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TODAY

The last day to drop a class, change grade options and variable credits with a \$10 fee for each change.



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Rain, chance of thunderstorm. High 60-65.

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Tuition program proposed

■ **MONEY:** A pre-paid contract program will allow future tuition to be paid at today's prices

By Jennifer Schmitt
Higher Education Reporter

A proposed pre-paid college tuition program aimed to lessen the problems of rising tuition costs would let future students pay today's college tuition prices.

The proposed legislation, drafted by Rep. Peter Courtney (D-Salem), will be introduced as a bill in January.

"College costs are spiraling out of control," said Courtney. "More and more students are going to be left out of higher education unless we do something."

As part of the pre-paid tuition program parents can buy contracts for their children set at today's college tuition prices.

"For example, a parent can buy a contract for \$3,000 which is the amount of today's tuition," Courtney said. "Then in 10 years, when the child enters school, one year of tuition is already paid for."

People who purchase the contracts would be required to pay a significant amount of the contract immediately.

"Money is being invested to help the education system now, so we need to have people pay a lump sum now," Courtney said.

Contract money is invested in a special trust fund to be administered by the state treasurer.

The pre-paid tuition contracts

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Marchers along the path to the federal building show off their signs promoting the end to abuse and violence against women during Thursday's "Take Back the Night" march that started at the EMU and ended at the federal building in downtown Eugene.



Dominic Wasson of Eugene, who attended the rally with his mother, holds up a sign stating that he will never abuse women in his lifetime.

Taking back the Night

■ **RALLY:** Hundreds gather to protest violence and abuse against all women

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Reporter

Hundreds of people filled the EMU Courtyard Thursday night. They came, as night and rain fell, to protest violence against women. They came to let their voices be heard and to demonstrate against the problem.

They came to take back the night.

"It's basically an expression of women not having freedom at night, not having safety at night," said Jasmine Rose,

an office assistant at the ASUO Women's Center.

The rally in the courtyard was followed by a march through campus and Eugene, to the Federal Building, where women offered their testimonies and experiences. Men were asked to let the women go ahead of them.

"This is a chance, one night maybe, one place, where they get to do this and feel safe," said Nathan Riddle, an event volunteer.

Many women in the crowd carried signs that bore their message: "No means

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Wendy Kreuder (left), a freshman English major, plants flowers with Seeta Khan and Lisa Khan behind Chapman Hall during the 7th annual University Day. About 1500 students participated in the event.

Campus benefits from University Day

■ **SUCCESS:** A voluntary work force spent the day shoveling, cleaning, painting and planting

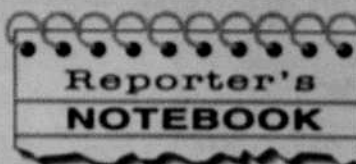
By Doug Irving
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I never thought I could have that much fun cleaning up garbage.

I was right.

For almost an hour Thursday, I participated in the seventh annual University Day, an opportunity for students to give back to the campus and University.

It was also an opportunity to



learn those job skills that could come in handy after graduation.

I was assigned to slowly walk the campus and pick up any bits of trash I might come upon. Other people painted garbage cans, pressure-washed statues, shoveled bark mulch or planted flowers.

So off I went, walking between the Pioneer Statue and 150 Columbia Hall, eyes riveted

to the ground in search of whatever might be lying there.

Just outside Friendly Hall I came upon a Scantron test with the name blurred out. At some point in the past, this test must have been extremely important to some desperate undergraduate. It was, after all, a test. A blazing red mark at the bottom of the page proclaimed this student's grade: D.

I think I would've thrown that out, too.

Next to Columbia Hall I found a tattered old letter that had been tossed carelessly into the

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