



Photo by Jeff Paslay

Marsha Miller takes part in the Eugene YMCA's baby aerobics class with her 6-week-old daughter, Mary. It's just one of over 80 programs and services the local organization offers.

YMCA offers options for students

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What was once regarded as a University student union and teen hangout has evolved into the Eugene Family YMCA. Now, more than 100 years since its creation, the organization wants to attract the University population once again.

Beginning this September, the YMCA will cater to college students with a special "Seasonal

College Membership," said Mike Kelley, Eugene YMCA director. The organization realizes students are often hesitant to purchase a 12-month membership because of the three-month summer break, so an eight-month membership will soon be available.

During the school year, recreational basketball and volleyball teams are organized in which University students can participate. The YMCA also invites college

students to volunteer for teaching aerobic classes, helping with the pre-school or child care, or even serving as youth basketball coaches and officials. Several internship positions are available each term.

The YMCA's ties with the University and its students date back to 1887, when a dozen University men gathered in a professor's office in Deady Hall to discuss the

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Jackson targets Bush's policies

HOUSTON (AP) — President Bush was a target at Wednesday's NAACP convention, where the black rights group denounced him for lifting sanctions against South Africa. The Rev. Jesse Jackson called him a bully.

"America is at a crossroads, a moral and political moment of truth," Jackson said. "We need to march again, and vote again, and fight for an American agenda that truly represents the needs of the people."

The veteran civil rights leader and former presidential candidate demanded that Bush sign a stalled anti-discrimination bill.

"It seems to be that President Bush is a bully and has us in a buzz saw," Jackson said in an impassioned, hourlong speech that brought 4,000 cheering people to their feet.

"President Bush has raised the specter of race to divide the nation, while neglecting our real economic needs.

"The 1991 Civil Rights Bill is an economic opportunity bill, designed to help women, workers, ethnic minorities and physically disabled in the workplace," he said. "Yet the president has labeled it a quota bill, painting it with the divisive brush of race. We must put the race decoy in perspective by challenging President Bush to a debate on the economic recovery."

Delegates at the 82nd annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People unanimously approved an emergency resolution condemning Bush for lifting economic sanctions on South Africa. It called Bush's action premature.

Bush said he lifted sanctions because South Africa has reversed the laws that supported apartheid, its longtime segregationist social policy.

A resolution demanding the immediate resignation of Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl Gates also won unanimous approval. A independent city panel investigating the March 3 police beating of a black motorist issued a report Tuesday saying Gates should step down. Gates responded that he didn't plan to resign anytime soon.

Jackson also criticized Bush's nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court. He said Thomas deserved a Senate hearing but complained the judge did not embrace affirmative action programs that helped his career.

"In the light of this reality, Judge Thomas is a strange creature," Jackson said.

Telescopes available for viewing of solar eclipse

Telescopic viewing of today's partial solar eclipse will be available in front of Willamette Hall from 11 a.m. to noon.

A telescope with a filter to screen out the bright light of the sun will be on hand for public viewing, as will a monitor hooked up to another telescope, said astronomy Professor Robert Zimmerman, who is conducting the program.

At 10:25 a.m. local time, the moon will begin to move in front of the sun. By 11:15 a.m., the eclipse's height, the moon will cover 40 percent of the solar disc. The eclipse will be over by 12:25 p.m.

Although part of the sun will be covered, do not look directly at the eclipse. The radiation coming from the sun will be just as intense, and severe eye damage could result in just 30 seconds.

The eclipse will be total in parts of Hawaii and Mexico. In those areas, the moon will cover the sun entirely for what

Zimmerman said will be an unusually long period — an average of five minutes.

An eclipse occurs when the moon, orbiting the earth, passes in front of the sun and hides it from view. Although the sun's diameter is 400 times that of the moon, its also 400 times farther away. During a total eclipse, the moon fits neatly in front of the sun.

In the past, eclipses were scientifically valuable because astronomers could study the sun's outer atmosphere, the corona, visible only when the rest of the sun is hidden.

The invention of the coronagraph, an instrument that blots out the solar disc, eliminated the need for scientists to travel around the world to catch the latest eclipse.

"Now that astronomers can create eclipses, they are not as important from a scientific point of view," Zimmerman said.

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You many not have noticed, but the earthquake that struck California on June 28 shook the ground here in Eugene. A University-owned seismometer, which can detect distant earthquakes, picked up faint vibrations from the June 28 quake from its perch in the mountains of Eastern Oregon. Gene Humphreys, a University geology professor, says data from seismometers can be used to study the interior of the earth.

Funds given for playground

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The Incidental Fee Committee approved a \$9,061 allocation Wednesday to Amazon Co-op Child Care and Amazon Community Tenants to provide for new playground equipment in the University housing area in south Eugene.

Suzie Blanchard, director of Amazon Co-op, told IFC members the current wood equipment is old and rotting and there is a great need for newer, safer play structures.

Although the three IFC members present expressed some reservation about allocating such a large amount without consulting the other four members, in the end, a motion to approve the request, which will come from the IFC's surplus account, passed 2-0-1. Priscilla Warren and Robert Cruz voted in favor while Freddy Vilches abstained.

At the same meeting, members unanimously approved a \$481 special request from Mar-

lene Drescher, director of the Office of Student Advocacy.

The money will be used to attend a conference in late July on student legal services. The allocation also came from the IFC's surplus account.

The cost of the conference has been included in past budget allocations for Drescher but was not included this year. Iona Koleszar, attorney with the University's Legal Services, also attending the conference, had her expenses included in this year's budget.

At the end of Wednesday's meeting, IFC members agreed to limit the total amount of money they will allocate for the rest of the summer to \$4,000.

The IFC also met June 24, at which time they allocated \$6,000 from the surplus account to the ASUO to replenish the ASUO Equipment Replacement and Reserve Account, money that is usually granted by the EMU. By law, the fund must be replenished. The ASUO had requested \$12,748.