

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Man pleads guilty to federal fraud

A third person pleaded guilty to federal fraud charges stemming from an 18-month investigation by Eugene police officers, according to a police report.

Benny Dale Moore, 38, appeared in U.S. Federal Court on Wednesday morning to enter guilty pleas to charges of conspiracy to steal mail, production of false identification to commit fraud and possession of stolen mail.

Moore admitted to his participation in a mail-theft, forgery and bank-fraud ring that victimized approximately 1,600 area residents and resulted in more than \$300,000 in losses.

According to the report, Moore faces the possibility of maximum penalties on all three charges: 25 years in prison, \$750,000 in fines, three

years supervised probation following release from prison and \$300 in special assessment fees. Although Moore is not presently in police custody, a pre-sentence investigation for a June 30 court date before a federal judge is now underway.

Moore worked with a large group of people in 1997 to commit fraud, theft and forgery. Federal indictments were returned in October 1997 for eight individuals, including Moore; seven are still awaiting trial in federal court. The report also stated that a number of additional individuals still might be charged for their actions in this case.

### Cucina! Presto! now open near campus

The new Cucina! Presto! restaurant located on the corner of 13th Avenue and Alder Street officially opened for business Tuesday afternoon.

The building that houses the restaurant, which serves Italian food, is also home to a new Starbucks Coffee store. The opening of Cucina! Presto! marks the first time a Starbucks and the restaurant have operated under the same roof.

### Tree planting will honor child victims

Springfield Mayor Bill Morrisette will host an Arbor Week tree planting ceremony today at 11 a.m. on the corner of D and Aspen streets in Springfield.

Trees will be planted and dedicated in the memory of children who were victims of abuse. In addition to the tree planting, a representative of the U.S. Forest Service will present the city with the 11th annual Tree City U.S.A. award.

For more information, contact Rosie Pryor of the Springfield city manager's office at 726-3772.

## NOMINATION DEADLINE: APRIL 10, 1998

# Faculty Awards For Distinguished Teaching

Now is the time to make nominations for awards which will be presented at Spring Commencement to University of Oregon faculty members for distinguished teaching. Graduate teaching fellows, who have their own competition, are ineligible for these awards. Each of these awards will be accompanied by a monetary prize. Students, faculty, staff and alumni can submit nominations. If you wish to make a nomination, you should send it to the following address using the form below or another sheet of paper:

Lorraine G. Davis, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs  
207 Johnson Hall, University of Oregon

Please send your nominations no later than April 10, 1998

## Eligibility for Awards

### Ersted Award for Distinguished Teaching

The late Mr. A. J. Ersted established the Ersted Award for Distinguished Teaching so the University of Oregon could annually honor faculty members "who have taught comparatively short periods and have demonstrated exceptional abilities to induce students to reason and not merely memorize." The Ersted Award can go only to faculty who are early in their teaching careers. This teaching may occur at the undergraduate or graduate level.

### Thomas F. Herman Faculty Achievement Award for Distinguished Teaching

This award continues the tradition begun by the Burlington Northern Foundation by honoring senior faculty members who have achieved outstanding records as teachers. The Thomas F. Herman Award can go only to faculty members who have held academic rank at the University of Oregon for at least seven years, and who have demonstrated excellence in teaching at the undergraduate or graduate level.

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(Check one)

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