

# Student ticked off by inaccurate clocks

A power outage might be responsible for the inaccurate clocks in Knight Library

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Time is relative. Nothing proves the truth of this cliché more than the clocks in almost every building on campus.

Sunday marked the beginning of Daylight Savings Time, but clocks on campus told the inaccurate time long before then.

For example, consider the time told by the clocks in Knight Library. The clock in the Reserve Reading Room is six hours fast. At 2:15 p.m. Sunday, it read 8:15 p.m., indicating to students that it was time to put the books away and head home for a long overdue dinner.

The clock in the first floor stairwell of the library, which was an hour fast last week, is now two hours fast. The sign below it, which

reads "Clock is one hour fast," is now wrong along with the time displayed by the clock.

The clocks near the circulation desk are one hour fast.

An accurate clock can be found behind the periodicals desk. But according to a library staff member, this clock does not run on the same system as the rest of the clocks in the library because it is battery operated.

Adrienne Doman, an employee who works at the circulation desk, said a power outage in the library caused the inaccuracy about a month ago.

"I was here during the power outage," Doman said. "The power was out for just a little while — ten minutes or something."

Since then, the clocks in the library just haven't been accurate.

"For at least two full weeks, we just had the clocks horrendously wrong," Doman said. "The clocks somehow got to be an hour off when they started up again."

The Physical Plant, an organization that

fixes maintenance problems on campus, is responsible for changing the clocks, Doman said.

"[The clocks] just don't automatically go on," Doman said. "They have to be set at the Physical Plant."

Some employees have become irritated with the inaccuracy.

"It's kind of annoying 'cause I don't have a watch," said Cassie Fox-Percival, a circulation desk worker. "But you kind of get used to it."

According to employees at the CC-EMU Microcomputer Lab, their clocks already have been adjusted and read the correct time. However, the person who is responsible for the change is unknown.

"It's a mystery," lab employee Mani White said.

White assumes someone changed the time sometime on Saturday. However, the clocks in the lab were accurate prior to their adjustment for Daylight Savings Time.

# OPS: More cuts would be difficult

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the sergeant does more than just supervise," Poppe said. "It's a loss for the campus community, but it's an understandable budgetary problem OPS has to deal with."

To save more funds, OPS is waiting another year before it replaces its current vans used to patrol campus. A new vehicle, the new equipment that goes with it and the labor involved would cost \$18,000 to \$20,000 per vehicle.

"We are at a point in our cycle where a number of our vehicles need to be turned over and replaced," Reeves said. "We are choosing to put up with those rigs rather than pay \$20,000 for a new rig."

Another cost that OPS is holding off is replacing the computers in the office, he said. Each new system would cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

To make the cuts brought on by Measures 47 and 5, Reeves said OPS has cut out most of the "fluff" from its budget and redirected funds in effort to streamline the budget.

However, to make more cuts would be difficult for OPS.

"It would hurt us to take anymore cuts," Reeves said. "We're essentially at the bottom line. If we were to take anymore cuts, it would really hurt our services. We're treading water."

— Michael Hines  
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contributed to this story

# Mentors: Girls produce projects to be shown on Web

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math or science and where they went to college. After becoming more familiar with each other, students and mentors usually develop a more personal relationship.

Mentors are often excited about answering any questions their students may have about choosing a career in math or science.

"I was really drawn to this project because I have an opportunity to be a part of a program I wish had been there for me," said Renee Bourgeois, a geology graduate student at the University. "It is wonderful to be able to encourage

young women to pursue careers in math and science."

"Doing this while they are in middle school is a great idea, too," Bourgeois said, citing studies that show women tend to move away from math and science during this time.

"When I was in junior high, I had no problem succeeding in math or science, but there were almost no women to encourage me," Bourgeois said. "There just weren't many women working in fields related to math and science at that time. When I decided I wanted a career in science, most people were like, 'Oh really?' because there were few women

working in those fields at that time."

Cybersisters' main emphasis is to boost women's technical skills. After becoming more comfortable with e-mail and the Internet, each student must complete a project that can be shown on the Web. The project is related to the interests of the student, not the mentor. The class concludes with students touring the laboratories where their mentors work.

"This program has been a really great experience for me," said Carly Buck, 13, of Springfield. "My mentor has been great. Working with her and listening to her talk about the experiences she's


had in science has made me more confident.

"It's a really great idea to get women into science. A lot of my friends have gotten interested in it after they saw the things I'm doing."


Cybersisters is currently available only to students in the Eugene-Springfield area, but there are plans to expand it.

"This is the first time a program like this has been offered," Bishop said, "but if it's successful we plan on expanding it."

Women who are interested in being mentors should visit the Cybersisters Web page at [www.efn.org/~wistec/cybersis](http://www.efn.org/~wistec/cybersis).



## EMU NEWS



### EMU Ticket Office

feature events for the week are:

**The Delta 72**.....October 28, W.O.W Hall

**Halloween Ball**.....October 31, Hilton Ballroom

**Oregon Mozart Players**....November 1, Hult Center

**West Side Story**.....November 4-6, Hult Center

**OPEN: Monday-Friday 9-7:30**  
**Saturday 10-4, Sunday 12-4**

The EMU Ticket Office is a ticket outlet for: Fastixx, Hult Center, W.O.W. Hall, LCC Theater, EMU and UO Athletics.

### EMU Front Doors Reopened

Now that our Main Lobby Doors have reopened, stop by **Concourse Coffee West**, just off of the Main Floor EMU Lobby. Conveniently located to serve you during our renovation. Stop by for beverages and snacks on your way through the EMU.

**Open Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM-2:30 PM.**

Don't forget to use your coffee punch card... nine punches and the tenth is on us!

### Support Groups for Parents

presented by EMU Child Care and Development Centers

<p style="margin: 0;"><b>Single Moms' Group</b></p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: small;">Mondays 3:00-4:30 Family Resource Center 1650 Columbia St.</p>	<p style="margin: 0;"><b>Fathers' Group</b></p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: small;">Mondays 3:30-5:00 Blue Room Carson Residence Hall</p>
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Call the CCDC office at 346-4345 for more information.

### Order your tickets by phone!

Tickets need to be purchased with a credit card and are subject to a \$1 per ticket handling charge.

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### OUTDOOR PROGRAM EQUIPMENT SWAP

This renowned equipment swap is undoubtedly Eugene's largest gathering of outdoor enthusiasts. This term's swap is co-sponsored by Journeys Magazine. Hundreds of outdoor enthusiasts will be buying and selling an amazing variety of used backcountry and whitewater gear at garage sale prices. Tents, boats, bikes, skis, clothing...everything goes!

**Thursday, 7:30 PM, EMU Ballroom**

No registration required. Limited table space, available on a first come basis. Noncommercial sellers only! Parking provided in the EMU visitor's lot \$1 general admission Free to students and OP co-op members

### Focus Group

We're building a new bakery and coffeehouse in the EMU, but how do we name them?

This focus group will discuss the possible guidelines and options available for naming these two brand new food venues (e.g. have a naming contest, appoint a naming committee, etc.???)

**Wednesday, Oct. 29**  
3:30 PM EMU Century Room A