

Keeping bicycles safe

OPS suggests that students lock their bikes in a way that keeps the tires, frame and seat chained — and in your possession

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Uncensored

The EMU Art Gallery is host "Art Unveiled," an exhibit featuring previously censored works

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The Museum of Natural History opens "Living on the Edge," which runs through Sunday

WEATHER

Today

Rain
High 67. Low 50.

Thursday

Showers
High 65. Low 52.

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AMPHITHEATER CONSTRUCTION

Changes delay EMU project



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A backhoe reshapes the landscape along the University Street side of the EMU courtyard Tuesday afternoon.

The ASUO plans to host a 100th anniversary celebration when the amphitheater is finished

By Michael Hines
Student Activities Reporter

The EMU Amphitheater will finish five months later and will cost \$65,000 more than the ASUO originally planned.

Wildish Construction Company began working Sept. 22 on the \$415,000 am-

phitheater. The deadline for Wildish is March 1.

The Student Senate decided last spring to allocate the project \$35,000 more than the original \$300,000. The extra money came from over-realized funds.

In mid-September, the EMU signed a contract with Coca-Cola that allotted \$36,000 to EMU programming. The EMU in turn gave \$30,000 to the ASUO to cover the final costs of the amphitheater project.

"Without that \$36,000, I don't know how we would have gotten that money," ASUO Vice President Ben Unger said.

The project had a \$385,000 budget at the end of Spring term for what the ASUO originally thought would be a \$350,000 amphitheater.

But the project ran into several problems over the summer.

"It got held back due to demand for contractors during the summer, and the cost rose for the same reason," said Wylie Chen, head student representative to the project.

With more demand for contractors, Chen said, the bids were not as competitive as they had expected and were thus

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Eugene Public Library to cut hours, staff

The library did not receive any additional funding after cuts were made by Measure 47

By Michael Burnham
Community Reporter

Beginning this Sunday, the Eugene Public Library will be reducing its operating hours as a result of budget reductions caused by Measure 50. The library also has had to reduce the number of full-time staff and additional money available for the hiring of part-time staff, while dealing with increasing space problems.

Due to Measure 50, the city council decided to have the library cut its current winter circulation hours during the week from 58 hours to only 44 hours.

When the budget cuts boil down to dollar signs, it means the library will be dealing with a reduction of approximately \$200,000 from the last fiscal year, which runs from July to June.

The news of Measure 50 cuts, however, are nothing new to the library.

In November of 1996, voters passed Measure 47, which limited local property taxes. The council reviewed and prioritized the budget cuts and released the new results after the passage of Measure 50 in May, 1997. Although Measure 50 resulted in no change to the library's cut as proposed in Measure 47, the library failed to receive any additional funding from voters.

"I think people already think [the reduction in hours] is happening," said Carol Hildebrand of the Eugene Public Library. "We did not get the votes, so we got the cuts."

Library changes

OLD HOURS:

Mon: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Tues-Sat.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sun: Closed

NEW HOURS:

Sun. & Mon: Closed

Tues. & Wed.: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Thurs. - Sat.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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Miner, Unger push for 'activist student government' in coming year

The ASUO hopes to get more student involvement in campus issues and activities

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Editor

ASUO Vice President Ben Unger compares student government to a buffet line: "You always want to pick up a few more chicken legs."

Unger and President Bill Miner already have their plates full of projects, hopes and expectations for their administration. They want every University student to say the ASUO helped them in some way by the end of the school year, Miner said.

So look for better student involvement in government. Look for more challenges by the ASUO to the University and government. Look for impacts of the revised Student Conduct Code and for physical changes on campus that'll increase safety. Look for the rebirth of the Beer Gardens.

"This will be an activist student govern-

ment," Miner said. "It's time for students to organize around issues they care about."

The new administration plans to focus on three areas: academic concerns, voter registration and education, and conduct code education and campus safety. And the ASUO needs more students to help out, Unger said.

"We're trying to get more people involved," he said. "Everyone at some time in their lives will be affected."

Academic Concerns

Miner and Unger will soon lead a charge against the University over academic concerns: paper charges in the library, schedules not being sent out, and insufficient li-

brary hours. The ASUO will also petition to extend the deadline to add and drop classes.

The lack of communication between the University and students is particularly disturbing, Miner said. That caused too much confusion, especially about the schedules, he said.

The changes also allow the University to skirt a tuition freeze that passed last year, he said. Additional charges may raise the revenue lost to that freeze, he explained.

"Students fought hard last year for a tuition freeze," he said. "We got the freeze. Now they're going to nickel and dime us."

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"There's a lot of issues that we hear students complaining about. There's only so much we [alone] can do."

Bill Miner
ASUO President