

Deadline for moving Amazon units set

Agreement: St. Vincent De Paul has until May 15 to relocate Amazon buildings

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Protest by the Save Amazon Coalition against St. Vincent de Paul's plan to move four Amazon Family Housing buildings to a new site turned to support Friday, yet University officials say it could be too late.

Despite a recent federal court attempt by the coalition to prevent St. Vincent de Paul from removing any of the buildings, members announced Friday that they have filed a motion with the state Land Use Board of Appeals to remove the four buildings from their appeal against the University's demolition permit.

Under an agreement reached by the city of Eugene, University officials and Terry McDonald, executive director of St. Vincent de Paul, McDonald has until May 15 to move the buildings to a city-owned site at 200 E. 19th Ave., where they will be renovated as low-income housing.

University officials say if the units are not moved by the deadline, they will also be demolished.

The coalition was awarded a stay by the board last week that required University officials to immediately stop all work at the site until the board can rule on the appeal, including preparations to move the buildings to the new site before the May 15 deadline.

"The stay was issued by the board and they have the authority, not the coalition, to remove it," said Mike Eyster, director

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Ang Djoen Ngog and Liana Efendi perform "Putri Bali," a dance portraying a group of teenagers who are questioning the meaning of life and love.

Festivities at Indonesia night highlight diverse culture

Event: The Indonesian students use dance and music to celebrate heritage

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The Indonesian Student Association provided a glimpse of Indonesian culture, Sunday night, in the EMU Ballroom, with traditional food, music and dance.

The 10th annual Indonesian Cultural Night was the culmination of several months worth of planning to entertain an audience of about 400 people with Indonesian customs.

"We'd like to promote our culture to the American people, in particular Eugene," said Dharma Djojonegoro, president of the Indonesian Student Association.

Indonesia is a string of 17,000 islands that stretch between the Indian and Pacific Oceans. It is the fourth most populous country in the world, with more than 180 million people.

"Indonesia is a country that has 300 sub-cultures and tonight we'll do our best to show you a little bit of those cultures," Djojonegoro told the audience.

Indonesian students presented a slide show, a fashion show of traditional and modern clothes, a skit, and a variety of dances from different parts of the country. Between 70 and 100 Indonesian students helped during the culture night.

The event began with a traditional Indonesian meal. The main course included rice topped with beef and an egg cooked with Balinese spices, coyote pumpkin in coconut milk and spicy tofu. Dessert was a sweet bowl of green bean porridge or Bubur Kacang Ijo.

During the slide presentation students showed

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■ GOOD MORNING

► TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Seven months ago, New Jersey youths lamenting the end of summer vacation put their greetings, names and addresses into a plastic water bottle and heaved it into the Atlantic Ocean.

The six returned home from Cape Hatteras, N.C., to start a new school year and forgot about the whimsical launch.

But as the teens pored over their books, the maritime messenger found its way into the Gulf Stream, around Newfoundland and toward Europe — straight into the hands of an 11-year-old boy in northwest France.

Last month, Jackie Borzio received a post card from Marc Gurun, who lives on Ile de Houat off the coast of Brittany.

At first, the girl thought the card, written in French, was a chain letter. When her grandmother translated it, she remembered Cape Hatteras.

"It's amazing," the 14-year-old said. "I was totally shocked."

Just a Reminder

Today will be the last day to do the following without a \$10 fee:

- drop a class without a mark of "W"
 - change grade options
 - change variable credits
- The number for Duck Call is 346-1600.

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Marc wrote: "Greetings. My name is Marc, and I am 11 years old. I found your bottle on Saturday, March 4, 1995, at about 1 p.m. It traveled across the entire Atlantic Ocean and arrived here in France. I live in Brittany, as you can see from my address."

Marc also sent post cards to the other five youths.

Oceanographers say it's amazing the nautical note arrived at all.

Advising programs expanded

Plans: Improved advising and a four-credit class system will help speed graduation

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The University is expanding its advising programs to help students graduate in four years, said Herb Chereck of the Office of the Registrar.

The Undergraduate Education and Policy Coordinating Council has been working to devise plans that will help students graduate within a set time frame.

The council is composed of representatives from each college within the University and meets once a week to discuss how the University can better meet the needs of its undergraduate students.

One way to do this is to develop ways for students to graduate within four years, said James Boren, council chair and head of the English department.

Boren emphasized that the

council is not trying to force students to earn their undergraduate degrees in four years, but is only trying to make it easier for those who wish to do so.

"Our goal is to create options for students," he said.

A four-year graduation plan was difficult for some students before the 1993-94 school year, because most classes were worth only three credits apiece, said Chereck. The switch to a four-credit system will be complete by fall term this year, he said.

The University began converting to four credits per class in the fall of 1994 because students who wanted to graduate in four years found it necessary to take five or six classes per term, Chereck said. Such a heavy course load is difficult for students to manage, he said, making the task of graduating within four years extremely demanding.

"The stress placed upon students was overwhelming," he said.

The council is also working to improve student advising by

encouraging academic departments to enhance their student advising programs.

Two years ago the English department began advising its students before they registered for their fall classes to make sure they took their required courses on schedule.

"We believe that students who get good advice will not only proceed to their degrees in a timely fashion, but they will also understand where they are," Chereck said.

The English department is also taking steps to ensure that juniors and seniors are able to get into the classes they need to take in order to graduate on time. English majors who have reached senior status are guaranteed a place in the classes they need to take, Boren said.

Boren said that the combination of the two will ensure that students who take a full class load all year, excluding summer term, will be able to earn a diploma within four years.

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