

Town hall meeting

President Clinton engaged in his third recent race discussion, focusing on the nation's treatment of Native Americans

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Coming back to Eugene

Paul Durban, lead singer of San Francisco band Black Lab, returns to Eugene to perform with Fuel and The Mayfield Four in a WOW Hall concert tonight

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TODAY

The International Lounge in the EMU will be closed for cleaning

WEATHER

Today
Partly cloudy
High 82. Low 55.
Friday
Mostly cloudy
High 76. Low 55.

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Fewer students on campus during the summer means fewer customers for businesses along 13th Avenue.

Summer less hectic for businesses

Some campus-area stores lose customers, while others temporarily switch clientele

By Amy Goldhammer
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Summer is in full swing, and some local businesses are feeling the heat.

Each summer, a handful of establishments in the campus area encounter a significant decrease in business because of the lack of students in Eugene.

According to Face the Music owner Bob Lee, his store faces a substantial loss in business during the summer. However, Lee and his employees take advantage of the downtime.

"We seize summer to launch new projects," Lee said. "It gives us a chance to remodel and prepare for fall."

Lee said that he plans accordingly for the halt of

summer business. Expecting the lack of customers is part of the business equation, Lee said.

"You get a great nine months and three crappy months," he said.

According to Lee, summers in Eugene have been much healthier and revenue has become more stable since he first opened in 1982.

Even though summer brings a dramatic loss in business, Lee said he wouldn't trade his location on campus.

"I enjoy the campus life and customers this location brings in," he said. "When students return in the fall, business goes 'bam!'"

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Congress may reduce loan fees

USPIRG and USSA are lobbying for a reduction of "origination fees" on student loans

By Peter Breaden
Oregon Daily Emerald

Financial aid recipients at the University may soon see the effects of Congress's reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

The United States Public Interest Research Group's Higher Education project is currently representing students in Washington, D.C. USPIRG Student Rights Advocate, Ivan Frishberg, was in Eugene Wednesday to meet with state and school PIRG constituents. USPIRG is a national representative for state and school PIRGs.

"Our prime objective is to get the best possible benefits for students," Frishberg said.

The Higher Education project began in 1994 in response to nearly \$30 billion in proposed cuts to U.S. colleges and universities. Its agenda focuses on working for better access to higher education through elimination of financial barriers.

"Of all the things going to be offered on the floor, this one is near the top," Frishberg said.

The latest development in the reauthorization is the Harkin Amendment, which would reduce up-front student loan fees by 25 percent. Introduced by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, the amendment proposes the reduction of "origination fees" from 4 percent to 3 percent. These fees are up-front charges that are taken off the total amount of the loan. Debate is expected to begin on the senate floor today.

Oregon Republican Sen. Gordon Smith is likely to support the Harkin Amendment, said his press secretary, Mary Healy. Representatives in the office of Democrat Ron Wyden were unable to give a position Wednesday.

"Any sort of reduction in the debt bur-

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Incoming students get an IntroDUCKtion to campus life

Coordinators expect almost 3,000 students and parents to attend the orientation sessions

By Carl Yeh
Freelance Reporter

Summer is the time for ducklings to shed their down and become full-fledged ducks — Oregon Ducks, that is.

Since 1972, incoming students to the University have gone through an orientation program where they can learn about the campus, get advice and register for fall courses. Until 1993, the orientation was known as EORP, or Early Orientation & Registration Process. Students now know it as a play on words: IntroDUCKtion. The first IntroDUCKtion session starts today.

Kris Winter, the director of New Student Orientation Programs, which includes IntroDUCKtion, described the two-day program as an informal and informative experience.

"The purpose of IntroDUCKtion is to get students familiar with academic requirements, campus resources, as well as the

campus in general," she said. "And since it is in the summer and not during the academic year, it's a more laid-back experience for them."

In fact, IntroDUCKtion participants do not have to attend any of the programs offered by Winter and her staff of 14 University students, known as the Summer Orientation Staff. But many of them attend most of the programs anyway, Winter said.

The two days of IntroDUCKtion are packed with events. Students and their parents can go on a campus tour, a residence hall tour and a sorority and fraternity tour. Student also can take placement tests for classes, attend academic advising workshops, have individual meetings with academic advisors, and attend one of many "interest sessions" covering fields of study and important college-related information like financial aid.

This year, seniors Kirstin Hamilton and Mya Land, both student directors of orientation, expect 1,907 students and 1,082 parents to come to IntroDUCKtion. More than 500 people are expected for each of the five orientation sessions.

And although many parents come with their children to IntroDUCKtion, there is a separate program for them. Land said the purpose of this was to start the separation process.

"We let parents know about resources on campus, so if the student has any trouble, they know what resources are available," Land said.

There is even a session for parents called "Letting Go," based on a book of the same title. The session advises parents on how to communicate with their children and how

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