

HIV drug 'cocktails'

Some medical researchers say the drug combination therapies, known as 'cocktails,' are suppressing the HIV virus

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Track teams upend WSU

The men avenged last year's one-point loss, and teamwork led the women to a 91-63 win at this weekend's dual meet against Washington State

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TODAY

A workshop on applying to medical school will be held at 5:30 p.m. in 100 Willamette.

WEATHER

Today

Mostly cloudy
High 54. Low 39.

Tuesday

Showers
High 52. Low 38.

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TRANSPORTATION



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A bagpiper plays for the crowds attending LTD's celebration for the opening of new downtown bus station, Saturday.

LTD opens downtown station

New facilities include a heated customer service center, a snack stand and a police substation

By David Ryan
Freelance Reporter

Sunlight, strollers, popcorn, balloons, coffee ... and what sounds like a chorus of harmonized alley cats singing the gospel song "Amazing Grace."

Welcome to the grand opening of the new Eugene LTD Transit Station.

Wylie McKinnon, LTD bus operator and bagpiper, serenaded visitors with his bagpipes as they toured different parts of the new Eugene Station on Saturday. McKinnon was part of the grand opening celebration that also included the University's Green Garter Band, a juggling vaudeville

performer and Buttons the Clown. Visitors roamed the station freely on self-guided tours and enjoyed the circus-like atmosphere.

Seventeen months in the making and boasting a total project cost of \$12.7 million, 340 tons of steel and 2,200 tons of concrete, the Eugene Station left few visitors in doubt as to what they were really there to see. The station features 20 bus bays, a heated customer service center, a snack stand and a police substation.

"It's built to take us into the future," said

"It's hard to get us out of our cars, but this is one way to do it."

Kevin Clark
Eugene resident

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Police want compliance from skaters

Skateboarders and in-line skaters who violate rules can be ticketed, but some believe they are targeted unfairly

By Kristina Rudinskis
Student Activities Reporter

They see sidewalks as roadways, handrails as challenges and curbs as something more than the end of the sidewalk. Skateboarders seem to come out of the woodwork on campus when spring hits Eugene.

Many don't know the rules and regulations of campus and sometimes believe they are being targeted unfairly.

"We are trying to get compliance, not cite people," said Officer Ken Saxon of the West University Public Safety Police Station, located on the corner of East 13th Avenue and Alder Street.

The design of the new amphitheater has been problematic for the Office of Public Safety because of long stairs and winding ramps for handicapped access.

"The design of it is very enticing for stunting for Rollerbladers and skateboarders," said OPS Sgt. Anthony F. Luna, who defines stunting as one or all wheels leaving the ground for skateboarders and both feet leaving the ground for in-line skaters. Bicyclists can also be cited if one of their bicycles' wheels leaves the ground.

Students who disobey campus regulations can be given a ticket, which usually ranges from \$10 to \$15. Repeated infractions can cause the student to be referred to the Office of Student Life for disciplinary procedures.

Skateboarding is not allowed on East 13th Avenue between Kincaid and Oak streets, and stunting cannot be done anywhere on the avenue.

"I usually like to warn them a couple of times," Saxon said. "Most skateboarders are pretty responsible and don't damage property."

Saxon cites fewer than one person a week

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Kitzhaber pledges support for tuition freeze, student-controlled fees

ASUO President Bill Miner declared Friday's meeting a 'major victory' for students

By Amalie Young
Higher Education Reporter

With a wink and a smile, Gov. John Kitzhaber greeted about 50 University students in the EMU Ben Linder Room during a question and answer session Friday afternoon.

"You are well represented by OSA," he told students. "They are the most organized and effective group I have ever worked with."

In a groundbreaking Oregon Student Association meeting just before the public session, Kitzhaber and student representatives discussed four major issues: a faculty compensation package, a possible tuition

freeze, childcare funding and Oregon Need Grants.

ASUO President Bill Miner said Kitzhaber committed to implementing a tuition freeze for the next two years that would apply to Oregon residents as well as out of state students.

He said he would freeze tuition if a \$700 million referendum that would limit K-12 class sizes on the ballot is voted down this November.

The cost of tuition has risen 90 percent since 1990, and a freeze would keep access to higher education open to all students, Miner said.

Kitzhaber also signed a statement of support and promised to veto a bill that would deny student control of fees, Miner said. There have been indications that those fees could be questioned and attacked by legis-

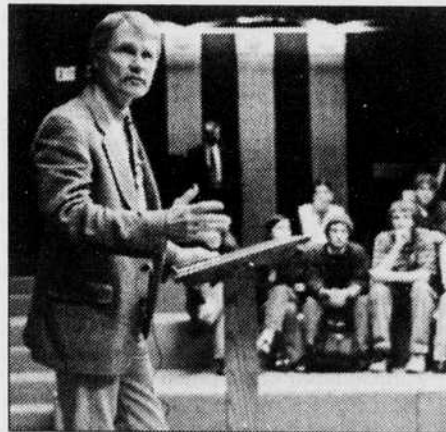
lators, he said. Kitzhaber's commitment would limit any attempts to take control out of student hands.

"It was a major victory for us," Miner said.

Kitzhaber also was supportive of a faculty compensation package, increased funding for childcare and Oregon Need Grants, but he was not able to commit finances from his budget.

OSA has been trying to gain more support for Oregon Need Grants, which would help more students qualify to receive funding to attend the University.

Kitzhaber addressed student's concerns about statewide tuition policies, affirmative action and private funding at the University during the public question-and-answer session.



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Governor John Kitzhaber answers students' questions about higher education in the EMU, Friday afternoon.