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## Courtyard musician

Bartholomew Sacramento, a roving Eugene flutist, performs outside the EMU Tuesday afternoon.

Photo by Jeff Paslay

## Council votes to keep Commission

By Gerrit Koepping  
Emerald Reporter

Springfield Mayor Bill Morrisette had a busy day Tuesday. At 2 a.m., after six hours of public testimony, he broke a 3-3 tie and saved the city's Human Rights Commission.

Eight hours later, he again demanded the resignation of council members Ralf Walters, Larry Schanz and Bruce Berg because of what he said was a plan by the three members to pre-arrange a vote against the appointment of a liberal affirmative action specialist to the commission.

The three council members had sent each other messages via computer that discussed their votes and lamented the lack of Christian ethics in government.

Soon after, Walters, Schanz and George Wojtek outvoted two other members and disbanded the Human Rights Commission. Both Walters and Schanz said the commission was disbanded because of its insistence on adding gays and lesbians to the list of minorities protected by the city anti-discrimination ordinance.

Monday night, the issue was voted on again and this time the Human Rights Commission was voted back in. But it was a hollow victory for the gay and lesbian community. Both Morrisette and Berg, who voted for the commission, said they would not vote for an ordinance protecting gay and lesbian rights.

Morrisette said now is not the right time for such protection.

Berg's objection was that to ensure the liberty of gays and lesbians the city had to violate the rights of those who found their lifestyle morally wrong.

"For government to say to you that you can't have certain religious beliefs is violating to that persons religious freedom," he said.

All this is a disappointment to Sue Dockstader, co-director of the University's Lesbian, Gay and Bi-sexual Alliance, who hoped the controversy would lead to protection for gays and lesbians. She objected to those who claimed the Human Rights Commission was ask-

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## Soviet students see coup as turning point

Country moving forward, they say

By Daralyn Trappe  
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When Masha Shatalina went home for a month this summer, she expected to spend time visiting friends and family, doing the usual things that University students do on vacation.

She was more than a little surprised when it was all interrupted Aug. 19 by an unexpected call from a family friend.

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Home is Moscow and Shatalina, a graduate student in economics, was there for the first time in a year.

"We were sleeping at 7 in the morning and a friend of my father's called and he said 'tanks are in the city,'" Shatalina said. "I couldn't follow what he was saying. I thought it was a big joke or something, so then I said thank you and just continued sleeping.

"Then my friends started calling and they said, 'Sorry, Masha. I don't think you're going back (to Eugene)' and at this point I realized that maybe I'm not."

Shatalina, who came to the University last fall, spent the next three days watching the beginning and end of the military coup against President Mikhail Gorbachev and hearing her friends talk after protesting in the streets.

But she didn't get too close to the action.

"My father didn't let me go the first day to the barricades because he said he wasn't sure what's going to happen, and he didn't want me to lose the opportunity to come here, because what if we were caught or something," she said. "Some friends of mine went there and they came home and told me what was going on. I went there immediately after the victory."

Shatalina and her family were more concerned about difficulties obtaining a new visa than about possible violence at the rallies. The feeling among the people who did protest, she said, was that there would be no repeat of the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre in Beijing, when people rallying for democracy were gunned down by the Chinese military.

"They were excited, not afraid of a military attack,"



Graduate students Philippe Kouzmine and Masha Shatalina came to the University from the Soviet Union. Shatalina was home in Moscow during the August coup attempt, while Kouzmine had just arrived in the U.S.

Shatalina said. "Common soldiers were in those tanks and (the soldiers) knew that among this crowd there might be their own relatives, so it was hard for them."

On Aug. 21, with Gorbachev back in Moscow and the coup attempt over, the celebration began.

"There were fireworks and it was like a real holiday,"

Shatalina said. "I think from next year, they will start celebrating it as a holiday. I think maybe the seventh of November, the day of the October Revolution, will not be a holiday anymore and this will become a holiday."

During those same three

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Today is the last day to pay your tuition without a \$50 late fee.

### Weaseling

*Weasel's World*, a new comic strip by University student Craig Norris, starts today in the *Emerald* on Page 27.

### Frohnmayr

Although Oregon Attorney General Dave Frohnmayr has been given the green light by a University search committee to succeed Maurice Holland as law school dean, his attention is on other concerns, mainly the health of his critically ill daughter.

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### Seeking input

The ASUO Women's Center is seeking input from students on the center's direction for this school year.

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