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**TODAY**

Today is the last day to change grading options or drop a course without a "W" without a \$10 fee.



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Ducks tame the Dawgs, 67-60, over the weekend at Mac Court

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Mark your calendar: Green Bay and New England are in the Super Bowl in only 13 days

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**WEATHER**

Clear and cold. High 40. Low 20.

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**IN FOCUS: EMU REMODEL**



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Soon the EMU will be going through changes. These include changing the fish bowl area to more closely resemble a marketplace, and improvements to help better accommodate the handicapped.

## EMU to offer new food choices



Students will receive a "marketplace feel" after EMU finishes renovations

By Autumn DePoe  
Student Activities Reporter

Hungry students will soon find the EMU renovated into a "street of shops" atmosphere with a feast of new food choices, more coffee places, possible building additions and a fully accessible union for handicapped students.

"Some very exciting things are happening at the EMU," said Dusty Miller, EMU director. The EMU will be more active and visibly appealing.

The Campus Planning Committee recently approved schematic design plans for the EMU's Food Service and Recreation Facilities. The remodel is designed to improve the circulation of students to the South Dining Room and Fishbowl ar-

reas, Miller said. The changes will also affect the Recreation Center and the current Quick Copy center by revising and improving the corridors.

A bakery, coffeehouse, arcade, convenience store, quick-serve coffee area and billiards are just a few of the changes slated for the west wing area, which includes the Fishbowl and the surrounding area. In addition, the EMU board has requested that local vendors operate outdoor booths on a rotating basis during the week to offer students a variety of food choices, Miller said.

Vendors — such as those found at the Saturday market — may provide a variety of food choices including healthy,

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**FOOD COURT**

**PROPOSED EMU CHANGES:**

- Entire facility fully wheelchair-accessible
- More coffee vendors
- Widened corridors
- Vendor booths
- More entrances

## Community important to incoming freshmen

Even though they're having to put themselves through college, they're working. They're also finding time to volunteer.

— Linda J. Sax  
researcher

■ **STUDY:** Report says first-year pre-law and business majors are at an all-time low

By Robert Greene  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A record number of "A" students entered college last fall, more confident than ever about their abilities but increasingly worried about how to pay for their education.

They also prefer community service such as volunteer work to traditional politics: a record 72 percent reported some kind of volunteer activity.

More want to enter helping professions like teaching or medicine, shunning business, according to an annual survey of college freshmen released Sunday. Interest in law dropped to an all-time low after peaking, like busi-

ness, in the 1980s.

The optimism coupled with their need to help defray college expenses and their commitment to volunteer work means many first-year students are stretching themselves thin, says researcher Linda J. Sax at the University of California, Los Angeles.

"The way it seems to me is that these students are very committed to many activities at once," she said from her office at the university's Higher Education Research Institute, which did the survey. "Even though they're having to put themselves through college, they're working. They're also finding time to volunteer."

Their high school records may be a little inflated, the result of a general pressure on teachers to pump up grades for college-hungry students. A record 32 percent

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## UO given grant to fix textbooks

■ **GRANT:** College of Education receives \$2.5 million to help publishers improve textbooks

By Dana Williams  
Multicultural Issues Reporter

Two University professors say textbook makers haven't been doing their homework, but a recent grant will help improve this flunking grade.

The University's College of Education received \$2.5 million for a project aimed at improving textbook quality. The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs funded the University research center to set standards and hold educators accountable for the textbooks assigned to students.

The National Center to Improve the Tool of Educators (NCITE) scrutinized educational materials used to teach students since 1991, said Douglas W. Carnine, NCITE director and University professor of special education. NCITE researchers did not like what they found.

"Most educational products are developed to suit the latest education fads. But what is popular in the marketplace isn't necessarily effective," Carnine said.

NCITE researchers want state officials to discourage educators from using students as textbook guinea pigs, and they are working with officials in places such as the Texas Governor's Business Council to provide more incentives for school districts to use research-based instructional materials.

"Our mission is to improve the quality of education materials by working with pub-

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## Torrey and Lee to be sworn in today



TORREY



LEE

Mayor-elect Jim Torrey will be sworn into office and will deliver his State of the City address today beginning at 11:45 a.m.

During his speech, Torrey will discuss what he thinks are the community's most important challenges and opportunities in the new year and the future.

Five city councilors, including Ward 3 representative Bobby Lee, will also be sworn into office during the ceremony.

The ceremony will take place in the Composer's Hall at the Eugene Conference Center.