

New movie theater

Cinemark, a Texas-based chain, plans to build a state-of-the-art movie complex at Gateway Mall in Springfield

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Long road to success

Corey Benjamin, a 6-foot-6 shooting guard for Oregon State, is one of the Pac-10's top five NBA draft prospects

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TODAY

The YWCA is holding a general interest meeting in the EMU Ben Linder Room at 6 p.m.

WEATHER

Today
Showers
High 54. Low 43.
Friday
Showers
High 55. Low 41.

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COUNCIL CONTROVERSY



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Eugene City Councilman Bobby Lee (left) addresses City Manager Vicki Elmer about his concern for what Elmer has planned for the community.

Council hears Elmer's plans

City Manager Vicki Elmer said the city needs to be a 'socially responsible business'

By Tricia Duryee
Community Reporter

The Eugene City Council was left confused and torn after City Manager Vicki Elmer tackled questions regarding her management style during Monday's work session.

The questions concerned her vision of community policing, her interim plans and recent personnel issues.

Elmer addressed each question based on a set of 1997-98 City Council goals. She also referred to Measures 47 and 50,

which prompted state-wide budget cuts.

"I'll give an overview of where we are coming from and where we are going," said Elmer, who mentioned that the recent personnel decisions were in support of the council's goals. The goals include a variety of public concerns, such as budget cuts, respect for citizens and fiscal responsibility.

Elmer explained her views on how the "leaner and trimmer" Eugene government should operate on a local level.

"It's time for us to be a business, a socially responsible business," she said. The three ways she saw Eugene accomplishing that would be by placing its customers, citizens and community first, supplying quality at less cost and creat-

ing a more open government.

However, Councilman Bobby Lee found her words confusing.

"When was the last time we talked about [being a business]?" he asked. "I have no clue what you are talking about." Lee added that he would reserve further comments for her evaluation.

"My goal is to put together a strategic plan with [council] participation," Elmer said in response. She also mentioned the council had talked about the plan before, and she was looking to move in that direction.

Councilman Tim Laue didn't agree. "I need some way to determine the

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Senate postpones allocation decision

Student senators say the postponement will give them more time to study the EMU board's \$25,000 request

By Michael Hines
Student Activities Reporter

The ASUO Student Senate decided not to allocate the EMU board \$25,000 for a fire sprinkler system Wednesday night, instead opting to reconsider the request at the Feb. 4 meeting.

This decision was nearly changed at the last moment when senate Vice President Kent Black made a motion to reconsider waiting a week. One week was not enough time, Black said, and he requested two weeks, but that motion was denied 13-5.

The EMU must remodel the building soon because the construction tools are on site, board President Kim Guevara said. To wait even two weeks would raise the cost of the system above its projected \$33,000 price tag.

The board is in the bind because it voted to allocate \$75,000 to the ASUO Multicultural Center in December to level its floors for handicap accessibility. Since then, the City of Eugene decided that the EMU must install a sprinkler system before making any structural changes.

"Basically, this was an unexpected cost. I know some people thought we knew about this sooner," Guevara said.

Several board members expressed concerns.

"I think we're in the dark about a lot of things," Senator Tamir Kriegel said, then asking, "Is this the number one most important thing to do?"

"We have to do the sprinkler system,"

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Professor uses car stereo systems to teach physics

Professor Stan Micklavzina says the class helps students to become informed buyers

By Teri Meeuwsen
Higher Education Reporter

So you're shopping for the best car stereo. You want that clear sound to hear each string of the violin, or you want that bass thump to fill your ears and the ears of others down the street. You walk into the nearby car stereo store, but the salesman throws around terms that you've never heard of before or that you really don't understand: hertz, resonance and damped harmonic motion.

Stereo Physics, a freshman seminar class offered this term, allows students to learn physics by using stereo equipment. The three-hour class offers students a chance to get hands-on experience by studying the theories behind stereo systems.

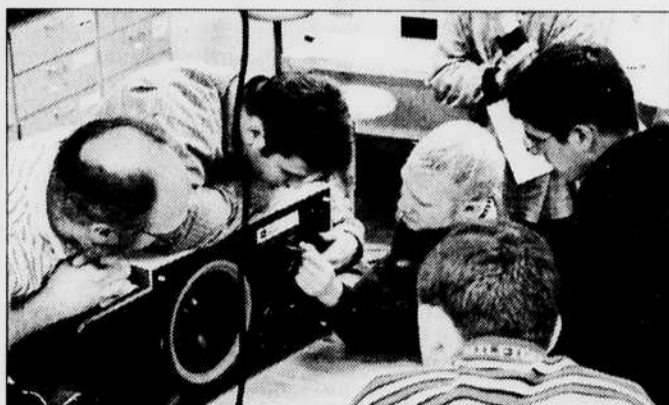
"Students with an interest in stereo systems can learn principles of physics through this class," physics Pro-

fessor Stan Micklavzina said. "A stereo salesman is trying to throw out a lot of jargon in anything from cars to stereos to electing a president. There's a lot of jargon thrown at the buyer, purchaser and people as voters who need to decide whether it's real or if it's fluff. They have to sort through a lot of jargon and facts and figures. The better educated you are, the better informed decision you can make."

Looking at stereo systems is just one way to learn about concepts in physics. Musicians and artists may learn physics by attending classes in their areas of interest, Micklavzina said. Classes geared toward non-physics majors include Physics of Sound and Music and Physics of Light and Color.

Using this application technique is helpful in giving students hands-on experience with physics equipment and materials. In the lab portion of the class, students get a chance to use computers, oscilloscopes, microphones

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Stanley Micklavzina (left) demonstrates speaker output during the stereo physics class to freshmen Jonathan Christianson, Jennifer Sprattle, and Stephen Hornbrook (left to right).