

Beyond stereotypes

A recent survey shows America's hungry often have jobs, live outside cities, and defy long-held beliefs about the poor

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Game, set, match

Erwan Kergroach, an exchange student from Paris, has been serving up success for Oregon tennis

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The Outdoor Program will hold a garage sale at 7:30 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom.

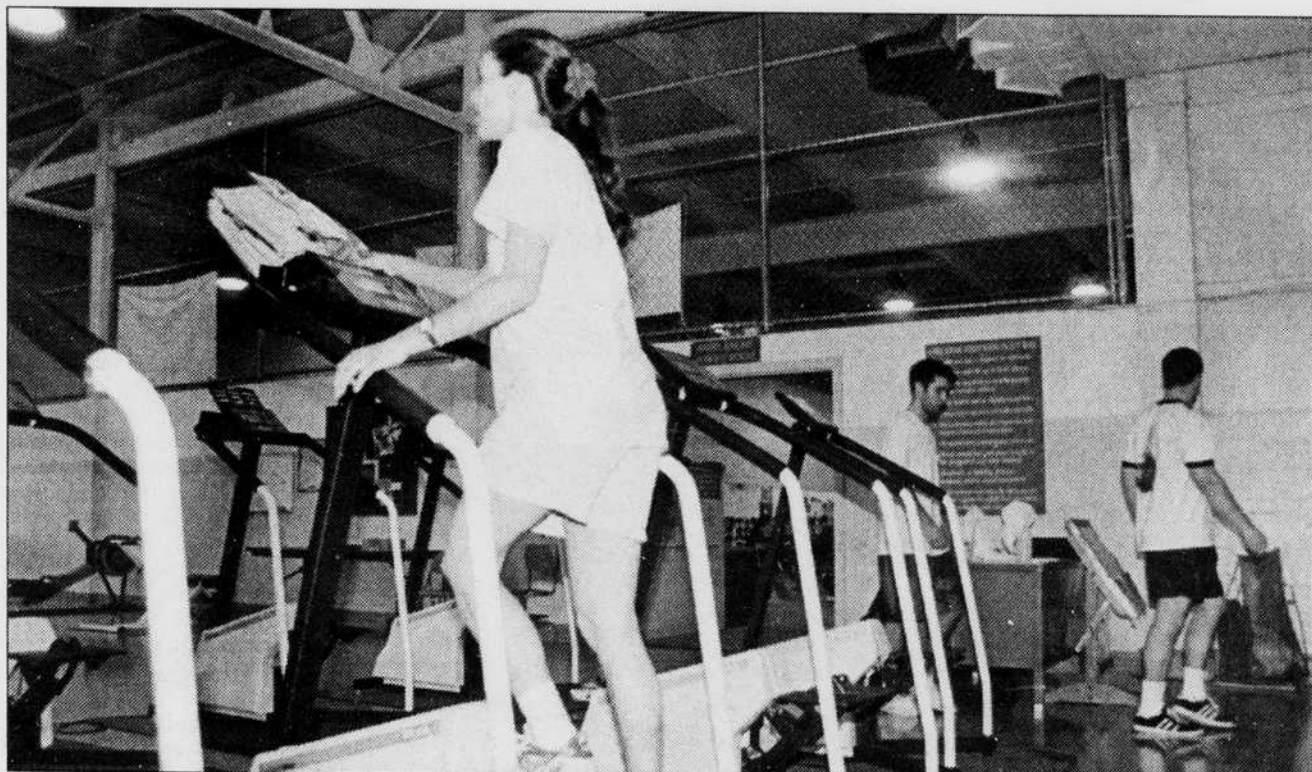
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Showers
High 61. Low 40.
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Jennifer Lindb, a Continuing Education student, reads a health magazine while working out on the stairclimber in Esslinger.

Construction around cross almost done

Now located at the Eugene Bible College, the Skinner Butte Cross will have a 50-foot amphitheater surrounding it

By Michael Burnham
Community Editor

The final chapter in the Eugene community's love-hate relationship with the Skinner Butte cross just may be in sight.

Construction crews at the Eugene Bible College, which has been home to the cross since June 28, may be seeing the cross' journey come to an end with the completion of construction in the area surrounding the cross.

The final stages of work on the amphitheater surrounding the cross are finally being completed, said Robert Whitlow, president of the Eugene Bible College.

If weather permits and a steady stream of community donations continues, he said all construction around the cross could be completed within the next two weeks.

