

## Group provides needed homes

□ Habitat for Humanity helps people who cannot afford to buy a house

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Jan Smith was in a no-win situation. She and her son were living in a run-down rented house in Springfield, but Smith wasn't earning enough to move — until the day in late 1991 when her mother gave her an idea.

Smith's mother saw some information on a group called Habitat for Humanity. The organization, which had started just a year earlier in Springfield, is devoted to helping people who could otherwise not afford a house of their own.

Two weeks ago, Jan Smith and her two-year-old son became the third Eugene-Springfield area family to move into a brand new home built by Habitat. Leaving behind a one-bedroom rental with inadequate heating, holes in the walls and a few too many mice was a great relief, said Smith, a University alumnus.

"It really makes a lot of difference to know you have a nice, safe place to live," she said.

Although the local Habitat is still relatively new, Smith and her son are one of thousands of families who have been helped by the organization, which was founded in Georgia in 1976. Habitat now has chapters in 40 countries, as well as chapters all over the United States.

Linda and Millard Fuller, Habitat's founders, started the non-profit organization so that low-income families could work their way into homes and then purchase those homes under manageable financing terms, said



Photo by David Natt

Jan Smith and her son Joshua enjoy their new Springfield home, which was built by Habitat for Humanity.

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## Squeeze play

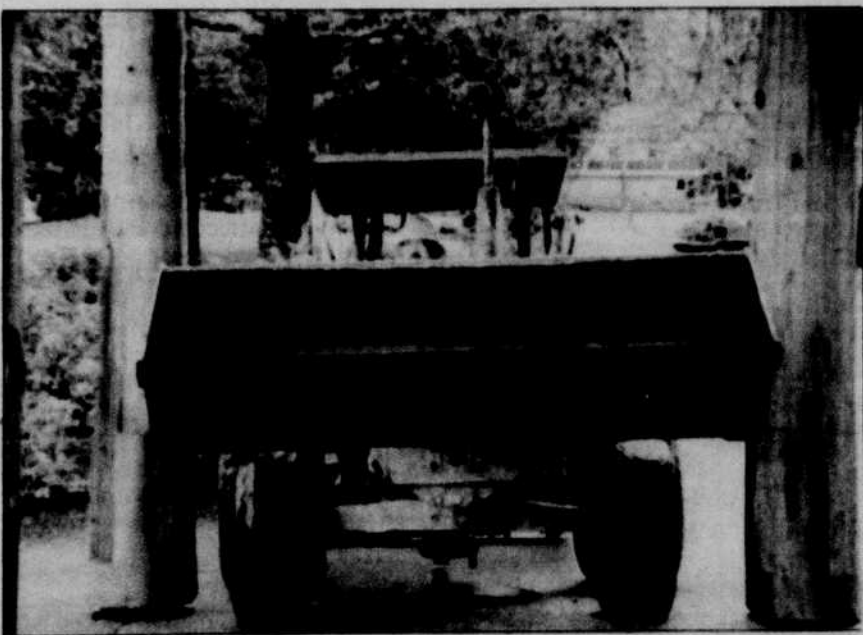


Photo by Anthony Forney

Dale Fish, groundskeeper for the physical plant, tries to get his tractor unstuck from between two poles at the Museum of Natural History. He eventually found a more spacious route to his landscaping site.

## Candidates seek signatures

□ Two new measures will be voted on if the candidates collect enough signatures

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Two 1993-94 ASUO Executive candidates are scurrying to collect enough signatures to allow students to vote in the upcoming election on whether to pay fees for a Sexual Assault Exam Fund and a multicultural center.

Eric Bowen and Diana Collins Puente, who are vying for the posts of ASUO president and vice president, respectively, must get 850 signatures for each proposed measure by April 13. Students would vote on the measures April 27 and 28.

The proposed measure for the Sexual Assault Exam Fund asks students if they would pay a one-time fee of 17 cents per term. The measure would raise \$7,565 per year.

The Sexual Assault Exam Fund would enable 50 rape victims next school year to receive free testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases at the Student Health Center, Bowen said.

Doctors and nurses at the health center

would determine which students are eligible for the free anonymous exam, Bowen said.

"No information will come back to the ASUO," Bowen said. "Making people jump through administrative hoops would defeat the purpose of this ballot measure."

The rape assault exam would include tests for gonorrhea, syphilis, chlamydia and HIV, and provide antibiotics for treating STDs, excluding AIDS, said Jolene Siemsen, a nurse practitioner at the health center. The physical exam, lab work and antibiotics to treat STDs usually cost about \$145.

The free exams do not include evidence collection. The health center does not perform these types of exams, which are typically given when rape victims want to press charges against their assailants, Siemsen said.

The fund is a holistic approach to health, Siemsen said. Students already receive free counseling at the University Counseling Center. Now rape victims would be able to get both free counseling and free medical tests for STDs at the University.

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## WEATHER

Enough moisture will linger for an occasional shower this morning and some rain Saturday.

Highs will be in the mid-50s.

### Today in History

In 1865, with the Civil War at a virtual end, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union forces.

## CATS ARE SAFE AGAIN IN SUNRIVER

BEND (AP) — Former Sunriver Police Chief Paul Peterson used to shoot stray cats or club them to death, according to court records that came to light when a patrolman sued over losing his job.

In an agreement with the district attorney's office, Peterson admitted illegally destroying cats between January and October of last year. Peterson signed the agreement in December. He retired last month.

The agreement required the police chief to donate \$250 to the Humane Society of Central Oregon and draft a new department policy for dealing with strays. In exchange, a charge of animal abuse was dropped.

District Attorney Mike Dugan said Peterson complied with the agreement.

## SPORTS

The Los Angeles Raiders are coming to Eugene, but they won't be playing football.

Members of the NFL team will participate in a basketball game at North Eugene High School April 17 at 7 p.m.

Aundray Bruce, Anthony Smith, Derrick Hoskins, Andrew Glover, Tyrone Montgomery and Willie Broughton will compete in a game to benefit North Eugene's substance-free senior graduation celebration.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door, and are available in Santa Clara at North Eugene High School, Fred Meyer, Firs Bowl, River Road 7-Eleven, and Dairy Queen, and also at Gold's Gym, Tivoli Travel and Susi's Market.