

Hult Center chosen for NEA program

■ **TECHNOLOGY:** The grant will expand web pages and improve internet access

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The Hult Center has been selected by the National Endowment for the Arts as a pilot site for an Internet technology program.

"We were chosen as a pilot site because we already have what they want to try," said Jeanette Pilak, programming and marketing director for the Hult Center. "We already have a site on the web, and we are connected to other local arts groups' web sites."

The \$1 million national pro-

gram is designed to expand cultural awareness through modern technology such as the World Wide Web. The web pages are designed to give artists, arts institutions and the public greater access to arts information by providing training at public access sites.

The goal of the program is to have at least two sites in every state that provide Internet access for the public and links to local arts groups, Pilak said.

The Hult Center, one of 12 pilot sites chosen, received a grant between \$2,000 and \$4,000 to expand existing Internet access.

"We have had a web page since 1994," Pilak said. "But we are hoping to double the number of

local arts we are linked to right now."

The Hult Center is linked to four local arts groups and is hoping to expand their links to include the Oregon Mozart Players, the Eugene Symphony, the Eugene Opera and the Dance Theater of Oregon.

"As the largest presenting arts facility in Oregon, we take seriously our responsibility to make the Center accessible to the widest possible community," Pilak said. "With the number of visitors coming to our community each year, we want the Hult Center and its resident companies to be able to provide current information about our offerings."

March: Police say people can file complaints

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perienced incidents of brutality and harassment in each one. He believes that because citizens must be accountable for their actions, so must the police.

"This is where opinions are expressed," Black said, walking down University Street from the EMU toward City Hall.

The EMU rally consisted of an open mic, and people young and old took the opportunity to express their opinions and ideas.

"I am a citizen here, I live here, I work here, I pay taxes and this is how they treat citizens," said one speaker.

"13th Avenue is the busiest street in the city, and what does the city council do? Ban skateboards and dogs," said another speaker. "Boy, that's stupid."

A third speaker said the trouble on 13th Avenue is caused because the city's small businesses aren't allowing young people to congregate. She said she be-

lieved the solution is to have a vending area where people can sell their wares, gather and communicate with each other.

The rally started at Scobert Park at 11 a.m. The protesters then marched to the EMU courtyard around noon and continued to City Hall at 1 p.m.

"It's their right to protest," said Sgt. David Poppe, Eugene police officer. "But I'd question how accurate they are [in their accounts of police brutality]."

He said while the Eugene police department is not spotless, the department is a professional environment where citizens have an avenue for justice.

Poppe said there are two ways students can file a complaint with the Eugene police department if they feel they've been treated violently by police.

Students can contact the working supervisor at the department or call Tim McCarthy, the police department's personnel investigation officer, at 687-5126.

Abortion: Drug difficult to get in America now

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quires a woman to be seven weeks into her pregnancy before the operation can be performed.

"Women in our country were really being abused by not having access to it," said Newhall.

The group discussed the process of getting RU-486 tested in the United States and more specifically in Oregon.

"The biggest failure we have is that we have to keep coming back at it...again, and again, and again," Piercy said.

The panel said part of the problem with bringing the drug to the U.S. was that pharmaceutical companies were afraid of repercussions by anti-

abortion groups.

The group also discussed how the drug would be used differently in the U.S. than in Europe.

RU-486 wouldn't be an over-the-counter drug that could be purchased at any pharmacy. It would probably be distributed by doctors and would require at least three medical visits during the time that it would be taken, Newhall said.

"It's a very, very safe drug," Newhall told the audience.

Currently a non-profit organization called Population Council owns the rights to RU-486 and has put it through the Food and Drug Administration tests.

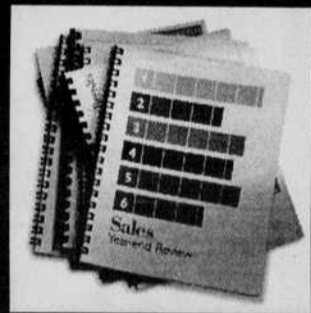
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