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TODAY

A candlelight vigil will be held for the missing hikers tonight at 5:30 west of Gerlinger Hall near the Knight Library.



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The Eugene Snowcats kicked off the hockey season Friday night with a 9-6 victory over Mexico City Toreros

A farming community in Washington decides to use radioactive waste as fill dirt

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WEATHER

Partly cloudy after morning fog. High 60.

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Beer nuts



Kicking back and enjoying a beer, M.H. Choo, (left), and John Gilroy drink to the sounds of disco music which was the theme of the micro-brew fest Friday night that was sponsored by Oregon Law Students Public Interest Fund. Proceeds from the fest will be donated to students who volunteer for non-profit public interest organizations.

ANDREW BRACKENSICK/Emerald

Missing hikers presumed dead on North Sister

■ **SEARCH:** Hazardous weather conditions halt efforts to find two University students lost since Nov. 5

By Brian Womack
Higher Education Reporter

A miracle is all that's left.

The search for the two students lost in the Three Sisters Wilderness area has been called off completely after hazardous weather conditions halted the effort, said John Miller, search and rescue coordinator for the Lane County sheriff's office.

"We're more in the mode of trying to recover bodies. It would be a total miracle if they're found alive," he said.

Michael R. Casey, a 19-year-old sophomore physics major from Chico, Calif., and Frank L. Allard, a 19-year-old sophomore biology major from Carmel, Calif., have been missing since Nov. 5 when they were supposed to return from a hiking trip.

Kathy Waters, Casey's roommate, said only a miracle could save the pair after she talked to Casey's parents, who explained the likelihood of survival for the lost students.

"I have one ear open to hear the front door open and hear him be there. But that's just blind hope," she said.

Miller said it is very likely that the two are dead.

According to fuel levels, the pair only used the campsite Friday night, Waters said. This means they would have been in the harsh elements of the weather since last Saturday.

The search will resume when the weather clears so searchers can safely use aircraft to get the top of the mountain to survey the wilderness area, Miller said.

Snow, rain and harsh winds slowed down search efforts throughout last week as ground crews attempted to find the pair. Search efforts were scaled back Friday



ALLARD



CASEY

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Health center offers free diabetes testing on Tuesday

■ **TEST:** Nearly 150,00 Oregonians may have diabetes, nurse says

By Mara Stine
Higher Education Reporter

Free diabetes testing will be available at the University Student Health Center Tuesday in honor of National Diabetes Month.

Half of all diabetics in America have not been diagnosed with the disease, which damages circulation, said Heather Wilson, pharmacy manager of the health center.

Jolene Siemsen, nurse practitioner at the health center, said it is estimated that nearly 150,000 Oregonians have diabetes.

If diabetes goes undetected, it can lead to serious long term consequences, Siem-

sen said. "It can cause loss of vision, amputation of the lower extremities [feet and legs] and kidney failure," Siemsen said.

Laboratory technicians will administer the test by the front door of the health center on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The test includes pricking a finger and putting a drop of blood on a small slide, which is inserted into a hand held machine that measures blood sugar levels.

Siemsen said those with a family history of diabetes should be tested. Also African-Americans, Native Americans and Hispanic-Americans are more likely to have diabetes.

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Potluck, dancing, music, stories mark end of Kwanzaa celebration

■ **HOLIDAY:** Seven principles symbolize Kwanzaa sponsored by the Black Student Union

By Amy Columbo
Student Activities Editor

Unity. Self-determination. Collective work and Responsibility. Purpose. Creativity. Cooperative economics. Faith.

These seven principles symbolize Kwanzaa, an African-American holiday celebrated by a week's worth of activities and programs sponsored by the Black Student Union. Each day represents a different principle.

A potluck on Saturday ended the week, with speakers, dancing, storytelling and music. The potluck took place in Gerlinger Lounge and drew more than 60 students and community members, who came to participate and learn about the African and African-American holiday.

Kenya Luvert, the director of BSU, stressed the universal appeal of all of the principles, stressing the importance of unity and coming together as a community.

"With unity there's strength if we all apply these principles to our lives,"

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