

Band breakout



Aaron Masonek, Gus Baum and Eric Larson (left to right) are members of American Girls, a local band that performed outside the EMU Fir Room Wednesday. The band opened last night for Mathew Sweet and will be playing March 7th at Cafe Paradiso, the 8th at John Henry's and the 11th at Icky's.



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Discovery of error could place Amazon Housing on National Register listing

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The threatened Amazon Family Housing complex could be placed on the National Register of Historic Places after an error was discovered last week in the nomination process.

Last October, the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation unanimously found that the complex met the national criteria and forwarded its findings to the National Register. Because the University had objected to the property's listing in the Register, the document was then forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register for an official determination on whether the complex should be placed on the Register.

The document was returned to the committee last week by the National Register after a technical error was found. The committee apparently misunderstood federal rules that allow only private property owners to object to listing property as a historic landmark, which disqualifies the University's objection since the Amazon complex is public property.

The committee now plans to resubmit documentation of the Amazon Family Housing Complex as a nomination for Register listing on March 22.

Supporters in favor of saving the complex from demolition this spring held a press conference Wednesday to publicly announce the error, claiming it as a small victory in the ongoing debate surrounding Amazon.

"It's a big breakthrough," said David Zupan, a member of the Save Amazon Coalition. "The opinion of the University administrators no longer has any effect on the nomination. It is now expected that Amazon will be fully and completely put on the listing for National Registry as a nationally historic landmark."

According to Zupan, addi-

tional funding options could also surface as a result of the nomination.

"It opens up some funding options because we (the Amazon Community Tenants Council) are now eligible for several historic preservation funds," Zupan said. "It's important because it makes it possible to acquire more funding which could be used to keep rents low in the long run."

Mike Eyster said Wednesday that no officials from the University attended the press conference, but emphasized that further interference in the demolition process would not be in the best interest of students in the long run.

"Anything that slows down the process of replacing Amazon would be truly regrettable because it would ultimately result in increased rents to students," Eyster said. "People who are truly interested in keeping rents down won't engage in activity that would result in the delaying of Amazon."

The first phase of the University's demolition plan — to remove the houses this spring — involves the demolition and rebuilding of buildings that are already vacated. The phase will include construction of a new community, child care and laundry facilities.

If there are no further delays, phase one is expected to be ready for occupancy by fall term 1996.

The Eugene City Council will hear public testimony Monday night on whether the University's demolition application permit meets the law's preapplication requirements, and whether the Eugene Historic Review Board properly applied the law last January when they approved the University's permit application.

After the hearing, the council has 15 days to approve the application or delay the University's demolition plans further.

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