



Photo by Kim Nguyen

Freshmen Kate Gelfroh and Mara Spear say Pizano's is close and the pizza's so good they have been eating there since it opened.

## Cafeteria blues thing of the past

Many aspects of dorm-life dining have taken a turn for the better

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To those who think of eating in a dormitory cafeteria as a journey into hell, it's time to reconsider.

With additions such as a brand-new pizza restaurant, espresso cart and a new and improved "Hammy's," the Hamilton Complex dining services are modern, pleasant and downright hip.

For those older University students who have spent a large portion of their college life living and eating in the dorms, you may not recognize the dorm eateries of the 1990s.

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## Oregon slopes open for season

At reasonable rates, lessons, lift tickets and a great vacation are available

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Mount Bachelor and Timberline ski areas kick off Oregon's winter ski season when they open Wednesday. But several other local favorites are right on their heels, and all expect to be open within the next few weeks.

University students — whether beginner, advanced or somewhere in between — can take advantage of lessons on the mountain, advice from the campus Outdoor Program and an upcoming ski fair.

The Outdoor Program helps students organize weekend trips to local ski areas, and two are already set for Thanksgiving weekend to Mount Hood and Mount Bachelor. There's still time to sign up for either of these.

In addition, the Outdoor Program is co-sponsoring a Nordic Ski Week. On Nov. 17 at 7 p.m., a Nordic Ski Fair will take place in Hult Center Studio One. The fair includes booths from local shops, ski areas, clubs and programs. Equipment, recreation opportunities and instructional videos will be featured. Admission is free.

The Outdoor Program is also sponsoring a workshop to help students learn how to safely camp out on a ski tour. This session takes place at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Outdoor Program office in EMU Room 23.

Here's a look at some of the state's most popular ski areas, as well as two off the beaten path:

**Mount Bachelor:** A favorite of University students, Mount Bachelor is ready to go. The mountain got 20 inches of snow at the base Sunday night. Daily lift tickets for adults are \$31 and ski rentals are \$14. Mount Bachelor sports 11 lifts, including four Super Express Chairs, as well as extensive cross country trails. It will be open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and weekends and holidays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New this year at the mountain is the biggest ski and sport shop in the Northwest. Phoebe Rosenthal, a Mount Bachelor marketing intern from the University, said skiers "can ski right out of the shop and onto the slopes."

Mount Bachelor also has some new lesson packages. "Perfect Turn" is a clinic offered throughout each day for ski levels one through 10. A 75-minute group lesson, which includes ski rental and a lift ticket, is \$20. A private lesson is \$38. Rosenthal said those who



File photo

Turn to SKIING, Page 5A For skiers everywhere, slopes will be ready soon.

## U.S. electoral voting system result of trial and error

Drafters of the Constitution struggled to find a method to select the president

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Americans who cast ballots for George Bush, Bill Clinton or Ross Perot last week may be surprised to find they didn't actually vote for any one of those presidential candidates.

They voted for electors pledged to vote for the candidates.

The names that appear on ballots below the names of the presidential and

vice presidential candidates are the electors appointed to vote for them.

On Election Day, voters cast their ballots for their candidate of choice. The candidate who receives the majority of the popular votes in a state wins all of that state's Electoral College votes.

A candidate must win more than 270 of the electoral votes to win the race. The electoral votes of all 50 states and the District of Columbia (which would have one representative and two senators if it were a state) total 538.

This year Democrat Bill Clinton received the majority of popular votes in Oregon. Republican George Bush received 224,716 votes, independent Ross

Perot received 164,453 and Clinton received 284,478. Because the Electoral College operates on a "winner takes all" premise (except in Maine, which uses a district plan), Clinton received all seven of Oregon's electoral votes.

According to provisions of the U.S. Constitution, each state is allowed a number of electors "equal to the whole number of senators and representatives to which the state may be entitled in Congress."

Electors are chosen by the candidate or party. The electors vote in each state capital on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December, according to federal law.

The sealed ballots are sent to Washington, D.C., and opened and counted on Jan. 6 before a joint session of Congress.

If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, the House of Representatives chooses from the top three contenders. In this case the states are allowed one vote, and their respective House members meet and choose a candidate.

Controversy has surrounded the Electoral College system since its implementation. Of all the provisions the framers of the Constitution created, the selection of the president proved most challenging.

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### WEATHER

Chilly air will remain across the Northwest today. Morning fog should give way to sunshine by mid-day.

#### Today in History

In 1483, Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation, was born in Eisleben, Germany.

In 1969, the children's educational program *Sesame Street* made its debut on PBS.

### TROJAN LEAKS, SHUTS DOWN



PORTLAND (AP) — Leaking radioactive steam shut down the Trojan nuclear plant Monday, but officials said the problem was very minor.

It could take up to a week to pinpoint the source of the leak, but the rate was very slow, at less than a 10th of a gallon per minute.

A PGE spokesman said there was no danger to the public but the plant would remain off line until the leak was repaired.

The plant is scheduled to be closed by 1996.



### SPORTS

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. (AP) — Arizona's Billy Johnson, who rushed for 99 yards in the Wildcats' 16-3 upset of Washington, was named the Pacific-10 Conference Player of the Week.

Johnson rushed 22 times, carrying the offensive load for Arizona, which ended the Huskies' 22-game winning streak.

Also earning player-of-the-week honors were Stanford's John Lynch and Oregon's Tommy Thompson.