

Rare, rustic bunting bird has flown its Eugene coop

Flight: Bird makes stop in local resident's yard, brings brief fame to him, Eugene

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Its rarity in North America had people flocking from as far away as Maryland in hopes of catching a glimpse of its presence here in Eugene. But as

unexpectedly as it came, it flew away a week ago and hasn't been spotted since.

It's not a plane, and it's certainly not Superman. That's right ... it's a bird. A rare, rustic bunting bird, that is normally only seen in eastern China or Japan, landed in local resident Paul Sherrell's backyard Mar. 31. It stayed for about a month and made him a local celebrity among bird watchers everywhere.

The bird has been described as shy,

and very beautiful bird with a lot of black, white and reddish colors to match its sparrow-sized body.

Sherrell first spotted the bird in his feeder on the morning of Mar. 31 and knew it was a stranger to this area. He carefully observed the bird for a few days, made a list of characteristics to research and compared his findings with reference sources to determine what kind of bird it was. After discover-

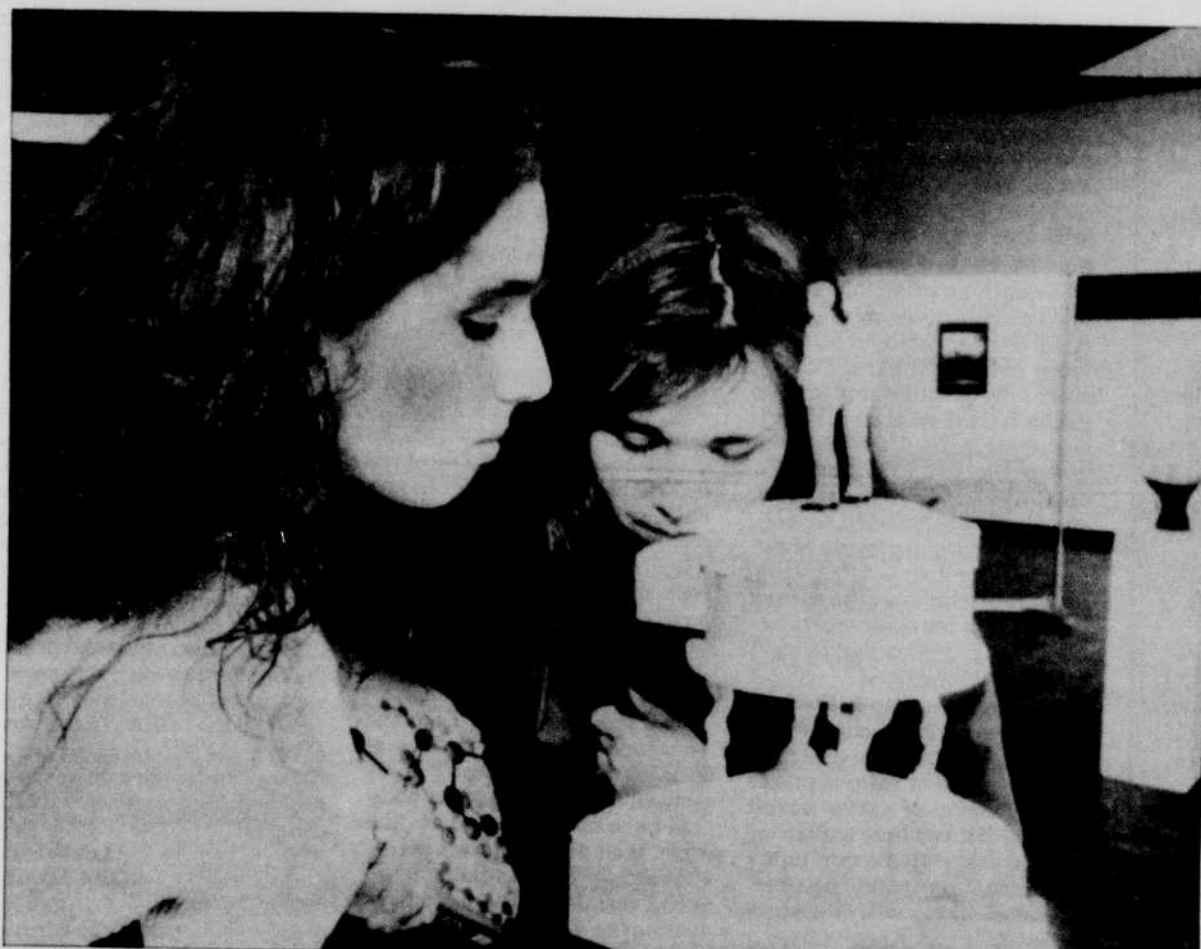
ing its surprising origin, Sherrell quickly phoned officials.

