

Business: Parking is easier to find

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Bagel Sphere co-owner Karen Babcock said that even though there is a decrease in students, her business still does fine.

"It's something that happens," Babcock said. "Businesses on 13th [Avenue] rely on college students."

Babcock said that since many students are gone, people who found parking a problem have a chance to come to the campus area and enjoy the businesses.

"Summer is a slower time," Babcock said. "The pace isn't as hectic."

This gives her restaurant a chance to try new products, ideas and serve others in the community.

"Even though business goes down a little, we still serve a good clientele," Lee said.

Rennie's Landing bar manager Dan Geyer said that they definitely feel the absence of the students.

"We miss the busy Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday nights," Geyer said. "There's no line at the door during the summer."

Geyer said that although Rennie's experiences a loss in business, it gains a larger lunch crowd, and the staff is able to focus more on full service.

"This doesn't make up for the loss, but it definitely helps out," Geyer said. "It gives us a little more exposure."

People who may not have come in during the year have the opportunity to enjoy the restaurant and bar without the overwhelming amount of students, he said.

Since the World Cup soccer games have been on television, Geyer said Rennie's has been experiencing big lunch crowds, which has boosted summer sales compared with previous years.

Not all businesses on the 13th Avenue drag are experiencing substantial loss this summer. Rainbow Optics owner Richard Greene said that his business hasn't experienced change at all.

"Our business is not based on students," Greene said. "A mixture of people from the community are apt to come down [in the summer] — easy parking, not as busy."

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den for students is good," ASUO Vice President Morgan Cowling said.

Along with PIRGs, the Harkin Amendment is supported by the United States Student Association, the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students and the Education Trust.

"This is a good first step in the process of completely eliminating this unfair and arbitrary 'tax' on students," the USSA claimed in a recent statement.

"It's one thing to pay a fee but it's another to have

that fee accruing interest while they're in school," said Melissa Watson, a USSA board member from the University.

Cowling said that students are encouraged to stop by the ASUO office for more information. She also urges students to contact their senator.

"I'm going to call (Sen. Smith) as one of his constituents," she said.

Other USPIRG issues include increasing the availability of grants instead of loans, and student access to campus crime information.

Forest chief says it was 'change or die'

The Associated Press

LAKEVIEW — Former U.S. Forest Service Chief Jack Ward Thomas told a gathering intended to heal the wounds of the spotted owl wars that people should accept that the environmentalists won, and move on.

But the chief architect of the Forest Service strategy for saving the Northern spotted owl and Pacific salmon from extinction warned environmentalists that it could all come apart if they push too hard.

"The environmentalists, and the American people, I think have won the wrestling match," Thomas said Tuesday night in his keynote address to the Lake County Forest Sustainability Initiative.

Environmentalists "should want to help, because if they push it too much farther, it will snap," leading to a shift of public opinion and environmental laws favoring them, he added.

Organizers said the four-day session was intended to open communications with environmental groups to assure better forest management and the future economic health of rural communities that depend on natural resources.

"It's not a political gathering. We're not here to preach but to learn," said Paul Harlan, vice president of Collins Lumber, which operates Lake County's only remaining sawmill. "This can be a model for what's right, not what's wrong."

Thomas said "I had rather eaten

a worm" than become the head of the panel of scientists who forged the plan for cutting timber harvests by 80 percent to assure habitat for spotted owls and other fish and wildlife.

Thomas said he woke up nightly in a cold sweat with concerns about the thoroughness and the impact of studies indicating spotted owls needed vast areas of old growth forest to nest and hunt. Preserving habitat for the owls meant sharply reducing logging, putting thousands of people out of work.

Thomas told of talking back to a critical congressman by saying, "Don't you ever ask 'did we have concern for people'. We did. But a law is a law. Science is science."

Clinton holds third roundtable on race

The president said Native American Indians got 'the worst of both worlds'

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — Americans need to "fess up to the fact" that the nation has mistreated Native American Indians and act to ameliorate the isolation and neglect that they feel, President Clinton said Wednesday.

During a roundtable discussion on race, Clinton admitted he did not know much about Native American Indians until he ran for president in 1992. After visiting reservations and meeting Indian leaders, he said, he concluded that this country has given them a raw deal.

"They literally got the worst of both worlds," Clinton said. "They weren't getting enough help, and they certainly didn't have enough responsibility and power, in my view, to build a future."

Clinton spoke after his race advisory board reminded him that he should develop a strategy to address Native American Indian concerns. That suggestion grew out of a meeting in Denver last March, where protesters complained about Clinton's failure to appoint an Indian to his advisory board.

The president's remarks pleased Sherman Alexie, an author-filmmaker who directed a film on Indian life. He said his people are tired of being ignored in discussions of race, when so many of their problems are based on race.

"A poor Native American faces more hurdles than a poor anybody," Alexie said. "I didn't have running water until I was 7 years old. I still remember when the toilet came."

"Nobody talks about Indians," Alexie said. "Usually what they'll do to me is come up and tell me they're Cherokee."

That drew laughter from the president — who had said his grandmother was a quarter Cherokee.

Clinton's session with eight panelists was taped to air Thursday on PBS' "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer." The White House billed it as Clinton's third town hall meeting on race, but there was no audience or live broadcast, as there were in the previous two.

The session was held as Clinton's advisory board is preparing a report for him to use in writing his own assessment of race, due at the end of the year. The White House has said Clinton will keep the discussion itself alive in some form through the rest of his term.

Wednesday's panel, comprised of authors, columnists and pundits, urged Clinton to use his high office to remind Americans that integration is still an admirable goal. Clinton called for "a vocabulary that embraces America's future" while acknowledging the country's past errors on race — starting with the first ones against Native American Indians.

"We need to know when we are making distinctions," Clinton said. "And then we need to fess up to the fact that at least, when it comes to Native Americans, that if we don't do something fairly dramatic, the future is going to be like the past for too many people."

The panel noted that the country has become so diverse so fast that old, lingering stereotypes are now overlapping in odd ways.

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