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TODAY

Today and Friday are the last days to change the grading option for a four-week class that ends next week.

INSIDE

The Portland Trail Blazers will return to Mac Court for a preseason game against Vancouver Oct. 26

The story of a little girl who developed leukemia after the bombing of Hiroshima is told on CD

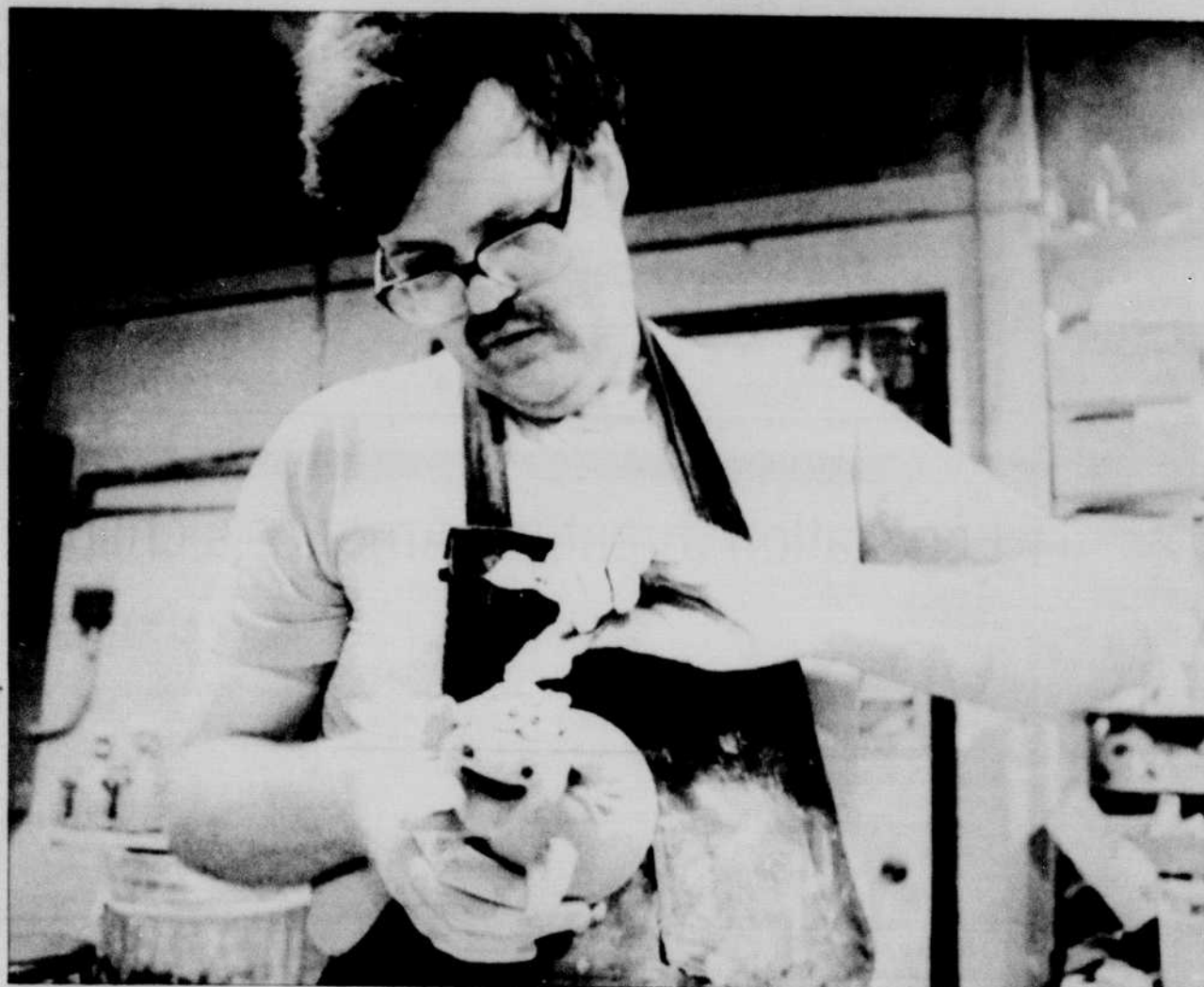
WEATHER

Mostly sunny today after brief morning clouds. The high should reach near 90.

