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Almanac

Today's *Emerald* is the last of the term. Publication will resume Jan. 7.

Briefly

At its Thursday meeting, the Incidental Fee Committee voted to reconsider a budget request from Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

SETA had been granted \$802 for 1991-92 at its Nov. 30 budget hearing, but suggestions from the EMU program consultant's office were not taken into consideration at the time the budget was approved, IFC Chairman Mike Colson said.

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Internationally

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Lech Walesa, the shipyard worker who helped lead his country out of Communism, swept to a landslide victory in Poland's first popular presidential vote Sunday, according to partial returns.

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Sports



Debbie Sporcich

The Oregon women's basketball team evened its record to 2-2, after beating Portland State Friday and New Mexico State Saturday in McArthur Court.

Jennifer Bourn came off the bench to score 26 points — including six three-point baskets — as the Ducks beat NMS 114-82. Freshman forward Debbie Sporcich pulled down 12 rebounds and hit an Oregon single-game record 15 of 17 free throws in the same game.

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Photo by Andre Ranieri

Several hundred University students, faculty and staff collected in the EMU Courtyard Friday afternoon to demonstrate against U.S. involvement in the Persian Gulf.

Students protest gulf intervention

By Brenna Hansen and Kim Ralston
Emerald Contributors

Outrage and concern over the Persian Gulf crisis drew several hundred students, faculty and community members Friday to one of the largest protest gatherings on the University campus in years.

A symposium that followed the rally drew a standing room only crowd of more than 300 on the last weekday before final examinations.

Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Eugene, and other speakers denounced President Bush's military buildup in the Middle East to a large crowd in the EMU Courtyard.

"Ex-secretaries of defense and ex-joint chiefs of staff, many of whom were appointed by and worked for Reagan, have come before the United States Congress and have urged the United States to observe caution, withhold from entering into a war, and give the economic and political sanctions time to work," DeFazio said.

The crowd loudly cheered after DeFazio stated that the president apparently had a copy of the Constitution with a page missing because his top advisers believe Bush needs no authority to launch a first strike.

DeFazio has drafted legislation requiring President Bush to come before Congress to "make his case and get a majority vote" before engaging in any offensive military action. The bill will be introduced when Congress reconvenes Jan. 3.

In a vote last week, DeFazio said the House Democratic Caucus supported such an action by a 7 to 1 margin.

Ellen Furstner, coordinator for the Lane County Chapter of the National Organization for Women, followed DeFazio's speech with a woman's perspective on the gulf crisis.

Furstner said women have been conditioned not to speak out, but the "so-called experts are sending us over the brink of disaster."

"It's hard for me to speak here today," Furstner said, "but it would be a lot harder to start watching the body bags come home, and it would be impossible for me to send my own sons to the Middle East."

"I have three sons and in a few years, two of them will be old enough to go to war. Well, I'll be damned if I'll send my sons to die so some fat cat in L.A. can ride around in his limousine," Furstner said, with her arm around her youngest son.

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Pickers gather to protest war toys sales Shoppers' reactions mixed

By June Russell
Emerald Reporter

War toys teach violence and hatred, PeaceWorks protesters told shoppers during their annual demonstration Saturday afternoon outside the Toys R Us store on Valley River Drive.

Waving signs and passing out fliers, about 15 demonstrators fielded remarks from passing toy shoppers and explained their arguments against toys promoting violence.

Toy hand grenades, GI Joe dolls, water pistols, army fatigues, toy airplanes and video games are among the toys being protested.

"If we believe that children are our future, why are we emulating war with war toys?" asked Lora Dolan, Eugene PeaceWorks volunteer. "War teaches us to hate. It teaches us racism, sexism and that killing is OK."

"Why encourage violence by

buying war toys? Pacifist parents don't raise GIs and Marines. Peace begins with our children."

PeaceWorks represents the local chapter of the War Resisters League and has held its anti-war toy demonstrations for about the last 10 years, Dolan said.

The demonstration is to remind people about the effects of war toys and to make them think before they buy a violent toy. What the demonstrators are hoping for is a decrease in sales of war toys, Dolan said.

"You never know exactly what the effect is, but the major toy manufacturers have had decreases in sales of war toys," she said.

Shoppers' response to the protesters varied, ranging from hand signals both for and against their message to honking and comments from drivers and shoppers. Bo Adan, graduate teaching fellow in the Eng-



Photo by Andre Ranieri

About 15 people gathered outside the Toys R Us store to demonstrate against war toys and their influence on children.

lish department and PeaceWorks activist, said the response they receive is often ironic.

"It's ironic that we're not out here protesting consumerism, Toys R Us or even capitalism," Adan said. "We're simply here protesting the sale of war toys. And yet we get so much nega-

tive reaction when people drive by."

Some of the comments from shoppers questioned the demonstrators' support for the troops overseas. The individual soldiers, Dolan said, are simply acting on orders. What

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