



University sophomores Todd Iseri (left) and Andy Schmitt play street hockey in the snow Friday on East 17th Avenue.

## Snow chills power; crews still working

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The worst of this winter's second snowstorm appears to be over, but crews from the Eugene Water and Electric Board are still working today to restore power in some areas of the city. Tom Santee, EWEB public information officer, said several thousand residents of Eugene and nearby outlying areas were without power at some point this past weekend because of hundreds of individual power line outages. "This is the worst event of its sort that's occurred here in 30 years," Santee said. "It's been a long time since we've had

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Jay Arrera (left) helps T.J. Dyar remove part of a tree that fell on a car during Friday's snowstorm. The car was parked on University Street near Esslinger Hall.

## California case may question school's fees

University awaits possible action at federal level

By Scott Andre  
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University officials are waiting to see if the U.S. Supreme Court will hear a California Supreme Court case before they

consider changing how student political and lobbying groups in Oregon are funded.

"We're going to have to look at it really closely to determine whether it has any implications for Oregon," said Melinda Grier, director of legal services for the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

At issue is a recent California high court decision that said forcing students

to fund campus political and lobbying groups is unconstitutional. The case does not affect Oregon law at present, but if appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, its outcome could severely restrict the amount of money politically oriented campus groups receive from mandatory student fees.

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Ice-T

## Ice-T unlike his portrait

Rapper tries to dispel negative image in lecture

By Jake Berg  
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Ice-T does not want to be liked, necessarily; he just wants to be understood.

And if that still makes people dislike the Los Angeles rapper, then that's OK.

"I'm not here to make you like me," Ice-T said during a Friday lecture in the EMU Ballroom. "At the end of the night, some of you won't like me, but at least you'll know why you don't like me."

Too many people don't like Ice-T because of an erroneous image that the media have portrayed about him, he said. The rapper made headlines last year because of the song "Cop Killer" that he sang with his heavy metal group Body Count.

Ice-T eventually voluntarily pulled the song off of the band's album, but not until after he was wrongly labeled as a hateful person, especially when it came to all police, he said.

"The media took two seconds of my life and said this who I am," Ice-T said.

Ice-T called "Cop Killer" a protest song and said he didn't realize how potentially volatile it could be.

"I didn't think 'Cop Killer' was a controversial record. I swear to God," he said. "Everybody I know hates the cops."

"Cop Killer" — though interpreted to be a song against all law enforcement — is specifically dedicated to the Los Angeles Police Department, but Ice-T said the riots that followed the acquittal of the four LAPD officers named in the Rodney King beating proved a point.

"The scary thing is that 12 people in a box found them innocent," he said. "The system doesn't work."

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### WEATHER

High chances of rain and snow continue as the Eugene area gets another dose of winter. Highs are expected to be in the low 40s.

#### Today in History

In 1924, Calvin Coolidge delivered the first presidential radio broadcast from the White House.



File Photo

### FROM THE PAST

Saferide makes its campus debut on April 22, 1986.

### SPORTS

Oregon defensive coordinator Denny Schuler is expected to be named today as California's new offensive coordinator.

Schuler, a former wide receiver for the Ducks, held his coaching position for seven seasons, which included three postseason bowl appearances.

Oregon head coach Rich Brooks said he plans to have a replacement for Schuler by March 31.

