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TODAY

The Eugene Snowcats will hit the ice for the first time in an exhibition game Sunday at 2 p.m. at Lane County Ice.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour this Sunday morning at 3 a.m.



INSIDE

The Psychedelic Halloween Ball is the best party on Halloween

The Oregon cross country teams are contenders for the conference titles



WEATHER

Cloudy with afternoon clearing. High near 60.

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California schools to eliminate affirmative action

■ **DIVERSITY:** The decision mirrors similar efforts being promoted throughout the country

By Cindy Long
Higher Education Editor

California's affirmative action policies have been under attack recently due to administrative changes in the hiring and admission policies, but the Uni-

versity of Oregon's policies have remained static.

In July, the University of California Regents, a body appointed by the governor of California, banned any use of state affirmative action policies in hiring, contracts or admissions in the nine University of California schools. Two weeks ago 5,000 students, faculty and staff members protested the decision at the University of California at

Berkeley, said Marie Felde, a spokeswoman for the University of California.

Felde said the changes in admission will not go into effect until January, 1997, but the hiring and contracting changes will start in January, 1996. The policy changes will not have much effect on the overall hiring at the schools because they will still be following federal guidelines.

"Personnel fears it sends out a

message that [people of color] are not welcome," Felde said.

However, admissions is an entirely different issue because there are no federal regulations for admitting students, Felde said. Currently, the University of California at Berkeley admits half their students based solely on academic standards.

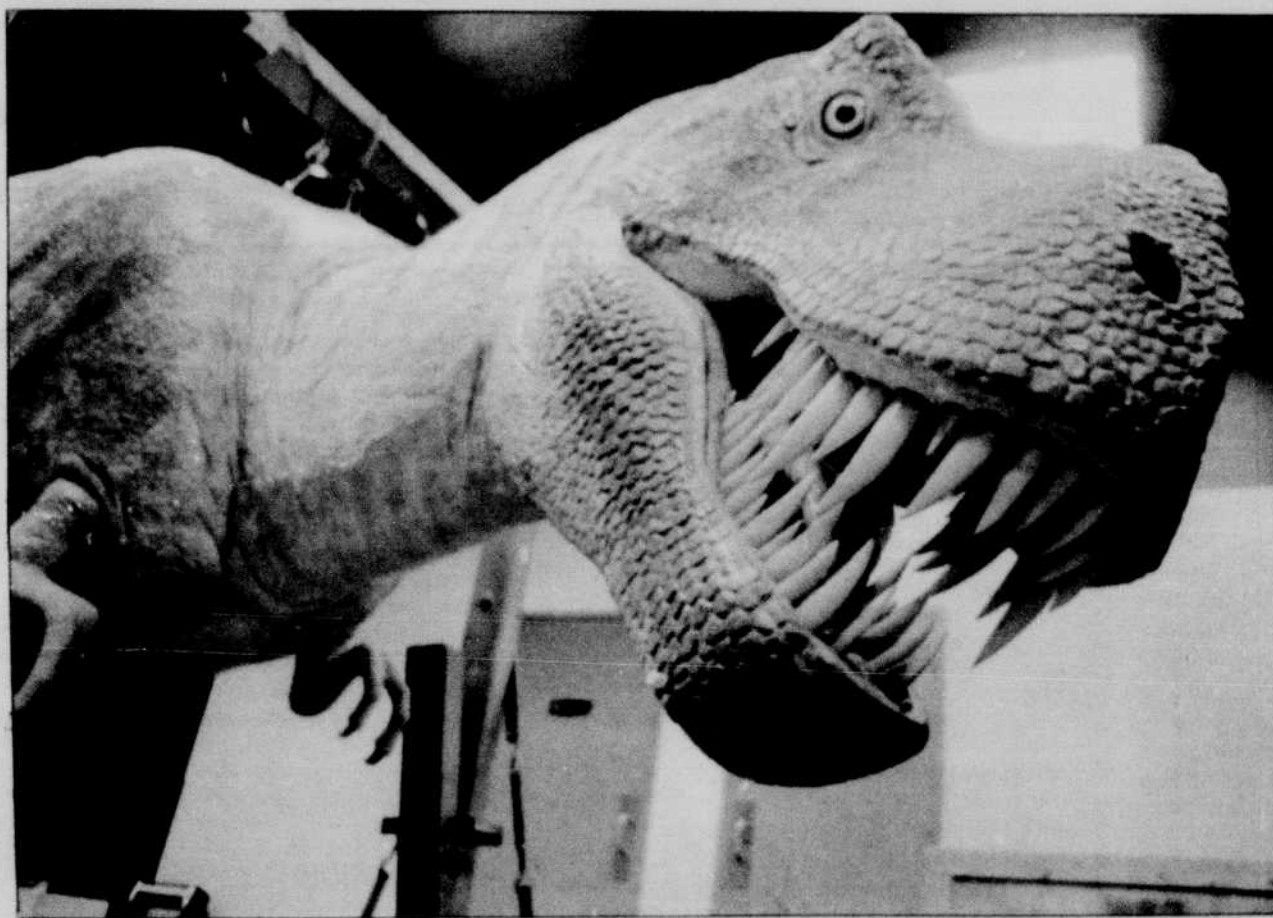
The other half are admitted based on academics and about

