

# Oregon Daily Emerald

## Briefly



Hikers exploring the forests around Spencer Butte south of Eugene can experience firsthand the beauty of an old-growth forest environment before being treated to a panoramic view of the southern Willamette Valley.

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## On Campus

Incidental Fee Committee meets Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the EMU Board Room.

## Regional

A U.S. Supreme Court ruling that states can prohibit the taking of illegal drugs, even as part of a religious ceremony, hasn't stopped many Indians in Utah and elsewhere from using peyote, officials say.

## National

George Steinbrenner was stripped Monday of direct control of the New York Yankees, all but ending a turbulent 18-year reign that has alienated players and fans alike.

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## Weather

Partly sunny today after morning clouds with highs reaching 80. Low clouds will form late tonight before dissipating tomorrow afternoon.

## Agate closed between 13th and Franklin

### Begins first construction of project

By Catherine Hawley  
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The first phase of construction related to the Riverfront Research Project is scheduled to begin next week, eliminating a parking lot and temporarily closing Agate Street between 13th Avenue and Franklin Boulevard.

Agate Street will be closed beginning Aug. 6 so workers can widen and realign the street, which eventually will provide the main access to the research park. During construction, cars, bicycles and pedestrians entering campus from the north will have to use Kincaid Street, off 11th Avenue, or Moss Street, off Franklin.

Signs alerting motorists and bicyclists to alternate routes will be posted along Franklin Boulevard and on East 13th.

Also beginning Aug. 6, the Silva Orchard parking lot north of Franklin will be closed. The lot currently accommodates about 150 cars, said Carla Levinski, University planning associate. Thirteen parking spaces by Burger King will be eliminated as well.

The first stage of the Agate Street realignment, which is



Photo by Sean Poston

Jerry Morris (right) and Wayne Masoner, both City of Eugene employees, survey the area at the corner of Franklin Boulevard and Agate Street for future development of the Riverfront Research Park.

being financed by state transportation funds, is expected to be completed by Sept. 24, Levinski said. "We hope to have the street open again by the time classes start this fall," she said.

During the first stage, Agate Street will be widened between East 13th and the Millrace, turn lanes at the Franklin Boulevard intersection will be reconfigured and traffic signals will be upgraded. Also, fiber optic

conduits will be installed beneath the roadway on Agate Street.

The median strip on Agate by Oregon Hall will be removed, but the trees on the strip and on the west side of the street will be replaced with an equal number of red maples and scarlet oaks, Levinski said.

Eventually, a formal campus entrance, like the Westgate entrance at 13th and Kincaid, may be constructed

at Agate Street, Levinski said. "That's something the east campus planning committee has been looking at for a while," she said.

All lanes of traffic on Franklin Boulevard will be open during construction, except for a few days while underground utility conduits are laid. During that time, one lane of traffic in each direction will be closed

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## Tavern closing leaves hole in blues scene

### Local club owners hope to make up the slack

By Pat Malach  
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When the door of Taylor's Tavern swung closed earlier this month, it left many people standing outside wondering what will happen to the local blues scene and the building that used to be its home.

**'I had a good time there. It was a fun six years, but it was time to move on. Someone can make a living there, but they're not going to get rich.'**

— Dave Dingman

The well-used building at the corner of 13th Avenue and Kincaid Street has been serving food, beer and the town's best known blues to University students since the early seventies. The bar had attracted nationally known blues acts including Grammy Award-winner Robert Cray.

After filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy at the beginning of June, tavern owner Dave Dingman turned out the lights for the last time on July 10.

"I didn't really know I was going to close it until a couple of days before it happened," Dingman said. "I had an investor interested in coming in, but the deal fell through."

The locked doors of the tavern took Rodney Taylor, the man whose family has owned the building since 1930, by surprise as well.

"I didn't know until Tuesday," he said. "I came back from the coast and heard the place was closing." Taylor said he got the news from one of his sons who had been at the tavern and heard the announcement. "They kept announcing (at the tavern) that it was closing. I guess they had a real ball in there.



Photo by Sean Poston

The owner of the building which held Taylor's Tavern, one of the hot campus music spots since the 1970s, is not interested in renting the building as a tavern in the future.

"It was always busy at night," he said, reflecting on why the business may have failed. "(Dingman) is a nice guy. He just wasn't making ends meet so he walked away."

Dingman cited several reasons for his decision to leave the business. He said he felt the building owners did not want to re-lease the structure as a tavern and with the lease coming up soon he thought it was time to get out.

Dingman also said the building's size and lack of potential for growth limited his opportunities to cover his debts.

"You know how big the building was. There was no way to grow, and I had a lot of contracts to pay," he said. "It was a job. I wasn't making any headway or moving forward."

"I had a good time there," Dingman said. "It was a fun six

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