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Resident potter Frank Gosar works on one of 250 dinosaur incense holders he is creating for a company that wants them by Christmas. He teaches workshops and runs the kilns at the EMU Craft Center.

CLASSES WITHOUT FINALS

By learning to do crafts, students can escape college pressures

By Marcelene Edwards
Associate Editor

In the basement toward the east windows of the EMU, two open doors invite students into a stress-free world — a world of wood saws, sewing machines and stained glass.

The Craft Center provides students with an outlet for the pressure and tension that go along with getting an education.

Ellen Huppert, a graduate student in emergency medical services, uses the Craft Center as an escape from classes and stress. She goes to the center during evenings to work on projects.

"It's a really good release when you need to get away," Huppert said.

Judy Ness, an assistant coordinator for the Craft Center, said that students use the center as a retreat from the normal whirlwind of student life.

"It's a place where there is no stress to complete anything," Ness said.

Ness, who teaches classes in fibers and photography, said that unfortunately a lot of people out there do not know much about the center.

The Craft Center offers several media for students to try, including wood-working, ceramics, fibers, jewelry,



Casey Doherty carefully sculpts a drum out of clay.

CRAFT CENTER

Where: EMU basement

Hours: Mon. and Thu., 10-9; Tue. and Wed., 10-6:30; Fri., 10-4:30; closed Sat. and Sun.

Fees: \$1.50 per day for students; \$2.50 faculty and staff; \$3.50 alumni; term passes are available

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Silence to mark bombing's 50th anniversary

■ **MEMORIAL:** A candlelight vigil is one of several local events this weekend to commemorate the Hiroshima bombing

By Sherry Rainey
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A candlelight vigil, a radio address, a panel discussion and movies will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima this weekend in Eugene.

On Saturday, a silent vigil commemorating the victims of the bombing will begin at 4 p.m. at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid St. Silence will be maintained from 4:05 until 4:14:15, the exact moment the bomb was released over Hiroshima (at that time it will be 8:14:15, Aug. 6, in Japan.)

At 4:14:15, a countdown will begin, marking the 53-second descent of the bomb, and at 4:15:08, candles will be lit in memory of the thousands whose lives ended at that instant.

"The event on Saturday is more reflective, introspective, and religious in nature," said Orval Etter, an organizer of the memorial. "And Sunday's events are more informational."

On Sunday, a program including a radio address, several movies and a panel discussion will be offered at the Wesley Center to educate people about the bombing. The panel, involving a survivor of the bomb, a member of the team that helped create it and a student from Japan, will begin at 4:15 p.m.

"[The panel] is a good combination of old people talking about the war experience, and the young talking about the current nuclear crisis," said Shin Yasui, co-director of the Committee for World Peace and the student on the panel.

A memorial concert at Washburne Park, 20th Avenue and Agate Street, will follow the program. The annual Eugene Peaceworks Hiroshima Memorial will also follow the program at Alton Baker Park from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

Pacifica Forum, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Eugene Friends Social and Environmental Concerns Committee, Lane United Nations Association, Committee for World Peace and the Japanese Student Association are all sponsoring the two-day event.

For more information, call Shin Yasui at 344-9290 or Orval Etter at 344-0483.

Family housing suffers rent hike

■ **UNIVERSITY:** Housing director blames increases on rising operating costs

By Samantha Martin
Associate Editor

A rent increase for residents of the University's family housing complexes went into effect on Tuesday.

The complexes, which include Amazon, Westmoreland, and various houses and apartments in the East Campus community, have had rent increased due to the cost of operation and maintenance, officials said.

The rent increase for the Amazon community is \$15 per month for one-, two-, and three-bed-

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