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Ski slopes hope to open by the end of the week

□ Weather permitting, shuttle will start soon

By Gennifer Hartman
For the Oregon Daily Emerald

The huge snowstorm that was supposed to bury the University under mountains of snow and allow students to escape early to eat piles of turkey and pumpkin pie didn't happen.

The Eugene-Springfield area experienced light snow flurries on Monday, lightly sprinkling the streets. People weren't ready for the sudden change of seasons and were caught off-guard.

"We've had a mild, tropical fall," said Jan Power, Eugene public information officer. "The snow is catching people

I-5 may create traffic problems for holiday

Students traveling north on Interstate 5 this afternoon should expect a 45-minute delay, according to the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Road construction has shut down north- and south-bound traffic to one lane from the north Harrisburg interchange to just south of the Halsey interchange.

The department suggested students take alternate routes during the Thanksgiving holiday. Motorists may take either Highway 99W to Portland or Highway 99E to Halsey and take the freeway from Halsey.

Freeway traffic between Harrisburg and Halsey will be restricted to one lane through December.

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The snow did fall heavily in the Cascades, piling up to 12 inches of fresh powder on top of the bare ski slopes.

"Hopefully, the ski season will begin soon," said Greg Snodgrass, technician for Berg's Ski Shop. "We're keeping our fingers crossed."

Hoodoo Ski Area has accumulated a 16-inch to 22-inch snow base since Monday. It is planning on opening by Friday if the snow continues.

Willamette Pass has a 14-inch snow base and usually opens when it has a 14-inch to 15-inch base. It also plans to open by the end of the week, weather per-

mitting.

Berg's Ski Shop hopes to begin its ski shuttle from Eugene to Willamette Pass within the next three to four weeks.

Berg's has had problems in the past because Willamette has experienced enough early snowfall to open, but was then forced to close as the snow melted. The

round-trip bus ride, three-hour ski lesson and lift ticket is \$29 for an adult.

The snow is about to leave Western Oregon, according to KUGN weather forecasts. Highways should be clear today around the Eugene area for holiday traveling, with the weather expected to be sunny and breezy with highs near 35 degrees. Thanksgiving Day is expected to be mostly sunny with a high near 40 degrees.

Travelers should still exercise extreme caution when driving on slick roads and over the passes.

"People think that their four-wheel drives will save them on ice," Power said. "That's not the case."

Cat show



ANTHONY FORNEY/Emerald

Ray Sebring talks with those gathered outside the EMU Tuesday about the Cougar Preservation Resources and Tawni, a 110-pound cougar. Please see Page 9 for story and more photos.

Greater efficiency in accounts system with new software

□ Computerization will also enable ASUO to monitor student expenses

By Edward Klopfenstein
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The final stage for a paperless University begins this summer with the advent of the Banner Financial Information System, a software package created by the makers of the University's Student Information System designed to computerize the University's vast accounting system.

University officials plan to fully implement the accounting changes by July 1, 1994, said Susan Racette, assistant director and business manager for the EMU.

"All I've seen is excitement," Racette said concerning employee reaction to the new accounting system. "I think people are sure fed up with our current system and ready to embrace something new."

The system is designed to improve the University's efficiency in concerns like delays in paying vendors and in posting debits against accounts, she said.

Many problems with the current system, Racette said, center around paying vendors. Under the current system, it takes anywhere from 10 to 14 working days from when a purchase order is filled out to when the check is issued.

The new system could pay vendors in 24 hours, she said, with checks cut at the University and not in Salem.

Other benefits include less paperwork for travel and food service operations, she said.

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Waldorf schools develop creative potential

□ Emphasis on music, art caters to child's developmental needs

By Stephanie Sisson
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Diane Evans wasn't satisfied with the public school system.

"I was looking for more for my son," she said. "I felt like there was something better out there."

Evans saw a flyer about Waldorf schools while living in Santa Cruz. Her oldest son, Orion, was just about to start kindergarten. She visited one of the schools and was impressed with the emphasis on art and music, as well as with the well-educated teachers.

Wanting to continue her own education, Evans moved to Eugene to attend the University and

enrolled Orion in the Eugene Waldorf School located in the South Hills of Eugene.

Today, Orion is a freshman in college after attending Waldorf through the eighth grade. Evans' son Asa is a sophomore at the new Waldorf high school, her daughter Zoe is in the fifth grade, and the youngest son, Soleo, is a first-grader at Waldorf.

Evans said her son Asa, who attended a Eugene public high school last year, was totally against going back to Waldorf to attend the new high school. After two weeks back in the public school system, however, Asa realized he wasn't happy there and transferred back to Waldorf. Evans said he missed his art and music classes, as well as the closeness of the Waldorf School community.

Evans said she has always given her children a

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Sixth-grader Shannon Rielly designs her future home during a drawing class at Waldorf school, where art is emphasized.