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TODAY

The Craft Center is having a bike repair workshop tonight at 6:30 in the Walnut Room of the Erb Memorial Union.

INSIDE

Second-place Spokane faces the Ems, who have lost four of their last five games through Sunday

City officials and citizens discussed the building of a bike bridge at a forum at Alton Baker Park



WEATHER

Cloudy.
High 80. Low 50.

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TREE CUTTING CONTROVERSY

'Tree-sitters' protest removal

■ PROTEST: The city did not take any actions to remove the protesters from the trees, since the trees are not yet due to be cut

By Michael Hines
Oregon Daily Emerald

Protesters pushed Monday, and the City of Eugene did not push back.

The city avoided a repeat performance of the controversial June 1 clash between police and protesters.

About 10 people protested the felling of several trees on both sides of the Willamette River near the Ferry Street

Bridge where a bike and pedestrian bridge is being constructed. Several protesters climbed into the trees, forcing construction crews to avoid them.

"I think we've got plenty of time before we have to worry about the tree-sitters causing us any problems," said Phil Weiler of the city manager's office.

Project Manager Tom Larsen said that the city has no plans to remove the protesters from the trees.

"We have a lot more work to do in the corridor," Larsen said. "We plan to continue that."

Instead of cutting the trees, he said, crews will begin working on other parts of the project such as drilling 40-foot holes for the new bridge's piles.

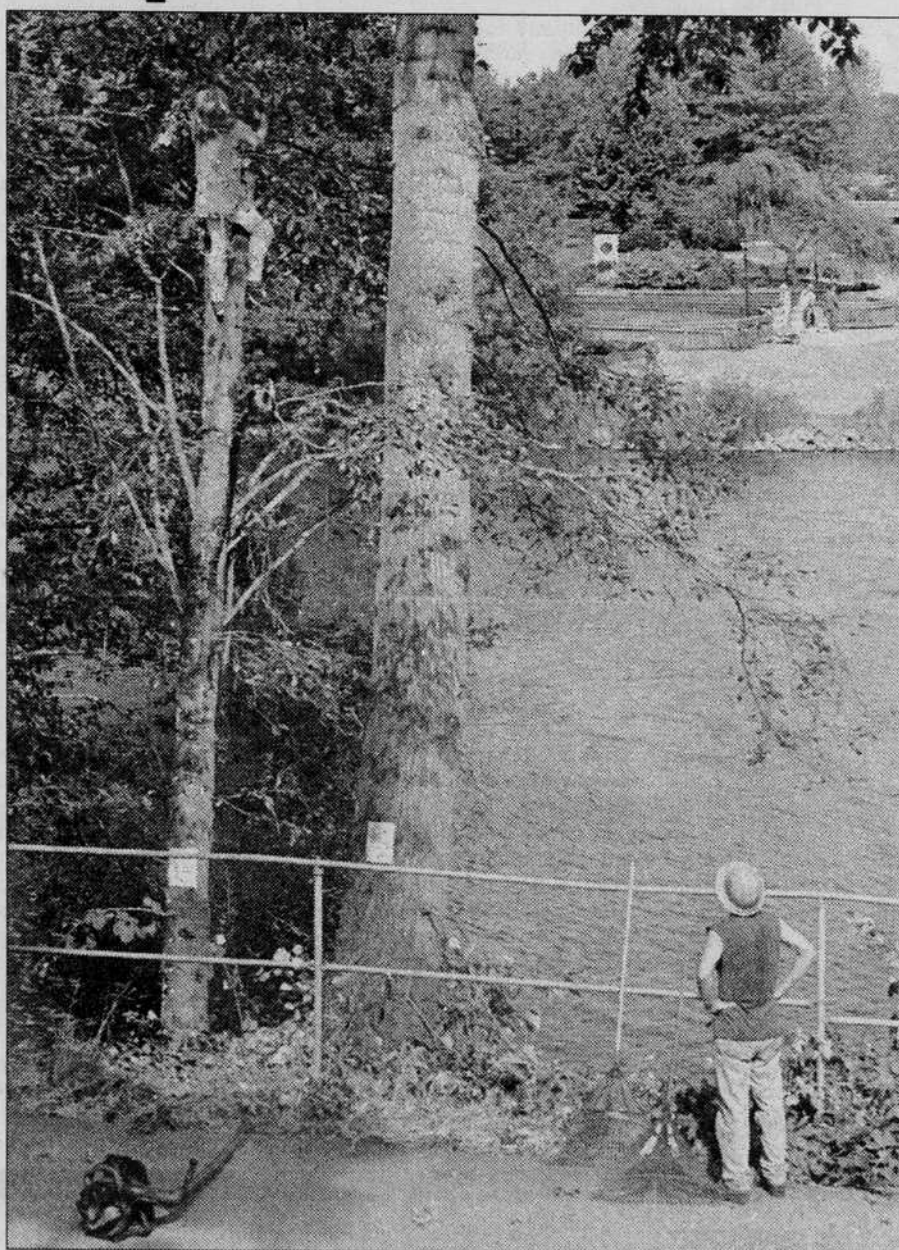
Some protesters arrived before 4 a.m. Monday to interrupt the cutting.

