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COMMUNITY

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Hockey Tournament, which included 16 teams from all over the West Coast.

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Eugene's historic Broadway building is undergoing renovations that will hopefully restore some life to the city's depressed downtown area, said developer Mark Doonan.

Doonan and his associate on this project, Scott Bernet, both graduated from the University's Master of Architecture program in 1982. Since that time, they have cooperated on several projects including the renovation of a similar building in Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1988.

Doonan and Bernet see the Broadway building as a vital part of the larger project of bringing life back into the downtown area instead of furthering the "urban sprawl" that Eugene has seen.

"Basically, I think our underlying interest in the building is to make some kind of contribution to the urban environment, in terms of using existing

buildings and space to make the area a little denser," Doonan said. "It seems like something that the downtown is in need of and is going to be a popular spot for folks to go."

The building has been renamed Off Broadway, and will house several restaurants and shops as well as a 123-seat movie and arts theater. Five tenants, including a pizza-by-the-slice concession and a neon-light shop, have already committed to occupy space in the renovated building.

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The Eugene Planning and Development Department has been granted the money to come up with a plan to locate the city's public library in the former Sears building at the corner of 10th Avenue and Charnelton Street.

The city council has allocated \$105,000 to develop a conceptual design and to educate the public about the proposed site, said council member Ruth Bascom.

The council hopes to submit

a site, design and financing proposal for the new library to voters in time for next year's March 26 election.

"We are proceeding solely with (the Sears building) option," Bascom said. "It is the least expensive option we have looked at."

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The first phase of construction related to the Riverfront Research Project began in early-August, and eliminated a parking lot and temporarily closed Agate Street between

13th Avenue and Franklin Boulevard.

Agate Street was closed on Aug. 6 so workers could widen and realign the street, which eventually will provide the main access to the research park.

The Silva Orchard parking lot north of Franklin was also closed. The lot previously accommodated about 150 cars, said Carla Levinski, University planning associate. Thirteen parking spaces by Burger King were eliminated as well.

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Pick any activity and a host of possible classes are provided. Programs available for those interested in dance include ballet, ballroom, folk dancing, jazz, swing, and tap ranging from basic to intermediate.

Other categories of interest that are offered are: wellness, outdoor/trips, fitness, cuisine, applied arts, aquatics, and a number classes are listed under special interest.

For more information on available activities and schedules contact Eugene Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Office at 687-5333 or the Springfield Park and Recreation District at 746-1169.

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