"After I realized what it was, I called some other people who confirmed it," Sherrell said. "I then put out the word to the Oregon Bird Network and it was picked up by the National Bird Network."

This is where Sherrell's "sudden

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Pride in art



Seniors Erika Armsbury and Mary Owen curiously explore the local artwork displayed at the Gay Pride Art Show, part of Gay Pride Week, Tuesday afternoon in the EMU Fir Room. The art show will run through Thursday.

UNIVERSITY

ASUO election will determine center's fate

Vote: Ballot Measure 3 would help fund a campus recreation complex if passed

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Ballot Measure 3, which would partially fund a \$15 million campus recreation center, is definitely a "leap of faith" for students.

Voting "Yes" would increase student fees \$37.50 a year per student for 30 years.

Voting "No" would relegate the University to the small club of Pacific-10 Conference schools that still don't have a recreation center. Stanford University is that club's only other member.

University officials have worked for nearly three years developing plans for the recreation center, but little information on the project has leaked out.

"It's the school's best kept secret," said Karla Rice, a member of the feasibility committee looking at the cost of the proposed recreation center. "But it's either vote for it now or put it off for another year."

Because the artist rendition and the architect's plans for the project won't be ready until a month after today's election, students truly have to trust student government and the University whether the project is worth pay-



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South African expatriates cast ballots in U.S. cities

Vote: Thousands participate in country's first all-racial elections

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — When Mokubong Nkomo left South Africa in 1966, there was little hope the white rulers of his homeland would ever abandon the brutally oppressive system of apartheid and allow blacks to vote.

But 27 years later, with apartheid dismantled, Nkomo was waiting in line Tuesday to cast his absentee ballot in his country's first all-racial elections. Thousands of other South Africans in the United States also voted at polling places in 17 U.S. cities.

Nkomo rose before dawn

and drove 150 miles to be first in line to cast his vote in Raleigh. He said it was well worth the effort.

"It's a birthright we've been struggling for that I would never have imagined forsaking," said Nkomo, a professor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

That view was often expressed by black South Africans who lined up at polling places in Raleigh; Atlanta; Boston; Chicago; Columbus, Ohio; Dallas; Houston; Irvine, Calif.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Los Angeles; Miami; New York; Philadelphia; Phoenix; San Diego; San Francisco; and Washington, D.C.

"For me this is ecstasy - this

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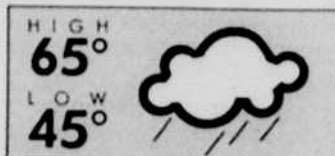
GOOD MORNING

► ASUO Student Senate President Grant Calof broke a deadlocked senate Tuesday and decided to postpone impeachment hearings against Keith Kramer, chief justice of the ASUO Constitution Court.

Kramer was not present for the meeting, in which the senate voted 5-5-2 to continue with impeachment hearings. The court issued an injunction last week ordering the senate to abstain from further proceedings until various procedural issues could be worked out.

ASUO University Affairs Coordinator, Thomas Huckaba, who is bringing the impeachment action against Kramer as an individual student, said the ASUO Executive "doesn't recognize the injunction."

However, Senator Jesse Bohrer-Clancy cautioned the senate against ignoring the court's injunction.



"Does this mean that every time the court does something we don't like, we can just say 'bite me?'" Bohrer-Clancy said.

Senate Vice President Zachary Kelton suggested the senate move forward with the hearings, because they could be appealed at a later date.

Senator Josh Collins expressed exasperation with the further delay.

"We've been more than lenient with Mr. Kramer," he said. "Whether or not the hearing was invalid or not is not really our concern. It needs to be done expediently," Collins said.

The senate may decide to have a special meeting next week to go ahead with the

impeachment hearing.

► Reggae music greats Burning Spear and Zulu Spear will play in the EMU Ballroom tonight at 7:30 p.m. South Africa's Zulu Spear will offer rhythms from its native land, while the Grammy-nominated Burning Spear will put a Rastafarian spin on the evening.

Zulu Spear blends the music of its homeland with American rock'n'roll to create an experience that is both a spiritual and physical high.

Paul Simon's *Graceland* Tour gave Zulu Spear and other South African bands a chance to expand their audiences.

"Paul Simon really opened people's ears to us," said Sechaba Mokoena, the Zulu Spear's founder and lead singer.

The band began its career in the townships of South Africa. Tickets are \$10 and \$13.