

Proposed budget

The City Council has renewed hopes that next year's budget will not entail drastic cuts required by Measures 47 and 50

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Runner is back on track

Senior Nicole Commission missed the 1997 track and field season as a medical redshirt but has returned to peak physical condition this year

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TODAY

This is the first day to vote in the ASUO general elections. Booths are located all over campus.

WEATHER

Today
Partly cloudy
High 70. Low 43.
Thursday
Showers
High 65. Low 46.

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CAMPUS PARKING

Violators may pay the price

Students, faculty and staff who don't pay their parking tickets on time may get the 'boot'

By Tricia Duryee
Community Reporter

Some students, faculty and staff have learned their lessons, but only after paying for it.

Anyone who has commuted by car to the campus area at one time or another has probably experienced those little yellow envelopes that adorn the windshields of illegally parked cars.

UNIVERSITY Parking



Once the light on top of the meter flashes red, or the car is parked illegally to begin with, it is fair game for whichever law enforcement body is responsible for the space.

"Parking will always be a difficulty on campus," said

Rand Stamm, University parking and transportation manager. "It's not that there isn't any; it's just not where you want it."

Each time the owner of a car lets the meter expire, a \$10 ticket is administered by either the city of Eugene or the University; however, the fee provides solid revenue for both institutions.

For the Office of Public Safety, the parking fines collected for the 1995-96 fiscal year amounted to \$264,243, which paid for nearly one-third of the office's total expenses. Other revenue comes from permits and meter money.

Kay Kronholm, parking enforcement supervisor for the city of Eugene, also said the number of tickets issued is quite high in the University area. She said 100 to 150 tickets are electronically entered every day around campus.

Contrary to popular belief, however, Kronholm said the tickets are not intended to ruin someone's day. "Our goal and mission is to keep traffic moving to allow the



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One ticket too many merits the boot for a car parked at two-hour meter on 18th Avenue.

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UO housing considers ban on smoking

University Housing will decide after public meetings at the Westmoreland and Spencer View housing complexes

By Michael Hines
Student Activities Reporter

University family housing may soon evict the Marlboro Man.

After almost two years of researching similar family housing apartments around the country, University Housing has decided to take action. But the exact nature of the changes is still being debated.

"I think in this day and age it's prudent for us to be asking the question [about smoking]," said Westmoreland area director Sheri Donahoe. "Right now it's just anyone gets anything."

According to family housing director Lou Vijayakar, the University Housing administration will make a final decision after public meetings at the Westmoreland and Spencer View complexes. Westmoreland residents will discuss smoking during a 7 p.m. meeting on April 23 and again at 4:30 p.m. on April 26. Spencer View will also have a meeting in its community room at 6 p.m. on April 23.

"Our feeling is it's a response to the culture," Vijayakar said. The current debate is taking place during the first year of the new housing policy banning smoking in the residence halls.

Family housing presents different problems, Donahoe said.

"It hasn't been set in stone, but it definitely is the direction we want to go, so we want some dialogue from that," she said. "You can smell the smoke between the up and downstairs apartments."

This is because the ventilation is connected at Westmoreland. Many residents are troubled by smoke because they have children and some are pregnant, Donahoe said.

Ventilation is less of a problem at Spencer View because it is a new complex, area director Frank Gaddini said. But smoking still presents problems when residents leave because of damage to the apartment.

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Earth Week organizers aim to create student awareness

The week's festivities will come to an end at the Earth Festival, which will feature musical guests from the Northwest

By Jenna Mokalla
Freelance Reporter

The University has a long history of working with campus groups on environmental issues. Now these groups have joined together to mark the 28th anniversary of Earth Day. In the immortal words of ASUO Vice President Ben Unger, "There is no better place to celebrate Earth Day than at the U of O — home of the environmental hippie."

Organizations such as the Multicultural

Center, the Jewish Student Union, Campus Recycling and the Survival Center are planning events during the week. This year's celebration will center on creating more student awareness of environmental issues.

"Earth Week events are an excellent time for students to get out of the woodwork and involved with campus organizations," said Survival Center co-coordinator Katie Higgins.

According to the Earth Day Network Web page, the concept of Earth Day was developed by Gaylord Nelson, who hoped the event would focus national attention on the environment. Out of the initial Earth Day events came the first direct en-

vironmental legislation — the Clean Air and Water Acts.

Campus organizations have planned several on-campus events in honor of Earth Week. On Wednesday, Roy Keen of the Public Forestry Institute will be the keynote speaker at the Ancient Forest Forum at 7 p.m. in 100 Willamette. The forum will focus on topics such as the Warner Creek timber sale with a slide show on the effects of logging in the area.

The festivities will come to a close at the Earth Festival, which the Survival Center has put on for many years. "The idea behind the festival is to create a place that links both student and local organizations together to promote awareness of environ-

mental issues" Higgins said.

Several musical guests will be performing at the festival. Higgins said the event will be a place where "students can hop around" and obtain information while in an atmosphere of "music and fun." Among the Pacific Northwest musical guests scheduled to perform at the festival are Joules Graves, Casey Neill, Kudana, Peter Wilde and Friends, Joanne Rand, Timothy Hull, Sugar Beets, and Bindaas.

The celebration will begin at 11 a.m. and continue until dark on the EMU East Lawn. The event sponsors ask that participants bring their own cups and plates to help reduce waste.