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The Student Alumni Association is sponsoring a blood drive in the EMU Fir Room from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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The Oregon wrestling team tied Oregon State Sunday for only the second time ever

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The University retained parking rights to East Alton Baker Park

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Showers today.
High 45. Low 35.

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ASUO finance fully approves two budgets

■ **FUNDS:** The committee, two members short, approved budgets and changed its policy regarding organizations' budget hearing attendance Monday

By Jennifer Carter
Student Activities Editor

The ASUO Programs Finance Committee (PFC) kicked off the 1996-1997 budget season Monday night when they reviewed their own budget and that of AVENU, a student journal.

AVENU, which is published by the school of architecture and allied arts, requested and received a budget of \$3,476 from the PFC. This was an 8 percent decrease from the 1995-1996 fiscal year.

The student program's budget included decreases in the director stipend and graphics and art supplies.

Brian Heilesen, AVENU's managing editor, said the program asked for decreases in these areas so they could receive an increase in money for press and printing.

Heilesen said the decrease wouldn't negatively affect his group.

"Our budget's been fine in the past and this is a little less," he said.

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Safer sidewalks



John Anthony, an employee of the University of Oregon grounds crew, cleans up the fallen leaves in front of Deady Hall on Tuesday evening. Collections of wet leaves have made many pathways on campus slippery.

EN MIN CHANG/Emerald



The Ferry Street Corridor Citizen Advisory Committee reported to the City Council on Monday with recommendations for another bridge.

ANDREW BRACKEN/SICK/Emerald

City approves downtown plaza plan

■ **STREETS:** The Council's recommendations included negotiations with LTD concerning bus traffic

By Melissa Lebahn
Community Reporter

The City Council adopted the final plans of the Broadway/Willamette Plaza Design Committee and accepted the Ferry Street Corridor Citizen Advisory Committee's final recommendations Monday night.

The Plaza Design Committee was given authorization from the City Council to direct the Public Works staff to finalize bid documents and proceed with bidding so that plaza project construction can be done in conjunction with the Willamette

Street project.

The estimate for the Broadway/Willamette project is \$700,000, of which \$180,000 was already allocated in the Willamette Street project budget.

The City Council agreed to allocate \$520,000 in urban renewal funds, which are funds that can only be used for downtown Eugene projects.

The City Council also directed the staff to negotiate with Lane Transit District regarding buses on reopened portions of Willamette Street and to acknowledge LTD's intention of running no more than five to six buses per hour with no buses on Willamette Street until the station opens. The City Council will review the motion six months after buses start running on that portion of

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UO anthropology professor unearths ancient basket fragments

■ **DISCOVERY:** Find proves past civilizations were more sophisticated than previously believed

By Jennifer Schmitt
Higher Education Reporter

Armed with excavation tools including a toothbrush and an ordinary drinking straw, a University professor led an excavation that uncovered fragments of woven material that have changed the way anthropologists view the early settlements along the West Coast.

When John Erlandson, Univer-

sity anthropology assistant professor, found fragments believed to be a child's sandal and part of a basket in Daisy Cave off the coast of Santa Barbara, Calif., in Sept. 1994, he had no idea what secrets they would hold.

The fragments are between 8,600 and 9,800 years old, according to radiocarbon dating tests. This is twice as old as any other documented basketry fragments previously found along the Northwest Pacific Coast.

The main fragments, made of woven sea grass, are believed to be pieces of a child's sandal, said

Susan Norris, a University graduate student, who is analyzing the artifacts.

"The antiquity of this find is unparalleled on the Pacific Coast," said Erlandson. "I've spent 20 years excavating sites in this area, and I've never found basketry until this discovery."

The find significantly changes previous views on coastal inhabitants. It was believed that the early inhabitants of this region were not technologically or artistically advanced.

This is partially because there has been so little of the material

goods that have survived through time, said Tom Connolly, director of archeological research for the Oregon State University Museum of Anthropology at the University.

This recent discovery pushes back the dates of evidence and shows there was a high degree of sophistication.

Near the main fragments, researchers also found more than 1,500 other pieces woven out of sea grass that may have been used to make baskets, fishing lines and nets.

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BASKET FOUND

Fragments of ancient seagrass basketry were discovered by a University professor in the Channel Islands of California.



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