

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

• The Centro Latino Americano will host an evening of Latino culture, dance, music, song and food at its annual "Noche Cultural," Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Valley River Inn. Keynote speaker will be author Himilce Vargas. For ticket information, call 687-2667.

• The Friends of the Eugene Public Library will have another used magazine sale on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale will be in the upstairs lecture room of the Eugene Public Library, 100 W. 13th Ave. For more information, call 342-2574.

• The Bethel Citizens Group is having a general meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Petersen Barn, 870 Berntzen Road. The agenda will include discussing future LTD plans for the Bethel/Danebo area, Marlene Colbath and the Ward 8 City Council position.

Streamwalk revives local riverbank, habitat

■ **RESTORATION:** Students and others establish native species and remove non-native plants from the area

By Jennifer Carter
Student Activities Editor

More than 20 students braved rain and snow to restore banks of the Willamette River in Alton Baker Park on Saturday.

The restoration effort was sponsored by Streamwalk, a group that works in association with Neighborhood Green Corps and OSPiRG to restore the native habitats of local waterways.

Emily Culver, a Streamwalk intern, said the project had a good turnout despite the cold weather.

"We had more people than I thought we would," she said. "It was good to be outside, even though I was freezing."

Shani Abell, an AmeriCorps volunteer and

Streamwalk organizer, was also pleased with the turnout.

"Everybody was really excited, and once we got working, it got a lot less cold," she said. "I just think it shows a lot of determination by a group of students."

Because of the cold weather, however, the group had to be more conservative about what it could accomplish, Abell said.

"We just basically concentrated on planting," she said.

Instead of following the original plan of returning native plant species to the area and pulling non-native species, the group concentrated their energy on planting 50 Snow-berry plants, she said.

Abell said the group also concentrated on keeping warm. "We worked on getting them warmed up and moving them around."

In future restoration efforts, the group plans to remove non-native species of English ivy and Scotchbroom, Abell said. She

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said it is important to remove these plants because invasive species harm native species and deter native animals.

"We plant them not knowing what the repercussions could be," she said. "Because they don't have predators, they just take over."

Abell said the group will probably be working at Alton Baker Park every other weekend this term. Last quarter the group worked to restore the area weekly.

Norris appoints deputy city manager for upcoming issues

■ **DEPUTY:** Former city engineer will provide information support and research for City Council

By Melissa Lebahn
Community Reporter

Les Lyle, a Eugene city engineer, will be working full-time as deputy city manager in February.

Public Information Analyst Phil Weiler said the City Council will be dealing with several issues in the upcoming months and will need the help of a deputy manager. A deputy man-

ager prepares information and does the research, which the city manager takes to the council.

The former deputy city manager, Linda Norris, is currently city manager. She will remain city manager until the City Council selects a permanent city manager in the next year.

Mike Gleason, who has been city manager for the last 15 years, left the position on Jan. 12. Gleason had become a fixture in Eugene, but he decided he needed a change in his life.

A city manager will usually be in office for about four to five

years, said Weiler. A city manager sets an overall direction for the City Council, ensures council policies are followed and manages all budget matters. The manager will work directly for the council and will be the council's primary support.

Lyle said his job will be primarily to support the city manager, attend meetings, give internal support on public issues and "do whatever the city wants me to do."

He said he hopes to gain a better overall understanding of the issues in the city.

"This will be an opportunity

to learn about the city organization as well as bring some other perspectives to them as well," he said.

Lyle began working for the city of Eugene in July 1978 as an associate civil engineer. He graduated from Oregon State University in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and received his professional engineer's license in 1981.

He was named acting-incapacity manager of the Public Works Engineering Division in September, 1986, and in May, 1987, he was promoted to city engineer.

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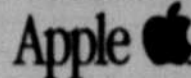
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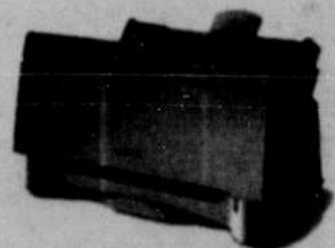
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