

Employers go Duck hunting



Photo by Michael Shindler

University seniors Holly Limmeroth (left) and Aaron Ensign (center) stop to talk with SAFECO representative Anita Gulrajani Thursday in the EMU during the final day of the 1992 Career and Internship Fair.

Street's opening pleases owners

□ Downtown mall changes seen as success by area's merchants

By Meg Dedolph
Emerald Reporter

The Atrium building at 10th Avenue and Olive Street used to be purple. But now that it's painted, Russ Brink, executive director of Downtown Eugene, Inc., said he believes the building indicates the reopening of Olive Street is working to revitalize the downtown area.

Brink said the painting of the building seems minor but he believes it indicates the property owner was willing to upgrade the appearance of his building because it is now in a higher-traffic area.

"So far," Brink said, "I think (the reopening is) a smashing success. We all believed it would be awhile before the whole vision of what we're trying to accomplish was achieved."

Reopening Olive Street this summer was only one step in a plan to revitalize Eugene's downtown area.

Brink said the rest of the plan includes moving the Eugene Public Library, deciding what to do with the old Bon Marche building at the west end of the mall and filling some of the vacancies along Broadway.

"The opening of Olive and the location of the library in the former Sears building are a one-two process," Brink said.

It was unfair the library project was "bogged down in the politics of Eugene Decisions," he said.

The owners of West Bros. Barbeque, a restaurant that

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Delbert's Cafe carves unique niche in Eugene scene

□ Art, music and dancing keep diners entertained

By Jacqueline Woge
Emerald Reporter

A few years ago, Delbert's Cafe showed more available seats than customers. These days, finding an empty seat can take awhile.

The cafe's steady climb toward success is no accident. When Delbert Smith, founder of the local Smith Family bookstores, starts a business, he gives it his all. He expects his employees to do the same.

When his speech slowed after a heart attack and stroke, talking with people in the book business became overly difficult. Still wanting a project, he bought the old Eagle's Lodge at 525 Willamette St. and opened the cafe in 1987.

Delbert and a carpenter gutted the building, taking out three ceilings and filling up 60

dump boxes with debris. They then reconstructed the building, installing the tall front and side windows. Among the few things that remain from the Eagle's Lodge are the red-cushioned chairs and benches used in the cafe. The reconstruction took two years.

Originally, a theater group was going to use the upstairs, where the lodge used to be, while the cafe and the bookstore would remain downstairs, but the theater group did not support the venture financially. The bookstore moved upstairs, the cafe took the entire front of the downstairs, and they added Paradise Dance Studio and several other shops in the back.

The cafe's entertainment scene came about when one of the employees, who is a musician, asked if he could play in the cafe. Delbert and his son Dean agreed and left the place open late so he could play. Then they opened the cafe two nights a week for an employee's friend, Mark Alan, a popu-

'My philosophy is that I start out somewhere and keep doing whatever works. I've never been afraid to take a gamble.'

— Delbert Smith,
owner of Delbert's Cafe

lar local musician. Delbert's is now open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. five nights a week.

Delbert said the entertainment kept happening, although he wanted nothing to do with it. He's tone deaf and does not get much from music, he said, preferring books and art instead.

Dean, who manages the cafe and the entertainment, said he always wanted to have music in the cafe. For the cafe to suc-



Photo by David Natt

Performers from the Middle Eastern Dance Guild have become a popular feature of Delbert's Cafe. The belly dancers take center stage the first Tuesday of every month.

ceed, he said, it would need more than just the government workers who come in for lunch.

Starting the cafe's entertainment scene has come relatively easily. People from as far away as New York, Texas and California have called Dean asking

to play at the cafe. Dean listens to the musicians' tapes and talks to the cafe's employees about possibilities. He said he can tell when people have put effort into their work.

Dean said he is not sure ex-

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WEATHER

There will be mostly cloudy skies with areas of morning fog today. Highs in the upper 50s.

Today in History

In 1869, the first official intercollegiate football game was played in New Brunswick, N.J. Rutgers beat Princeton, six goals to four.

HORNS ONLY TO WARN

SALEM (AP) — A Eugene ordinance that drivers violated by honking at a Gulf War-related rally violated free speech rights, the Oregon Court of Appeals said.

The court on Wednesday overturned the honking ordinance in a case stemming from two January 1991 demonstrations at the federal courthouse in Eugene, one supporting the war and one opposing it.

Norman Powlowski Jr. and Vernice Moug honked their cars' horns while driving past the rallies where demonstrators held signs urging motorists to honk if they supported their positions.

Powlowski and Moug were cited for violating the ordinance that prohibited using a horn "otherwise than as a reasonable warning."

SPORTS

MIAMI (AP) — Yelling "I'm the Macho Man!" in a hotel lobby, three-time world champion boxer Hector Camacho was arrested early Thursday for allegedly fighting with two police officers who tried to quiet him.

The former WBC super featherweight and lightweight champion appeared intoxicated and was carrying a small bag of what appeared to be marijuana, police said.

The incident occurred at the Miami International Airport Hilton Hotel. When police approached Camacho, he ran out of the lobby into a parking area.

"If you want what's in my hand, you're going to have to catch me," police quoted Camacho as telling the officers.