

Holiday not a tradition at school

□ University has taken off Presidents Day twice

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Technically, University students may actually get Presidents Day off ... but not today.

The Friday during November's Thanksgiving weekend is not a holiday, so in order to take the day off University President Myles Brand designates that Friday as a day off in lieu of another holiday.

"You could say it was Veterans Day, or you could say it was Presidents Day," said Alison Baker, Brand's executive assistant.

Students haven't taken off the actual Presidents Day since 1926, when the holiday was celebrated at the University for only the second time, said Keith Richard, the University's archivist.

In 1924, the same school year that first had a Presidents Day, the University also had the debut of Armistice Day, to be renamed later as Veterans Day. But the Armistice Day holiday at the University soon met its end in 1932.

Though other schools in the state — including Lane Community College — may not send their students to class today, Richard said the University, given its size, has to look at things differently. He said other, smaller schools often followed a schedule similar to high schools.

"The University never felt like being a high school," Richard said. "When we declare a holiday, we have 16,000 students wondering what the hell to do."

An Oregon administrative rule gives Brand the option of designating days off for non-institution holidays, which include Presidents Day, Veterans Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Brand has only done so with Martin Luther King Jr. Day, but the same rule says the school president may designate the Friday after Thanksgiving as an institution holiday in lieu of one of those three holidays.

Baker said Brand elected to make Martin Luther King Jr. Day an institutional holiday in 1990 after coming from Ohio. She said Brand believed more students would attend activities on campus that day if they didn't have to go to classes.

Wreck and effect



Photo by Kyle Sexton

Joe Deacon tows wreckage from a car that crashed into the Alder Street Market Sunday. The Honda Prelude driver, a University student, ran into the market to avoid another car that ran a red light at East 11th Avenue and Alder Street. The driver suffered a cut to her leg, but no one else was injured in the crash.

KAVE listeners gather for final broadcast

□ Fans' fund-raiser fails to save ailing Eugene radio station Friday night

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Something is extraordinary about a radio station if it brings its listeners to the Eugene Mall on a Friday night just to listen to the radio.

The people standing beneath the station's windows gathered to hear the last CDs spun by Steve Tannen and the other disc jockeys during the final broadcast hours of Eugene's KAVE (95.3 FM), before the two-year-old station went off the air at midnight, a victim to poor ratings and revenue losses.

The KAVE's listeners — including grandmothers, students, teens with punk haircuts and parents — found the station's mixed format appealing.

Fans were attracted by the combination of jazz, blues, folk and rock that is unusual among most radio stations, which tend to target specific audiences.

"I think the worst aspect about radio in this country is playing music that appeals to one group," said Rooster, a KAVE DJ. "It's insulting to people's intelligence and musical taste."

"They play music on the cutting edge of each genre," said Eugene resident Katie McCarron. "You can hear good heavy metal, good jazz, good blues, good folk."

Some people who began listening to the KAVE for its blues or other specialty programming soon grew to like the other kinds of music the station broadcasted.

"It has a little of everything, even the stuff I used to hate," said Eugene resident John Galetzka. "The Grateful Dead used to turn me off, but now it's different."

"The KAVE's music is popular to people who have a certain kind of intellect, a certain kind of perspective about being on this planet. It's not all sex and drugs," said Eugene resident Shawn Fontain.

The music wasn't the station's only attraction. Participants at the vigil praised the station's political coverage as well.

"They've done a lot of public service not just in music, but in the news they

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Photo by Anthony Forney

Carmen Spray of Eugene takes part in the vigil to save the KAVE Friday night.



WEATHER

Sunny skies will continue over Eugene after the morning fog breaks up. Colder temperatures return as highs will be in the mid 40s.



FROM THE PAST

Knight Library undergoes its preliminary stages of construction in 1936.

Archives Photo

SPORTS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shon Tarver scored 29 points Sunday as UCLA held off a persistent Oregon team looking for its first Pacific-10 Conference victory of the season, 97-90.

Antoine Stoudamire led Oregon (7-16, 0-11) with 25 points, and Orlando Williams added 19.

UCLA led 45-37 at halftime and built its largest lead of the game early in the second half, 63-49. But Oregon, going on a 16-4 run, pulled to within 67-65.

Four straight free throws by Tyus Edney sealed the victory in the last 44 seconds to play.

The loss gave Oregon its worst conference start since 1972, when the Ducks went 0-14 in what was then the Pac-8.