

'Town Hall' on horizon

Student Sen. Selena Brewington has proposed a plan for town-hall style meetings to increase student access to the Senate

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Four candidates vie to succeed retired wrestling coach Ron Finley — a decision could be announced later in the week

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Ray "Padre" Johnson stands next to his piece "Portrait of the Global Human Family," which is among several of his that will be on display in the EMU Walnut Room from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 20.

A Renaissance Man

Ray Johnson, who is co-teaching two weekend seminars, has traveled the world and lived with people of different cultures

By Amalie Young
Higher Education Reporter

"No race, ethnic or religious group, possesses a superior awareness or intelligence over any other on this miniature earth in the limitless space of our Universe. With only different modes and levels of opportunity, we are all children of a common family learning through a similar preschool curriculum the expression of living and giving."

— R. Padre Johnson

He has lived in more than a hundred

countries with peoples of all nations, races and creeds and can speak more than 60 languages. Through his art he records the diverse emotional, facial and cultural distinctions of the people with whom he has interacted.

Ray Johnson, or "Padre" as he is known by most — is a "soft, kind person" who was born with the uncanny ability to talk to people in their own language, said Larry Neal, associate professor of academic affairs, who personally sponsored Johnson's visit to the University this week.

Neal and Johnson are team-teaching two consecutive weekend seminars that will explore the dimensions of parks, recreation, leisure, cultural arts and tourism. Johnson's book, "Journeys with the Global Family: Insights Through Portraits and Prose," provides the basis for the course.

The first seminar, "International Leisure Perspectives," was held last weekend, and the second, "Worldwide Leisure Perspectives," will begin Friday.

Neal invited Johnson to take part in the seminars "because he is so in love with college students," he said. "He sees that they are vibrant and enthusiastic — full of vim and vigor."

Some call Johnson a Renaissance man for the life of adventure and ceaseless learning he has lived, Neal said.

His most recent project was spending 14 years traveling to more than 159 countries, living and eating with people from vastly different racial, cultural and religious backgrounds, painting images for his art collection, and making observations for his book.

Johnson said he has traveled back and forth across North America "to listen, ob-

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City Council discusses car camping

The City Council will decide on June 1 whether to renew the ordinance allowing car camping

By Tricia Duryee
Community Reporter

During the day the parking lines painted on the ground are considered only temporary spaces for cars, but after dark they serve as a sanctuary for some homeless.

This is made possible by a city ordinance, which was enacted by the City Council, as a temporary solution for homeless during the winter months. It allowed the homeless to camp in their cars at religious institutions, institutional areas of the city or in a backyard or driveway.

However, the ordinance expires June 30 unless a recommendation by the council's committee on Homelessness and Youth to renew the ordinance is passed by City Council on June 1. The new ordinance would allow camping to continue until June 30, 2000.

In preparation for the decision, the City Council listened to more than 30 community members who came to the public comment session on Monday to voice their comments and concerns about the continuation of the ordinance.

Community members, the homeless and concerned business owners commented both negatively and positively on the effects of the ordinance.

In particular, people representing the industrial district spoke their concerns about an accumulation of trash, an increase in crime, vandalism and density.

"The problem is bigger than we thought it to be," councilwoman Nancy Nathanson said.

John Howard, who has worked in the industrial district for more than 20 years in an automobile shop said there is a problem.

"I've worked late with doors open for

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Hyundai expects market conditions to increase demand, production

The world's second-largest computer-chip manufacturer plans to add 130 more jobs in Eugene by the end of the year

By Jesse Sowa
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Hyundai Semiconductor America plans to improve production levels following an expected increase in demand for its product sometime next year.

According to company spokesman John Lively, Hyundai officials expect a computer-wafer shortage to improve market conditions next year. This will create a positive situation based on the company's planned production

levels. A vast supply of wafers currently leaves the market with a low price level, he said.

Hyundai commemorated the official opening of its Eugene plant, as well as the third anniversary of the plan to build its \$1.4 billion Eugene plant, on May 8. The Eugene plant is the company's first outside South Korea.

The event, which was by invitation only, included factory tours for the media, community members and suppliers.

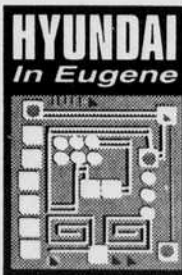
The company has strengthened the local economy by creating more than 600 jobs since 1995, but the presence of the plant has not come without protest.

Detractors have criticized Hyundai for attempts to receive tax breaks and other issues including transportation methods and the use

of toxic chemicals. But perhaps the most controversy has stemmed from the computer-chip manufacturer's filling of local wetlands to construct parts of the plant.

Hyundai, the second largest computer-chip manufacturer in the world, plans to add another 130 jobs in Eugene before the end of the year. Further expansion at the plant, which has already been approved through permits, will depend on the success of the market, Lively said.

Lively said Friday's event also celebrated



the completion of the first batch of salable 64-megabit dynamic random access memory chips, known as DRAM chips. Hyundai began production of sample wafers in December and salable wafers on March 16 of this year.

It takes approximately 45 days to produce a wafer in the Eugene plant, Lively said. Wafers are then sent to South Korea for slicing and assembly into memory chips before being shipped to computer makers.

Hyundai is currently producing 15,000 wafers per month, and it will double capacity to 30,000 when new equipment arrives in December.

The plant has surpassed initial expectations with the current production of DRAM chips, Lively said.

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