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Mostly sunny.
High 85. Low 55.

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University housing costs rise

■ **INCREASE:** Hike in residence halls fees will go toward overdue repairs and the cost of wiring the complexes for Internet use

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Full Internet access and long awaited repairs in University residence halls are on the way — but students will feel the costs.

University Housing will be spending close to \$2 million in addition to its \$600,000 budget. This extra spending will be reflected in a 10 percent increase in residence halls fees.

"Building upgrades and repair are a big portion of the increase," said Nancy Wright, director of facilities and capital improvement.

The Bean Complex will receive the majority of the changes, including the removal and replacement of old and damaged wardrobes, desks and beds, new paint and carpeting and earthquake retrofitting.

"So many students have complained about how dark everything is," Wright said. "And as long as we're tearing things out, this is also a good time to begin Phase One of structural reinforcement."

Part of the increase will also go toward the installation of technical hardware, which will connect all University housing complexes to the Internet.

"All the wiring is already there," said Ron Tendick, director of housing business affairs. "Today is the computer age, and a lot of students like to have the ability to hook up to the Internet."

The \$225,000 price tag for the installation of Ethernet switches in the residence hall complexes is a one-time expense, and students should not expect to have to pay more in the future for hardware installation, Tendick said.

"It's a one-shot deal to put the hardware in place," he said. "And this will directly

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THE NUMBERS

In addition to the approximate \$600,000 spent on routine repairs and refinishing, University Housing will be spending the following (costs are approximate):

■ FURNISHINGS:

University Inn: new beds, desk chairs, desks, dressers: \$113,000
Bean East: new beds, wardrobes, lofts: \$275,000

■ REPAIRS:

University Inn: new fire alarm system: \$85,000
Carson: new dish accumulator: \$100,000
Data wiring for all halls: \$225,000
Bean Phase One repair, refinishing and retrofitting: \$1,200,000

Source: University Housing



FIRE IN THE SKY

This 4th of July promises to be a spectacular one in Eugene with plenty of opportunities to watch firework displays or create your own

By Andrea De Young
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If George Washington were alive today, would he be stocking up his fireworks supply for the 4th of July?

Washington may not have celebrated with smoke explosions and sparklers, but plenty of other people are.

Whether it be going to see fireworks shows or lighting them on the street, the explosions of lights and smoke seem to be the most popular way to celebrate the holiday. Not only are fireworks stands doing steady business, but the Eugene Emeralds have already sold out their game on Thursday, which includes a fireworks show afterward.

That won't stop those without tickets from enjoying the spectacle. Civic Stadium is very close to campus, and it is possible to see the fireworks from nearly any corner in the University area.

The game is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. and should last about three hours. Ems administrators expect the fireworks to start about 10 to 15 minutes after the game ends. Those around campus will probably be able to hear the explosions once the show

SAFETY TIPS

With 113 fireworks-related injuries last year, there are always ways to be more careful when having fun.

1. Always read the directions on each firework you use
2. Light the fireworks on hard surfaces, away from buildings and dry brush
3. Use only legal fireworks purchased at booths or stores approved by the State Fire Marshal's Office
4. Have a bucket full of water near the area you will be lighting the fireworks
5. Always light the fireworks away from other people and animals
6. Only light one firework at a time
7. Only use the fireworks outdoors

gets started.

People who want to do more than just watch fireworks can go to the Lane County Fairgrounds and participate in several activities, culminating in a \$10,000 display of

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FIREWORKS

Q&A

Q. Where can I go to see fireworks in Eugene?

A. Although the Eugene Emeralds are sold out, you can still see the show after the game from almost anywhere around campus. Going up to Skinner's Butte may also be the way to go. The show is expected to begin about 10 to 15 minutes after the game, probably about 10:15.

Lane County Fairgrounds is the sight of a 4th of July party, which includes a fireworks show set to begin at 9:45.

Q. What time do activities begin at the fairgrounds?

A. Gates open at 4 p.m. and close at the end of the fireworks show.

Q. What kind of things are there to do?

A. There is free ice skating and 3-on-3 basketball, several different concerts and food booths.

Q. Can I bring my own fireworks?

A. No fireworks, food or alcohol can be brought into the fairgrounds.

Q. How much does it cost to get in?

A. It's \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. Parking is \$3.50.

Q. What if I want to know more?

A. For more information, call 687-4292.