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## TODAY

Today and Wednesday are the last days to add or drop a four-week course that began July 17 without a drop fee.



## INSIDE

The Eugene Emeralds win their 11th straight at Civic Stadium with a 3-0 victory over Everett

A new music column, "On the Scene," debuts with a look at a local radio station merger

## WEATHER

Sunny and hot today with highs in the 90s. Cloudy Wednesday with a chance of thunderstorms.

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## BUILDING BRIDGES

By constructing their own designs, students connect abstract plans with reality

By Sherry Rainey  
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Landscape and architecture students are bridging a gap between the classroom and the "real world" through a studio offered by the University, and bridging the Eugene Millrace while they're at it.

These students, who spend the majority of their time behind a drafting table, designing plans for buildings and landscapes on paper, are finally getting the opportunity to construct the designs they have created.

This summer, 32 students are enrolled in a "design-build" class, which takes them through every stage of a project — from initial design to final construction. In past summers, students in this class have completed landscape and architectural construction projects in Coburg, along the Springfield Millrace, at Dorris Ranch and adjacent to the University Urban Farm.

This year, they have been planning and constructing a new footbridge across the millrace, next to the existing vehicular bridge at Onyx Street and Franklin Boulevard. The project also includes stream bank restoration along the millrace, which will help prevent further erosion and enhance habitat along the waterway.

"I'm finally building what I've designed, and I'm learning hands-on how things are done," said Christina Wikner, a fifth-year architecture student working on the project. "[The class] is bring-

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Students Boon Lim and Chris Torlasco align steel connector plates that will link the main bridge beams.

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Architecture student Peter Grimm and instructor Will Sturges look over blueprints.

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## Bill blocks regulation of Internet

■ COMPUTERS: Access to obscenity could be limited by software

By Samantha Martin  
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It's 10:00 p.m. Do you know what Web site your children are downloading?

Two West Coast congressmen hope that the legislation they have introduced will alleviate that concern by encouraging on-line service providers to make available new blocking and filtering technologies.

House Bill 1978, the "Internet Freedom and Family Empowerment Act," which is sponsored by Rep. Chris Cox, R-Calif., and Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., would also prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from regulating the content of the Internet, if passed.

"This bill empowers the consumer to control what comes into his or her home," Wyden said. "As a result, we preserve the freedom of access to the Internet."

The bill follows two recent events regarding the Internet and obscenity. Last month, the New York Supreme Court ruled that Prodigy's decision to voluntarily invest in obscenity screening software and to take other steps to keep indecency off its service "opened it up to greater liability." Prodigy was exercising editorial control of information attainable through its service, which backfired when an investment bank that was allegedly libeled on one of Prodigy's financial bulletin boards sued the company.

The other event was a bill introduced by Sen. Jim Exon, D-Neb., which was passed in the Senate on June 14, but has yet to make it through the House. Known as the "Communications Decency Act," the bill would make it a federal crime for anyone to use a computer to create or to make available a "comment, request, suggestion, or proposal" that is obscene or indecent. However, the bill also states that on-line providers, such as Prodigy, will be exempt from prosecution if they do not exercise any sort of editorial control over the information attainable by their clients through their service.

"The Exon Bill would basically set up a federal Internet police," Wyden said. "The whole idea that the federal government can somehow define communication decency

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## Visiting scholar to discuss Mexican political, economic crisis

■ SPEAKER: The lecture is part of the "Mexico in Transition" institute

By Marcelene Edwards  
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A Mexican activist and visiting University scholar will speak about Mexico's economic and political crisis and its

potential impact in the United States at a public lecture today.

Primitivo Rodriguez, director of an immigrant rights project for the American Friends Service Committee, will discuss Mexican politics at a lecture in room 110 of Willamette Hall at 7 p.m.

The event is part of the "Mexico in Transition" summer foreign language institute, offered

by the University Foreign Language Resource Center for high school Spanish teachers from across the United States and is sponsored by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Rodriguez says Mexico has transformed itself by embracing free trade and the North American Free Trade Agreement, he is

concerned, however, that the nation's current economic crisis will close down free and open trade with the United States, according to a press release from the University.

"The idea of the ugly American and the ugly Mexican is back," says Rodriguez.

Mexico has been marked by political turmoil since the Chia-

pas Indian uprising, which began the day NAFTA took effect, he said.

"The Chiapas uprising brought political and social changes that no other movement has achieved," says Rodriguez. "The rebellion has proved to be everybody's cause in the struggle for justice, dignity and democracy."