"The city and the population in general don't seem to have much regard for trees," said a man who identified himself only as Shannon.

Some people said they are upset because they do not feel community support for the project.

"I don't think this project's got the endorsement of the bicycling community," Randy Shadowalker, a lifelong Eu-

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A construction worker looks on as protester Ira Gilbert positions himself in the upper limbs of a tree on the south side of the Willamette River. The trees are scheduled to be cut to make room for a bike and pedestrian bridge near the Ferry Street Bridge.

CHAD PATTESON/Emerald

Several trees found to be potentially hazardous

■ DISEASE: Arborists are concerned that the diseased trees could either fall or spread disease to the healthy trees

By Carl Yeh
Associate Editor

Homeowners, activists and concerned citizens gathered under the picnic shelter at Hendricks Park last Friday to discuss the city's recommendation to remove 18 fir trees in that area.

"Over the last couple of years we've had a consultant look over the trees in this area due to concerns of residents and park staff. This particular area has a history of [tree] failure," said Scott Plamondon, urban forester for the City of Eugene. "As a result of an arborist's report, we had a number of trees that were indicated as potentially hazardous."

Approximately 100 fir trees of the 233 total trees at Hendricks Park were deemed potentially hazardous. However, only 18

of the 100 potentially hazardous trees were recommended for removal.

Many of the trees that are slated for removal are infected with fungi, commonly known as conk. The conk indicates decay in the tree's trunks and roots.

Visual inspection and a diagnostic tool known as a resistograph were used to determine how sturdy the trees were.

"You look for defects in the scaffolding branch attachments, the trunk section, and then you look at the root system," said Mike Bellmore, urban forestry technician.

However, sick trees are not the only issue. "We're not only concerned about these trees falling, but we're also con-

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Language instruction expands in Oregon

■ PROGRAMS: Oregon's foreign language instruction is expanding into elementary schools

The Associated Press

FOREST GROVE — Foreign language instruction slowly is gaining stature in the public school curriculum as academic standards rise and public demand grows for international communications skills.

"People are beginning to realize that all the world is bilingual," said Joana Kirchof, who attended a Pacific University summer institute on language. She teaches Spanish to kindergartners in southeast Portland.

The state's first institute for elementary teachers of Japanese and Spanish met during the first three weeks of July at Pacific University under a \$70,000 grant from the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

Each morning, teachers worked to improve their own fluency, and each afternoon they learned the best practices for teaching a second language to elementary children. Then they took turns practicing on two mixed-age classes of elementary children organized for the institute.

One sunny afternoon last week, Lisa Ann Alvarez, who teaches Spanish to fourth-graders in Prineville, and Kathy Boyer, who teaches Spanish in Bend, tried Spanish games.

Alvarez let the children spread out on the carpet for "la loteria," a game similar to bingo using pictures and Spanish words. "Yo tengo la escalera (I have the ladder)," she said.

The youngsters checked their cards for a square holding a ladder. Boyer followed that game with a Spanish version of Simon Says.

"Simon dice levante las manos (Simon says raise your hands)," she said, and the children raised their hands.

The institute represents one small step in the long climb Oregon must make to prepare its children for foreign-language standards developed for graduation, new high school credentials and college admission.

For the first time, Oregon's colleges and universities required this fall's freshmen to have two high school credits of foreign language study or pass an equivalency test.

Beginning in 2005, students will have to reach the even higher proficiency, defined as mid-intermediate, to meet state college admission standards.

A study released this spring by the Corvallis School District suggests that many students will need to take more than two years of instruction.

"People are beginning to realize that all the world is bilingual."

Joana Kirchof
Language Institute
Attendant

HENDRICKS PARK

■ TREES TO BE REMOVED: 18

■ WHY: The trees were found to be diseased by a private consultant hired by the city

■ CAUSES: The fungus that some of the trees have could spread and infect the entire fir forest in the area near the picnic shelter in the park