

Thoroughfare faces more business changes



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East 13th: Coffee house, restaurant coming; other businesses moving out

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The face of East 13th Avenue seems to be in a constant state of change. New businesses are moving in and some of the places that have been around for several years are gone.

The main thoroughfare of the University's business district now has a video game store and a larger Face the Music, and will soon add a new coffee house and restaurant.

Video Games Plus opened Jan. 3, where Face the Music used to be. The "spectacular foot traffic" around the University lured the business to East 13th Avenue, manager Jason Wilson said. Business has been slow, but "it is picking up everyday."

Portland-based Coffee People will open its first location outside the

Portland market on East 13th Avenue this June.

"We've been wanting to come down to Eugene for a while," said Corinne Bloomfield, director of public relations. "We're excited to be able to offer our products and atmosphere there."

Jim and Patti Roberts, founders of Coffee People, are former University students who started selling coffee at the Eugene Saturday Market in 1976.

"We want Coffee People to be a

place for all different kinds of people to get together and have all different kinds of conversations," Jim Roberts said.

C.J. Pepper's is another new business coming to the University area. The Eugene-based company will open its healthy fast-food franchise on Alder Street during spring break, in the building that once housed Taste of Germany.

According to co-owner Dan Vishney, a campus location had been in

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Can you canoe?



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The heavy rains did not discourage sophomores John Watson and Jeremiah Rasca from taking their one-day-old canoe out for a spin on the Eugene Millrace. Watson and Rasca found the canoe capsized on the Millrace Monday.

Board considers approving major on environment

Proposal: Environmental studies will be offered as an undergraduate major next fall if the curriculum report passes

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Environmental studies director Dick Gale has tried to organize an undergraduate major in his field at the University for the past 25 years. His dream should come to fruition next fall.

The University Assembly unanimously passed the 1994-95 proposed curriculum report on Wednesday, which includes the new environmental studies major.

The curriculum report will be presented for approval at the Oregon State Board of Higher Education's meeting on Feb. 18.

"This program is a quarter of the century overdue," Gale said. "People are surprised that we don't have a major [already]."

Currently, the environmental studies program offers a minor. But Gale said because of a continuing budgetary crisis, the Environmental Studies Committee was not able to secure funds for the major until recently.

Gale said he received encouragement from Joe Stone, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, who offered to help fund the program for the first two years with the college's surplus monies.

Also, the University Foundation received a \$150,000 donation from former biology professor Arnold Soderwall and his late wife Alice to help develop environ-

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Frohnmayr's daughter hospitalized



FROHNMAYER

Duties: The University president will work from Minnesota so he can be with her

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University President Dave Frohnmayr's 21-year-old daughter Kirsten has been admitted to a hospital in Minnesota where she will undergo a bone marrow transplant for leukemia.

President Frohnmayr will accompany his daughter and his wife Lynn to the University of Minnesota Hospital for the procedure.

Frohnmayr, who will conduct the president's business from offices on the University of Minnesota campus, wants to assure the University community that this will in no way affect his ability to perform as president.

"I just want everyone to know that we are not going to miss a beat," he said during a telephone interview Wednesday.

day.

He told the University Assembly that with modern technology he would be able to continue working in the same capacity he always has.

"Please consider me to be on duty seven days a week as I have been in the past."

Frohnmayr said he has had nothing but understanding reactions to his daughter's illness.

Kirsten Frohnmayr, a senior studying human biology at Stanford University, is the eldest of the Frohnmayr children. She was diagnosed with Fanconi Anemia in December of 1983.

Fanconi Anemia is a rare, recessive genetic disorder that affects about 2,000 people in the United States. It impairs the production of red and white blood cells and platelets.

People with the disorder run a greater risk of developing leukemia than the rest of the population.

GOOD MORNING

► **PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa.** (AP) — The chubby rodent that gets rudely dragged from its comfy burrow each Groundhog Day may need a secretary.

Punxsutawney Phil is becoming a favorite pen pal of schoolchildren.

About 300 letters have arrived in recent weeks, according to Bud Dunkel, president of the Groundhog Club's Inner Circle, which orchestrates the Groundhog Day weather-predicting ritual every Feb. 2.

Most letters plead for the groundhog not to see his shadow when club members pull him out of his burrow today. Legend has it that if Phil sees his shadow the nation will see six more weeks of winter weather.

Each school that writes gets a response describing Phil's life

and a groundhog's diet of clover, dandelion and "tender shoots of grass."

A plant-based diet, says one critic of groundhog prognostication, is exactly what makes a groundhog all wrong for his job as weather forecaster.

The tradition was born in Europe, where the appearance of insect-eating hedgehogs was considered a harbinger of spring, said Tony Vecchio, director of the Roger Williams Park Zoo in Providence, R.I.

The appearance of hedgehogs, shadows or not, meant the insects they feed on were out and spring was around the corner.

But when Europeans settled in North America, there were no hedgehogs. So they put their money on the furry weed-eaters called groundhogs.