10 other factors, Felde said. It is in this portion of students that race and disabilities are taken into account, she said. For instance, a student who has low SAT scores but is a minority who is under represented in the University of California school system would be admitted, she said.

"[Admissions] gave special

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Dinosaurs attack town



This Tyrannosaurus Rex and many of his friends will be on display at WISTEC beginning Nov. 1 through Jan. 31. Along with the dinosaur models and factual information on the dinosaurs, there will be a dinosaur egg hunt for children.

MATHEW STIFFLER/Emerald

Magazine names assistant professor among best writers

■ **WRITING:** Chang-rae Lee is selected as award semi-finalist for 'Native Speaker'

By Mara Stine
Higher Education Reporter

A prestigious British literary magazine named a University assistant professor among the 50 best American writers under 40 years of age.

Creative writing Assistant Professor Chang-rae Lee, 30, said his agent called last week and told him *Granta*, the most widely circulated literary magazine in the United States, selected him as one of the contest's 50 semi-finalists.

Granta will select 20 finalists from the 50 semi-finalists and feature their unpublished work in its June issue.

Lee's first novel, *Native Speaker*, about the immigrant experience of Korean-Americans in New York, was published this year.

Chang said he was especially honored because he has only published one book.

"In any contest like this you're pleased and honored," he said, "but you just hope that you don't not deserve it." Lee said he thinks he was a semi-finalist because the contest is about the promise and potential of young writers.

Native Speaker is one of three finalists for the



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Weekend gives parents opportunity to visit students, campus

■ **EVENTS:** Campus organizations have planned events to encourage parents' participation

By Jennifer Carter
Student Activities Reporter

An estimated 1,000 parents are expected to come to campus this weekend, Parents' Weekend, to attend the football game, take part in campus-sponsored activities and get an opportunity to see the campus.

In order to give parents an opportunity to visit their students, the Office of Student Life and the Student Alumni Association have planned events ranging from a non-alcoholic beer garden to a brunch with a University administrator.

The events are planned to give parents

an incentive for visiting the University, said Mary Hudzikiewicz, an associate director of the Office of Student Life. "Parents' Weekend gives parents a reason to come to campus. Parents enjoy coming to campus and having special events planned for them."

Miz Nakajima, the Student Alumni Association chairwoman for fall Parents' Weekend, said the weekend also gives parents an opportunity to get acquainted with the University area. "Basically the weekend strengthens ties with parents and the University. It gives parents a chance to come and see their students and see the rest of Eugene."

Weekend events start Friday with a non-alcoholic beer garden from 4 to 7 p.m. in the EMU. Local musician Mark

Alan will perform while parents register for other events.

On Saturday at 10 a.m., parents and students can go on a historical tour of the University with Keith Richard, the University's archivist. After Saturday's football game, parents and students can meet in the Ballroom for a night of murder mystery games.

The murder mystery party is being held from 8 to 11 p.m. and includes a cajun mystery titled "Cajun Killing" and an Italian mystery titled "Pasta, Passion and Pistols."

The mystery evening is primarily a laid-back social event, said Nakajima. "This is an opportunity for parents to just come and relax and play games with their kids."

Nakajima said parents and students can also spend time together Sunday morning at a Parents' Weekend brunch. Dan Williams, the University's vice president of academic affairs, will be speaking at the brunch, which will be held in the Willamette Atrium from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

To attend the weekend's events, parents have to pay a \$5 registration fee. Hudzikiewicz said more than 500 parents have already registered for weekend activities. She said about 1,000 parents will actually be on campus this weekend, however, because many parents come here for Parents' Weekend and do not take part in scheduled activities.

"I think it's going to be a really good turn-out," said Nakajima.