

Group reaffirms melting-pot ideal

International Student Association brings students and cultures together

By Mandy Baucum
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The International Lounge is loud with the sounds of rich, distinctly different accents.

Foreign students share their experiences of being abroad at the International Coffee Hour in the lounge every Friday. The mixture of people is a perfect example of America as the great melting pot.

At the International Student Association Coffee Hour, people can meet students such as Braulio Baptista from Brazil. Baptista, 20, was in the states before as an exchange student in a Michigan high school where he learned English. Later, after spending one year at the Universidade Catolica Do Salvador in the city of Salvador (population 2.3 million), Baptista said he wanted a more campus-like atmosphere.

Not only was the lack of campus in Salvador a motivation for him to move to the United States, but the learning resources here are also wonderful and varied, Baptista said. Baptista said he had a hard time trying to choose his classes because he wasn't used to having so many options.

For Baptista, studying abroad provides him with a less sheltered view of the world and teaches him to be more independent.

"In Brazil you are more dependent on your parents," he said. "Your parents provide you with everything. They give you money, buy you a car."

"Most students don't work. By living on your own, you learn to solve your own problems. It makes you to be a better individual and gain some maturity."

Baptista said he does not enjoy the school system in Brazil. He said there is no campus because of the size of the city. The economic situation in his country has made it difficult for many to go to school and get a good education.

"The public schools are really bad," he said. "I was fortunate that my parents could send me to a private school."

Baptista said he will go back to Brazil after he finishes his schooling in the United States.

"Brazil is my country," he said. "I want to go back

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Flying saucers



Photo by Jeff Paslay
Matt Swan, a sophomore from Eugene majoring in pre-business, finds the EMU South Lawn a good place to play frisbee.

University enrollment decreases

1990's Ballot Measure 5 affecting this year's students as tuition rises and enrollment drops

By Tammy Batey
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The University admissions office is estimating a fall enrollment of 16,400 students — 2.9 percent less than the number of enrolled students in fall 1991.

University Admissions Director James Buch said the decrease stems from the University's large 1991 graduating class, fewer Oregon high school graduates in 1992 and rising tuition costs.

Tuition costs increased by 30 percent from fall term 1989 to fall term 1990, and enrollment dropped by 1,000 students, Buch said. Tuition costs this year increased 6.7 percent from last year, and that affects fall enrollment, he said.

Ballot Measure 5's effect on tuition is causing students to rethink attending the University, Buch said.

"Clearly, as the state continues to come to terms with Measure 5 and how the services are going to be taken care of, there continues to be concerns with stability," Buch said. "Until we have a resolution, I'm sure (Measure 5) will be a factor."

Fall enrollment was "just about what we thought would happen," Buch said.

This fall, in-state undergraduate students paid \$2,721 in annual tuition and fees, a \$123 increase from last school year. Out-of-state undergraduate students paid \$7,851, a \$843 increase from last year.

Student registration continues through Oct. 9.

New Family Center offers refuge for student-parents

Room in EMU basement gives families a place to go

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Five-year-old Olivia Bender crayons a picture, while her little brother Aaron, 4, stacks Legos in EMU Room 23, the location of the new Family Center for student-parents.

The center, located in a basement room adjoining the Com-

puter Lounge, just opened Monday. But Aaron said he already feels at home there.

"I go here all the time," he said.

Craig Bender, a student and the children's father, said he loves that he can now see his kids during the day by taking them to the center.

"Before the Family Center they'd be at day care all day, and it'd be hard to spend time with them," Bender said. "I'd see them over the fence if I came home for lunch and

that'd be it."

ASUO President Bobby Lee said the Family Center is a place on campus where harried student-parents can go to meet with their kids, store their belongings, seek referrals and receive support from other student-parents. The center does not provide child care services.

Members of the EMU Board of Directors, who allocated Room 23 for the Family Center, realized the day-to-day lifestyle of students with children is very different from other stu-

dents, Lee said.

"The age level of students is changing," Lee said, "and non-traditional students are rising. We need to accommodate them. The way we facilitate the EMU needs to be changed to meet their needs."

Kristen Parrott, ASUO University affairs coordinator and Child Care Task Force chairwoman, said the Family Center will serve a need not addressed anywhere else on campus.

"It allows for parents and children to be together," Parrott

said, "instead of parents just dropping their kids off."

University student Regina Claypool-Frey said she often felt uncomfortable taking her four-year-old daughter Mandy to places on campus before the center was created.

"I (would be) trying to keep her quiet, which, especially for preschoolers, is difficult," she said.

Claypool-Frey said she now

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WEATHER

Today will bring a high near 75 with variable clouds. Tonight there is an increasing chance of rain. Lows 50-55. Thursday brings a higher chance of rain and a high of about 70.

Just a Reminder

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

NAKED LUNCH

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — A University of California student whose penchant for breezy attire has won him the nickname "Naked Guy" led about two dozen students in a free-spirited campus "nude-in" Tuesday.

"Break on through to the other side," sang 19-year-old Andrew Martinez as he shucked his shorts and began the midday event in Sproul Plaza, backed by a tape of the Doors song.

Hundreds of clothed students crowded around the plaza, known for its political protests, as the naked students hugged, held hands and decorated body parts with paint. About two-thirds of the strippers were men.

Campus police took a relaxed attitude to the goings-on. "The naked lunch at noon, isn't it wonderful?" said Lt. Bill Foley.

SPORTS

DENVER (AP) — The Colorado Rockies, perhaps to ensure they lead the major leagues in something during their expansion season, will have buttons so durable they might even outlast the jerseys they adorn.

The buttons, produced by Coors Ceramicon Designs Ltd., are designed to weather the elements, strain and hard times. "A ceramic hammer will break them, but fire won't hurt them," said Barbara Boyle, director of sales and marketing for Coors Ceramicon.

The team name will be etched on the buttons through a laser process.

The team will sell jerseys as souvenirs.