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TODAY

The ASUO presidential and vice-presidential debate will be today at 7 p.m. in 150 Columbia Hall.



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WEATHER

Possible thunderstorm. High near 60. Low 45.

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Nurses available after hours

■ **HEALTH:** A new program enables students to call for medical advice 24 hours a day

By Jennifer Schmitt
Higher Education Reporter

Students who need medical advice can call the Student Health Center and talk to a nurse after business hours thanks to a new program.

Last January, the Student Health Center signed a contract with the Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, which allows students to call Advice Nurse in Seattle, said Robert Petit, medical administrator of the Student Health Center. The University of Washington and Washington State University are also a part of the Advice Nurse program, he said.

Students who call the health center after operating hours reach a recording that connects them to an advice nurse.

"Many times students don't start feeling sick until later in the evening," Petit said. "They don't know what to do. All they know is that they aren't feeling well and need to talk to a doctor or nurse."

If the symptoms seem to point to a serious case, the nurses have information on urgent care services in the local community, said Gerald Fleischli, director of the Student Health Center.

"This is different from calling something like Ask-a-Nurse," Fleischli said. "This is much more personalized."

When a student calls to talk to an advice nurse, the nurse asks for

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Mud-pie man



Breaking ground for a new project, Physical Plant employee Dale Conner removes dirt to be replaced with concrete. The concrete is going in to alleviate a mud problem that has characterized the grassy strips along 13th street for years.

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Police sweep up area crime

■ **CAMPUS:** Complaints from local businesses prompt the department to begin special patrols on 13th Avenue

By Brian Womack
Community Reporter

Anna Spickerman, associate manager at Coffee People, said she has asked people to leave the property because she felt their drug dealing and loitering were driving people away.

"It makes it difficult to run a business when you're babysitting," she said.

At Rainbow Optics, about a block farther west down 13th Avenue, owner Richard Greene said drug dealing and aggressive panhandling has driven business away.

"I was having to go out every 10 minutes to ask people to move," Greene said. "Customers were asking to be escorted to their cars. People would call and say they would like to come down, but they don't want to be harassed."

The problem isn't unique to these businesses. According to Sgt. David Poppe, the west University area has become Eugene's highest crime neighborhood.

But this week, business owners, students and residents alike aren't dealing with these problems as much because of actions taken by the Eugene police department's Rapid Deployment Unit.

From last Tuesday to early Sunday morning, RDU conducted daily sweeps until the bars closed at 2 a.m., said Sgt. Rick Siel, RDU supervisor. The sweeps will continue but on a more sporadic basis.

During the sweeps, RDU made a total of

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Student Senate meets to re-evaluate proposed seating reduction

■ **TICKETS:** The Athletic Department suggests adding a surcharge that students would pay

By Ashley Bach
Student Activities Reporter

The fate of student tickets for men's basketball and football games until the next century will be determined tonight at 7:30 in the EMU Board Room.

The stakes may sound a bit melodramatic, but when the Student Senate meets tonight in a special session to re-evaluate the ASUO Athletic Department Finance Committee budget, the results no doubt will affect students for years to come.

The ADFC, a student board whose sole purpose is to determine an amount to pay to the Athletic Department for tickets each year, has a new proposal to present to the board.

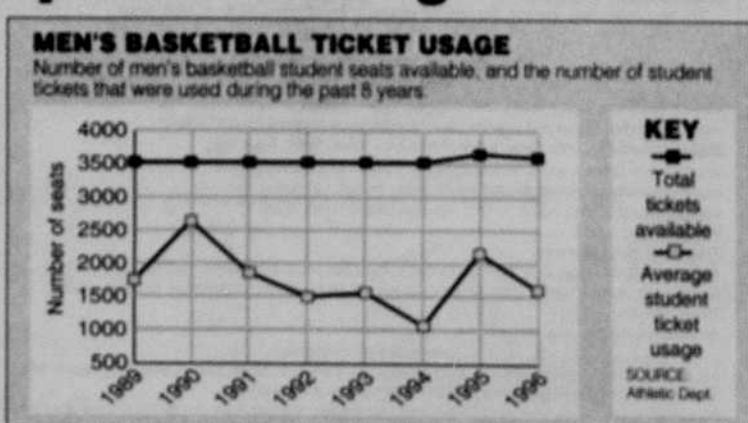
ADFC Chairwoman Nani Sarosa and two other board members met with Sandy Walton, senior associate athletic director, on Monday and came up with a budget that will keep additional student seats for

men's basketball but not without high cost.

A \$4 surcharge for four football games, a \$3 price for Pac-10 basketball games and a 7 percent increase in incidental fees is the price to pay to save 354 seats, according to the proposal.

All student sections would be retained with the exception of CC and OO, both of which are on the court. While the price seems high, Sarosa said the agreement, which also raises the market value paid for the seats, didn't come without some effort.

When she proposed to keep section CC, AD officials "were kind of upset." However, Sarosa said the current agreement can



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work.
"If we look at the numbers, things could go pretty smoothly if students pick up the sur-

charge," she said.
Senate President Martin Fish-

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