

Forests in the future

Environmentalists, lobbyists and industry experts debated how to manage forests in the 21st century during a panel discussion

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Looking to make the cut

The Oregon men's golf team needs to be ready for tee time if it hopes to survive in the 30-team field after the first round of the NCAA Championships

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International peer assistants will show the African film 'Life is Good' at 6:30 p.m. in 100 Willamette

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Today

Showers
High 57. Low 43.

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Rain
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PINE MOUNTAIN OBSERVATORY



Manager Mark Dunaway looks at one of the classic Cassegrain telescopes housed in the Pine Mountain Observatory

REACH for the STARS

Pine Mountain Observatory, Oregon's only professional astronomical observatory, is a University research facility but is primarily used for public education

By Ben Romano
Higher Education Reporter

It was fall 1971 when Mark Dunaway first spied Jupiter through a 24-inch Cassegrain telescope at the Pine Mountain Observatory. He had come to the observatory to learn about the stars and planets with a church group led by his father.

Twenty-seven years later, the Pine Mountain Observatory, Oregon's only professional astronomical observatory, still welcomes church groups, school groups and anyone else who wants to gaze out into space, said Dunaway, who is now the manager of the observatory.

Situated atop 6,500-foot Pine Mountain, the observatory,

which opened in the summer of 1967, is a University facility that is primarily used for public education.

"We have been open to the public since the beginning," Dunaway said.

The observatory is open to the public starting at 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday through September. It offers guests a chance to look at nebulae, planets, galaxies and moons through three large classic Cassegrain telescopes and high-powered binoculars.

The observatory hosts between 4,000 and 5,000 visitors every season, Dunaway said. The season usually runs from

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Amphitheater to open with day of peace

Arun Gandhi and Yolanda King's non-violent message is sadly appropriate in the wake of the Thurston tragedy

By Michael Hines
Student Activities Reporter

What a strange twist of fate.

Only six days after the shooting rampage at Thurston High School, the descendants of two of the most well-known modern peace activists will speak at the EMU Amphitheater's grand opening today.

India's spiritual leader Mohandas Gandhi and African-American civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. each practiced and promoted non-violence. Now Arun Gandhi, Mohandas Gandhi's grandson, will give a speech at 4 p.m. today in the amphitheater to begin the Multicultural Center's Day of Peace and Non-Violence. Martin Luther King Jr.'s daughter, Yolanda, will follow Gandhi and speak about multiculturalism.

The timing of these speeches on tolerance and multiculturalism are sadly appropriate, Multicultural Center co-directors Glen Banfield and Jay Breslow said.

"It has come at a good time, tragically so," Banfield said. "We feel that it is a message that this community needs, that the world needs."

Thurston student Kip Kinkel's alleged shooting spree is not the only local problem, they said. Recent white separatist activities and the resignation of University music teacher John Gainer, who cited racism as a factor in his decision, are also evidence that the Eugene community is not as ideal as some might believe.

The two speeches should have a direct impact on students, Breslow said.

"I hope it's a wake-up call," he said. "It's happening here. If people don't recognize it's happening in Eugene, then they're blind."

Gandhi and King will give the audience a sense of hope, Banfield said.

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City Council discusses when to place library measure on the ballot

Council members must decide by Aug. 27 whether to put the measure for library funding on the November ballot

By Jesse Sowa
Community Reporter

Eugene City Council members hope to avoid placing a measure on the September ballot allowing voters to decide the fate of a new library, according to comments made during a work session Tuesday night.

A major argument against a September vote is the 50 percent voter participation requirement resulting from Measure 50. Council members believe more support could be generated for the library measure on the November ballot.

The council has until Aug. 27 to decide which option they will put in front of vot-

ers should the council decide to have the vote in November.

"I don't foresee a 50 percent turnout in September," Mayor Jim Torrey said.

Councilwoman Betty Taylor suggested the city's staff make sure the option the council chooses has the best chance of being passed in order to avoid previous failures to build a new library.

City Manager Jim Johnson reminded the council that even if a majority of the voters support the measure, a turnout of less than 50 percent will fail the measure.

Councilwoman Laurie Swanson Gribkov said she believes the probable failure of Measure 53 likely ended any chance for putting a library option on the September ballot.

"The window of opportunity just narrowed very quickly for a September election," she said.

Swanson Gribkov said the council should forgo the ballot measure altogether and build the library based on the amount of funding available through the city's urban renewal fund and additional money from the community.

"I think we need to live with whatever size the urban renewal will buy us and whatever community fund raising will do."

Councilman Tim Laue also supported using operating funds and building a library with the \$18 million currently available in the city's urban renewal budget. Laue said he believes the community would support his idea.

The council also looked at another measure concerning parks and recreation that

could end up on the November ballot. The measures could divide voter support with some choosing one or the other but not both.

Councilman Bobby Lee said he couldn't decide which he felt was more important, the library or parks, but he doesn't feel the vote should be in September.

Councilor Scott Meisner, chairman of the Mayor's Library Committee, said that some community members are concerned about the lack of action since the last measure to build a library failed three years ago.

Meisner added that the current state of the library is not suiting the needs of the community. He said overcrowding is requiring library employees to get rid of books when new materials are purchased.

"It needs to be replaced," he said. "We must build it in a way to be expandable."

