

Patronizing the arts



Photo by Anthony Forney

University art major Mark Patrick receives help on a woodcut from Jennifer Bryan and her brother Eric outside the EMU. The kids were in day care while their parents attended the Environmental Law Conference on Friday.

ASUO to sponsor trip to Washington

□ Student leaders will lobby for federal bills

By Daralyn Trappe
Emerald Associate Editor

The ASUO plans to send 16 student leaders to Washington, D.C. during spring break to lobby for several federal bills and issues affecting students.

ASUO President Bobby Lee, who will be among the participants, said the following would be at the forefront of discussion:

- President Bill Clinton's National Service Trust Fund, a program that would allow some students to do community service to help finance their college education.
- The Violence Against Women Act, which would increase federal sentences for repeat sex offenders and provide funding for services and programs to help victims of rape and rape prevention.
- The Military Freedom Act, which would allow gays in the military.
- A program that would provide scholarship money to first-generation college students.
- The Freedom of Choice Act, which would ensure continued legalized abortion.
- A direct loan program that would allow students to get Stafford Loans directly from the federal government, bypassing the expense of a bank as the "middle man."

Lee said about 70 percent of

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the money that funds the University comes from the federal government, so federal bills have a significant, direct impact on University students' education.

"Students often are mortgaging their future when they go through college," Lee said, referring to the importance higher education bills and issues have in helping students finance college.

Those traveling to Washington, D.C., are Lee, ASUO Vice President Karmen Fore, Erika Armsbury, Kris Cornwell, Ryan Deckert, Veronica Holland, Leann O'Rourke, Sven Orozco, Troy Shields, Caitilin Twain, Esther Wong, Shannon Wall, Ebon Brady, Diana Collins Puente, Chris Kantrowitz and Jodie Hall.

Lee said the ASUO advertised the opportunity to attend and those who are participating applied to go.

They will be in the capital March 19-23 and will also attend part of the annual United States Students Association conference.

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Homeless camp off to positive start

□ Centennial Car Camp for the Homeless is half full and without problems at the end of its first week

By Meg Dedolph
Emerald Reporter

The newly opened Centennial Car Camp for the Homeless, located near the Willamette Science and Technology Center, finished its first week of operation with half the 30 available sites filled and no problems.

Christel Thomas, camp coordinator for White Bird Clinic, which staffs the camp, said the atmosphere was

"very peaceful."

"Right now, we have a group of people that are interested in keeping it mellow," she said.

On its first night of operation March 1, the temporary homeless car camp in the WISTEC parking lot had five campers. The following Friday night, there were 16 campers, Thomas said.

The campers were mostly single men and women, Thomas said, some of whom were employed or attending school. Others, she said, were looking for work.

"The attitude I've gotten from campers is that they're real glad this is here," Thomas said. "I'm hearing things like 'It's nice to have some sort of consistent home base.'"

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Photo by Anthony Forney

Bill Jones and Judy Secor, who were kicked out of an illegal McKenzie River camp, now live in their tent at the temporary campsite.

WEATHER

Today will bring mostly cloudy skies with occasional showers in the Eugene area. Highs will be in the upper 60s.

LIBRARY HOURS EXTENDED

The Knight Library will extend its hours of service for nine days during Dead and Finals Weeks, Wednesday, March 10 through Thursday, March 18. Circulation service, study space and access to the collections will be available; no reference service will be provided after early evening hours.

Wednesday, March 10, 8 a.m. - 1 a.m.; Thursday, March 11, 8 a.m. - 1 a.m.; Friday, March 12, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Saturday, March 13, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Sunday, March 14, 10 a.m. - 1 a.m., and Monday March 15 through Thursday, March 18, 8 a.m. - 1 a.m.

For more information, call the library at 346-3056.

SPORTS

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Ronnie Lott joined the New York Jets today, becoming the first big-name player to change teams under the NFL's new free agency.

The 33-year-old Lott, the guiding force of the San Francisco 49ers defense for four Superbowl championships, played safety for the Los Angeles Raiders the past two seasons. He joined the Raiders under Plan 9, which was struck down by a federal court last year, helping clear the way for the current, less-restrictive free agency system.

"This should prove how serious we are about signing free agents," a New York team spokesman said. "We're getting one of the NFL's best leaders who still is a great player."