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TODAY

The Knight Library will be open today from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

INSIDE

The undefeated women's basketball team will take on UNLV's team at home tonight

A New Year's Eve party at the Eugene Hilton will feature an 11-member band

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WEATHER

Even more rain. High 50. Low 40.

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Getting Into the Spirit



In the south hills of Eugene there are many houses with holiday light displays, like this house on Mclean Ave. off of Chambers Street. For decorations closer to campus, the fairgrounds has a light display depicting "The 12 Days of Christmas."

MATHEW STIFFLER/Emerald

The Lights Fantastic

Lane County Fairgrounds has five of the largest display pieces on the West Coast

By Laura Cadiz
Higher Education Reporter

A 15-foot tall Santa Claus, a live Nativity scene and trees decked out with holiday lights. The holiday season has arrived.

Areas in Eugene are now lit up with holiday lights. Lane County Fairgrounds hosts the Celebration of Lights; Orchard Point Park displays The Festival of Lights; and LTD takes people on the Holiday Lights Joy Ride.

The Celebration of Lights at the Lane County Fairgrounds made its first annual appearance Thanksgiving night, and it's now showing every night through January

1. Hours are Sunday through Thursday 6:30 to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 6:30 to 11 p.m.

In vehicles, people will tour a one mile route where they will first be greeted by a 15-foot tall waving Santa and four 18-foot tall soldiers standing at attention. Afterwards, people will drive on to encounter "The Twelve Days of Christmas" display.

"It has five of the largest display pieces on the West Coast," said Kathee McDermott, public relations and marketing manager for the Lane County Fairgrounds.

The largest piece is a three-stories tall, 80-foot wide display of the 11 pipers piping, McDermott said.

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" is unique, McDermott said, because it has animated pieces.

"There's nothing really like it in the

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FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

■ **DECEMBER 13:**
Danaboe choir grades 2 and 3; 7-7:30 p.m.
Mahayni Family Caroling Group; 7:30-8 p.m.

■ **DECEMBER 17:**
Malabon Elementary choir; 6:30-7 p.m.
Fairfield Elementary choir; 7-8 p.m.

■ **DECEMBER 18:**
Danaboe choir, grades 4 and 5; 7-7:30 p.m.
LDS church choir; 8-8:30 p.m.

■ **DECEMBER 19:**
Shasta Middle School choir; 6:30-7 p.m.

■ **DECEMBER 20:**
Greater Eugene Chorus; 7-7:30 p.m.

■ **DECEMBER 21:**
Santa Clara Celebration Choir; 7-7:30 p.m.

Massacre anniversary remembered

■ **KILLING:** The Women's Center is commemorating the attack by urging more women to study science

By Angie Suchy
Student Activities Reporter

Today is the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, a day on which a man killed 14 women at a Canadian University engineering school, claiming feminists had ruined his life.

The ASUO Women's Center is commemorating this day by showing support for women in science, said Jessica Frahs, Women's Center events coordinator.



An informational table will be in the Willamette Atrium today where a 27-minute video entitled "After the Montreal Massacre" will be showing. Educational information about women's historical accomplishments in the science field will be available. A banner showing support for women in the sciences also will be available to gather signatures in support of continued female involvement in all fields of science, Frahs said.

"Our goals are to remember the victims and to show support for women in science, past and present," Frahs said.

The event also was organized to emphasize that women have usually not been involved in the sciences, said Women's Center Director Sho Shigeoka.

"Female science majors and faculty need more support in general," Shigeoka said. "It's difficult to pursue a degree and a career in a non-traditional field for women."

By continuing to recognize the massacre's anniversary, the message of opposi-

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Program increases awareness of cultures

■ **JEFFERSON:**

A grant from the Bridge Asia fund will add to the Asian Studies program at a local school

By Ben Kwasney
Higher Education Reporter

For students and faculty at Eugene's Jefferson Middle School, learning about and participating in various cultures is nothing new.

"Everything is multicultural or international related," said Dr. Robert Bolden, principal of the school. Jefferson High prides itself on being an institute of multicultural, international and technological education.

However, Bolden said the school's weakest area is in Asian studies.

Jefferson is one of five schools nationally selected to receive a \$25,000 Bridge Asia grant from the Asia Society's Asian Educational Resource Center.

"We think learning about Asia is important in students preparing to succeed in the 21st century," Bolden said.

The grant, in collaboration with the Uni-

versity's Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, will introduce Asian cultures and influences into Jefferson classrooms.

"There's such a limited understanding or study of Asia at the elementary, middle and high school level," said Alexandra Denes, a University graduate teaching fellow who is helping teachers produce curriculum for the project.

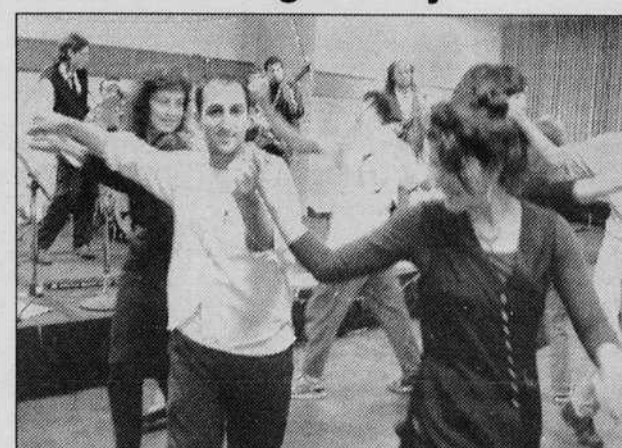
"If they're [students] going to be successful, they're going to have to know this kind of information," Denes said.

Gerald Fry, co-director of the CAPS program and professor of political science and international studies, said it's important for students to be aware of the growing importance of Asia in the global context.

"The growing importance of Oregon's connections with the Asia Pacific Region

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Dancin' the night away



CHAD PATTESON/Emerald

Partygoers enjoy the traditional eastern European Jewish music of The Klezmonauts. The band was part of the Hanukkah party which was held in the EMU Fir Room Thursday night.