The story of the Eugene landmark has not gone without notice as its journey from the top of Skinner Butte to the college last spring has been a long one.

The cross, which adorned Skinner Butte for more than 23 years, has been the subject of controversy for almost as long. After intense civic and legal battles, the cross was removed from the butte last spring. The Eugene Bible College was chosen to be the new home of the cross.

To date, the college has raised almost \$31,000 in community and business donations to fund the construction of a 50-foot amphitheater surrounding the cross. Although the original estimated costs were targeted at \$25,000, he added that it may take another \$10,000 to \$15,000 to finish all projected construction plans. However, he said he is confident the college will raise the additional funding.

"What's pleased me is that contributions have come in time," he said. "We haven't

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Spring's coming; better hit the gym

"We see an increase in spring term because there's a spring fever..."

Brent Harrison
RIM director

Students have many options at Esslinger Gym in order to lose those extra winter pounds

By Kristina Rudinkas
Student Activities Reporter

The sun eventually shines through the clouds of Eugene. Students slowly peel off the layers of sweaters, thermals and jeans. They strip down to shorts, skirts, tank tops and dresses.

Spring is on the way, and students start to worry about how to lose those winter pounds.

Students have options at Esslinger Gym when those late-night pizzas start to catch up with them.

The University Health Center

does not keep statistics on winter weight gain, but anecdotal examples reveal a natural tendency to gain weight during the winter months, said Annie Dochnahl, peer health education coordinator.

"It is my personal opinion that having short days and long nights is less conducive to vigorous physical activity than are the bright and long days of summer months," she said. Diet may also cause weight gain during the winter.

"For many students there is a tendency to eat differently in colder, dark months," Dochnahl said, "perhaps as some remnant of behaviors necessary to help us survive seasons where staying warm and finding enough to eat was more critical."

When the weather heats up, students want to indulge and let their skin feel the sunshine. Esslinger offers open recreation hours, intramural team sports, drop-in aerobics and other opportunities for students to get involved.

"We're packed at around noon and 3 p.m.," said facilities coordinator Molly Kennedy. "Not only with students ... faculty and staff are religious users."

She estimates about 1,500 people use the gym facilities every day. Esslinger sees a rise in use during winter quarter because of New Year's resolutions students try to keep. Kennedy said the other jump in use comes during spring term when the swimsuit season hits.

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Class will examine fact, fiction in television's use of science

A new freshman seminar will allow students to critique TV shows like 'ER' and 'Star Trek'

By Teri Meeuwzen
Higher Education Reporter

Captain Kirk talked to computers with verbal interfaces in Star Trek. And for that matter, so do some people today.

A new freshman seminar offered spring term will examine television's use of science and how close it comes to reality.

"Science and TV: The Absurd and the Realistic" will critique, compare and contrast television shows and how science is represented in them.

"Some people would say everything on TV isn't true, but even 'Star Trek' has a couple things that could really work," Pro-

fessor Jill Holman said. "'Star Trek' actually came up with a couple ideas and named them before science actually did. They came up with phenomena that eventually came true."

Other shows like 'ER' come close to representing real-life science, she said.

"In 'ER,' although there are some things that aren't realistic, they do use some basic fundamentals like first aid to try to make it more realistic," she said.

Holman came up with the idea for the seminar. As a television watcher, Holman is also an electronic services librarian in the Science Library.

"Science is a personal interest of mine," she said.

In the class, students will study television shows through reading, writing and discussion in a scientific context.

The interdisciplinary work will offer students three elective credits but will give them personal gratification as well, she said.

"Number one, it will be fun," she said. "It will also be good at building skills like reading, researching, writing and discussing. It will be very interdisciplinary. We'll learn and use techniques of finding information on the Internet and in the libraries in order to discern fiction and fact on TV."

The class will also allow students to learn backgrounds in science and also study the theory of studying television, she said.

"A lot of people say you're not supposed to study television in college, but we'll be able to do that in this class," she said.

Freshman seminars

Other freshmen seminars being offered spring term include:

Small Group Communication - Academic Learning Services

Primates, Politics and People - anthropology Art and the 'Green City' - arts and administration

Nutrition Quackery: How to Protect Yourself from Fraud - biology

Crossroads of Centuries: Pilgrims and Crusaders - English

Journey to the Interior - fine and applied arts Russian Yesterday and Today: From Perestroika to the Present - Russian

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