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GOOD MORNING

► **GRANTS PASS (AP)** — A little girl who warmed hearts around the nation when she collected pop cans to buy Christmas gifts for nursing home residents is working on a batch of homemade valentines.

Armed with a \$50 gift certificate from the Rogue Valley Mall in Medford, Kourtney Vader went shopping this week for construction paper and paper doilies to make cards for her elderly friends.

"They should be remembered every day, not just at Christmas," the seven-year-old first-grader said.

► **YAKIMA, Wash. (AP)** — Heritage College, three Yakima Valley school districts and a tribal school have won a \$250,000 grant from a national foundation to increase the number of Indian teachers in public schools.

The grant announced Tuesday is one of 10 awarded nationwide through the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. The grants, which total \$2.5 million, are designed to support collaborations between public schools and higher education.

The Indian teaching grant will be shared by Heritage, a Toppenish-based private college; the Yakima Nation Tribal School; and the Mount Adams, Toppenish and Wapato school districts.

The grant will allow the schools to enlarge their staffs by hiring Indians and others familiar with challenges facing Native American students.

Officials said the money will also help develop curriculum focusing on Indian culture and history for social science and education students at Heritage.

► **BURNABY, British Columbia (AP)** — Somebody with a real craving for pasta broke through a wall to get into a restaurant in this Vancouver suburb and make off with 30 trays of lasagna and cannelloni.

That's enough to feed 500 pasta lovers, says Andy Mollica, owner of Anducci's Pasta Bar.

"I know my cannelloni is good but I didn't think anybody was that desperate for it," he said Tuesday. "They literally hacked down a wall to get it."

► **ROYAL OAK, Mich. (AP)** — Mike Mihalich wants to make sure the only tickets his customers get are for the movies shown at his Main Art Theater.

So he's been sending his ushers outside during shows to feed the 67 parking meters outside his 1,000-seat theater.

"I don't want the patrons to feel like they have to leave the theater to fill the meter and miss part of the movie," said Mihalich.

Eugene mayor presents goals for 1994



Mayor Ruth Bascom presented her annual State of City address Wednesday outlining the accomplishments of Eugene in 1993 and her three main goals for 1994.

HOPES: New library, high-speed rail line and Willamette River as a city focus for 1994

By Rebecca Merritt
Oregon Daily Emerald

Pass a bond that will fund a new city library, push toward a high-speed rail project connecting Eugene with Vancouver B.C. and work on a community vision that focuses on the Willamette River as the heart of the city.

These are the 1994 goals of Eugene Mayor Ruth Bascom. The mayor presented her hopes for the new year and retraced the accomplishments of 1993 in her annual State of the City address Wednesday.

A new library in the old Sears building tops Bascom's wish list.

"Shine up the Sears building into a library that busts our civic buttons," Bascom told a crowd of more than 100 at the Hult Center. "We've been talking about a new library in this community for years. Let's do it."

Eugene voters will be asked in May to pass a general obligation bond that would provide money for the new library, as well as pay for maintenance of city buildings and community police programs. The bond measure comes more than three years after voters overwhelmingly approved the purchase of the Sears building for the library.

The mayor said she hopes City Council members would look toward a high-speed rail system and other forms of alternative transportation.

Officials in Portland, Seattle and Vancouver B.C. are building a rail project called Cascadia, she said. The project could be expanded to include Eugene if the city shows enough support.

"The tilt train will stop in Portland if we show no interest, if we have no vision," she added.

Another 1994 goal focuses on Bascom's vision of a community centered around a river.

"By returning to the river — by focusing our attention there — we can develop a vision for the future we can all support," Bascom said.

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University signs Peace Corps deal

Program: National director visits campus to close RARC agreement

By Julie Swensen
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Returning U.S. Peace Corps volunteers and University graduate students now will have the opportunity to work in rural Oregon while earning a stipend, a master's degree and educational funding all at the same time.

The new program, called the Resource Assistance for Rural Communities, is a joint venture between the University and the U.S. Peace Corps. The program became official Wednesday night when the national director of the Peace Corps, Carol Bellamy, visited the campus to co-sign the agreement with University President Myles Brand.

The project is the first of its kind in the nation in which the Peace Corps and a university department will place former Peace Corps volunteers in domestic settings.

Graduate students and the volunteers will be able to earn their master's degree in urban and regional planning on the University campus. They will live in selected rural communities around the state and help with their development for one to three years.



Bellamy

"This presents a resource that Oregon has not had in the past, and a resource that is most needed right now," Brand said.

David Povey, the director of the University's urban and regional planning program, conceived the idea for the project, which he said targets underdeveloped areas.

"We need to get residents in rural areas more actively engaged in determining their own future," Povey said. Povey himself was a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines in the early 1960s.

Povey estimated that each participant in the program will receive nearly \$5,000 per year to be applied toward accrued educational debt or future educational expenses, besides a stipend of about \$13,000 to \$16,000 per year.

He said that the University and the Peace Corps will seek \$500,000 in support from the newly formed Corporation for National and Community Service to help fund the program. Organizers also will seek money from private foundations.

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Popularity of seminars increases

Value: Freshmen enjoy atmosphere of smaller class setting

By Heatherle Himes
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At the first meeting of her freshman seminar class, Associate Professor Diana Sheridan tried to learn all of her students' names.

Because of the small size of the class, Sheridan will have the opportunity to interact with those students much more than if she were teaching a typical 300-student.

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