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TODAY

The Dance Department will hold the spring student dance concert at 8 p.m. in the Dougherty Theatre in Gerlinger Annex.

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Ben Croskrey helped the men's golf team place second in the Pac-10 Championships

A University team took second in an international business planning competition



WEATHER

Mostly sunny.
High 70. Low 45.

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BARRIER AWARENESS DAY



Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey and City Councilman Bobby Lee wheeled to Wednesday's meeting as part of an awareness simulation.

Council members simulate disabilities

■ AWARD: In addition, a University law student was honored for her work in disability awareness

By Steven Asbury
Editor-in-Chief

Disability awareness took on a whole new meaning for the Eugene City Council during their work session on Wednesday.

Engaging in an awareness simulation for Barrier Awareness Day, City Councilman Tim Laue wore dark glasses during the session, making him blind. Councilman Scott Meisner participated earlier in the day by simulating a hearing impairment.

Mayor Jim Torrey and the rest of the

city council members conducted their work session in wheelchairs.

At the end of the session, council members wheeled their way over to the Council Chambers, where Barrier Awareness Day awards were presented.

Barbara Fields, a student in the law school, received an individual leadership award for her ongoing work at the University to remove barriers for people with disabilities.

Kenneth Lehrman, University director of affirmative action and equal opportunity, said Fields has been active in alerting officials to both the physical and attitudinal barriers in the law school building.

When planning began for the new law school, Lehrman said Fields stressed to

the committee working on the building that certain spaces and designs in the project were not inviting to people with disabilities.

"[We would suggest changes and] she would come back to us and say this isn't good enough," Lehrman said. "After a while, we began to examine our own attitudes.... She changed our attitudes from being reactive to proactive."

"From the very first time I met Barbara she really opened my eyes to barriers that law students face," Lehrman said. "She is tireless and dedicated to removing those barriers."

Also receiving awards were Karen Swezey, founder and president of Self Help for the Hard of Hearing, and the Eugene Family YMCA.

Space tops EMU Board discussion

■ MEETING: Board members also considered installing an elevator in the International Lounge

By Angie Suchy
Student Activities Editor

The International Lounge, relocation of the LGBTA, expanding field space for Club Sports and the renaming of the Cedar Rooms were the hot topics of debate at the EMU Board meeting on Wednesday.

The International Lounge was recently deemed inadequate because the wheelchair lift can not accommodate electric wheelchairs. The University is thus forbidden to hold programming there, so the weekly international students' coffee hour was forced to relocate. The EMU Board discussed the possibility of installing an elevator for access, and the first step is to commission estimates from architects. Representatives from the International Student Association expressed concern about the coffee hour having to relocate after 10 years of tradition in the same space. Board members said they have been debating and discussing options to alleviate the dilemma. "We have been looking at funding options — we're making this a top priority," EMU Board Chair Kim Guevara said.

The board also discussed the specifics of allocating the space in EMU room 34, which is slated to be divided primarily between the Multicultural Center and the LGBTA. Because costs of the first idea for space division are not yet available, the board did not render any decisions on divvying up the space.

Board members were encouraged to remember a commitment made earlier in the EMU space allocation process when members agreed to give groups based in the EMU equal space if they are relocated after the renovation — not significantly bigger space.

"Keep in mind the philosophical aspect of space," said Frank Geltner, EMU associate director. "Growth was not a commitment."

Club Sports approached the board for ex-

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■ TUESDAY:
County Measure 20-83

■ WEDNESDAY:
County levy Measure 20-84

■ TODAY:
State Measure 50
Prison Measure 49

Supporters say Measure 50 achieves predecessor's goals

■ CUTS: Measure 50 backers say it cuts taxes like Measure 47 does, while fixing problems

By Jennifer Schmitt
Community Editor

The Measure 47 headache just keeps getting bigger and bigger, and now a new measure has been added to the property tax issue.

The proposed Measure 50 has been touted as a simpler, easier to understand measure that will solve the

loopholes and problems in the current "cut and cap" measure while keeping the primary goals.

But the new 5,000-word-long measure is just as complicated and confusing to the average voter.

"This is a complicated issue, and frankly, this measure is too long to be an amendment to the constitution, but it is hard to address all of the issues in a short form," said Rep. Lee Beyer, D-Springfield, who was one of the legislative committee members

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■ Measure 49 proponents say it fixes some of the flaws in Measure 17, which required prisoners to work/4

who worked on restructuring Measure 47. "But I can say in good faith that we really tried to restructure the measure to reach the goals of the voters."

Opponents of Measure 50, however, think the measure misses the

point.

"Measure 50 is more taxes for the property owner. Instead of a 21 percent decrease, they are only offering a 17 percent cut," said Phillip Ramsdell, the Oregon Citizens Alliance state political director. "Voters voted for Measure 47. That is what they want."

The goals behind Measure 50 are the same ones as Measure 47, Beyer said. The measure will still cut taxes and cap property tax increases to

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