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TODAY

Be sure to pick up your application for Winter 1997 graduation. Tomorrow is the last day to apply.



INSIDE

Tonight's men's basketball game will focus on the matchup of point guards and centers

JustUs mock date rape trial participants hoped to stimulate discussion about the justice system

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WEATHER

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Monica Davis, a student at South Eugene High School, helps Lyllye Parker light her candle. Parker led students on a march and candlelight vigil commemorating Martin Luther King's birthday.

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MLK Celebration focuses on changes

DISCUSSION: A panel of three keynote speakers addressed the topic, "How far have we come, and where do we go from here?"

By Angie Suchy
and Dana Williams
Student Activities Desk

Wednesday's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration focused largely on change and difficulties with minority enrollment at the University, and the various methods and steps needed to achieve a greater equality within the University community were discussed.

"Eugene might be a good lab to plan a real sense of harmonious community," said Pastor Alidees Beckham of St. Mark Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. "This is a small enough town where a sense of community and discussion of



these issues could happen without a designated holiday."

Beckham was one of three keynote speakers invited to discuss the panel's topic, "How far have we come, and where do we go from here?"

The response to the primary question was addressed with uncertainty. "The dream has yet to be realized," said Raleigh Lewis, Affirmative Action State Director.

"Even in our community and at this University, the dream of being judged not by the color of your skin, but the content of your character has not yet been achieved — or at least not fully," said University President Dave Frohnmayer in the introduction. "The dream is as vital now as it

was 30 years ago because of the fierce urgency of the now."

The now is the time of working to bring more minorities to the University and then following through on the University duty to aid students until a diploma is received, said Shirley Clark, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs.

"Even though we are recruiting underrepresented minorities, they are coming in one door and leaving by way of another after their freshman year," Clark said.

Clark cited recent studies by the Academic Affairs office showing that the seven public universities in Oregon are not recruiting or retaining minorities in proportion to the minority representation in Oregon. According to these studies, 13.3% of students in Oregon's higher education institutions are minorities. These numbers seem to reflect the state's population, but a

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Child care center to stay open

■ **EMU:** Many parents and ASUO organizations shared their support of the center in Wednesday's meeting

By Autumn DePoe
Student Activities Reporter

The EMU House Committee has been struggling to address the needs of the limited and crowded space in the EMU due to the future renovations. Footnotes and the EMU Child Care Development Center (CCDC) are two of the organizations that are assessing their organization's impact upon the University in order to keep current office space in the EMU.

Last night the Committee unanimously agreed to keep the CCDC in the EMU for at least one more year until more data could be obtained.

Concerned parents spoke on behalf of the child care center and 7 letters were presented to the board on behalf of various ASUO organizations in favor of keeping the center open. "I am very concerned about the possible closure of the EMU Child Care site," ASUO President Matt Scotten said. "The discussion of closing our EMU Child Care site is in contrast with the pro-child care view of our student body."

The EMU CCDC has been contending with fluctuating and low student enrollment. "The numbers look bad, but we have parents coming in and saying to us that everything is great," said Anne Williams, EMU House Committee member. Currently, the EMU CCDC's fiscal budget is in a deficit.

When the Amazon Housing was torn down, students with families moved out of the area and sought child care away from the University, said Child Care Coordinator Dennis Reynolds when explaining the low child enrollment.

Cindy Boogaard, EMU house committee chair, stated that the committee had to "make sure that the child care here is high quality and that student fees are not lost."

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Council approves plans to handle Measure 47

■ **BUDGET:** A possible loss of \$10 million forces the City Council to make plans for cuts in city services

By Eric Collins
Community Reporter

City Council voted unanimously to approve the work plan and time line for the City's proposed six point approach to Measure 47 in a Wednesday work session.

In this plan, a short-term transition budget and long-term city-service strategy were highlighted, along with the desire for the Council to have the public involved in the decision-making process.

"I think it's important to understand that we are going to find a way to live within the revenue that [Measure] 47 says we have available to us," Torrey said. "The first thing we have to do is provide the credibility to the public that we have the capacity to do that, and we do have the capacity to do that."

According to the legislative revenue office, the city of Eugene will face a \$10 million shortfall on the next fiscal year's general fund because of the loss of tax revenue, Laue said.

Besides the Council's worst-case scenario of operating next year without that \$10 million, several short-term strategies have been focused on, including the filing of a suit against the constitutionality of the measure and building up cash reserves to partially fund operations during the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, Laue said.

These cash reserves have come at the expense of some planned purchases, hours of operation for some community centers, travel, training, advertising, and other

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A CLOSER LOOK

QUESTIONING THE VALIDITY OF MEASURE 47

■ Measure 47 violates single-subject rule of constitutional amendments

■ Measure 47 is seen as a revision as opposed to an amendment of Oregon constitution

■ Measure 47 eliminates home-rule clause

SOURCE: Councilor Time Lane

EXAMPLE OF WHAT "CORE SERVICES" COULD MEAN:

Sewers, waste-water management, prevention policing, fire protection, emergency medical