeling frustrated and helpless at what he saw that day. After talking with a friend at a summer youth conference, he decided to become a Big Brother volunteer.

Brew applied for the position in 1986 in an attempt to personally address some of the problems facing today's youth.

Eugene's YMCA Big Brother/Big Sister program matches children in the 4-J district's elementary and middle schools with volunteers who are willing



Jeff Brew and Josh Glines

to share their time, skills and resources. Many of the children in the program are in need of friendship and adult role models.

The local program, operating since 1966, is funded directly by the 4-J School District. It is primarily run as a mentorship

and friendship service to assist children who are at risk of not succeeding in school.

Brew's "little brother," Josh Glines, 13, had been on a Big Brother waiting list for nearly two years. Brew examined the boy's background files, spoke with his mother by phone, and eventually decided to anonymously observe Glines at school one day. That's when the two first met.

"He was really excited," Brew recalled. "He was talking a mile a minute, and he wanted to show me everything."

Excitement was also a big part of the first meeting between ten-year-old Persephone Fletcher and her "big sister," Danielle Arigoni.

Arigoni, 18, a freshman at the University, applied for the program last September after attending a meeting during New Student Orientation. She and Flet-

cher met earlier this month.

Arigoni said she became a volunteer partly because she has a ten-year-old sister whom their mother is raising single-handedly.

"It's hard because single



Persephone Fletcher  
and Danielle Arigoni

parents do not have much time to spend with their children," Arigoni said.

According to Bob Bolden, director of Eugene's Big Brother/Big Sister, the majority of children in the program come from single-parent homes. The youngsters often have low self-esteem and lack a positive adult role model in their lives, he said.

Teachers and counselors recommend possible candidates for the program based on such indicators as the child's social interaction in school.

Lori Hemphill, a counselor at the Harris-French Bilingual School, 1150 E. 29th Ave., said she recommends a child only after consulting other teachers and counselors and discussing the benefits of the program with the children and their parents.

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