

Thinking green

Gov. John Kitzhaber has opened up discussion on possible legislature that would tax pollution, tagged a "green tax"

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Hawks flying into Eugene

Eugene begins a season-high eight-game homestand tonight with the first of five games in a row versus Boise, a team that beat Eugene in a series early this season

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TODAY

The Southeast Asian Studies lecture series continues in 115 Lawrence at 7 p.m.

WEATHER

Today
Mostly cloudy
High 75. Low 57.
Wednesday
Mostly cloudy
High 79. Low 56.

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Court gives a mixed ruling in University lawsuit

Plaintiff James Williams was not awarded monetary damages in the ruling

By Peter Breaden
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Three days of testimony yielded a mixed verdict in a discrimination suit against the University Friday.

The University went to court last Tuesday for a non-jury trial to defend itself against allegations by James Williams, a former University Office of Public Safety patrol officer. He filed a discrimination suit

for \$1.1 million in 1997. The decision left both sides without solid claims to a decision in their favor.

The mixed ruling declared that Williams, an African American, was a victim of a hostile work environment but that his victimization was not racially motivated. Former OPS sergeant, Ahmad Tajwall, was named as the source of the hostility. Williams was not, however, awarded any damages.

Williams had filed suit in Lane County Circuit Court claiming that Tajwall discriminated against officers who were not white males. He claimed that he had complained of unfair treatment by receiving less desirable patrol assignments and that he was evaluated unfairly by Tajwall. His complaints went unheard until he brought

"They lost."

James Williams
former OPS patrol officer

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Eugene sprouts vegetarian cuisine

The city offers a veritable smorgasbord of vegetarian restaurants and markets

By Amy Goldhammer
Oregon Daily Emerald

Eugene is becoming well-known for another kind of green — veggie green.

All around town, the vegetarian lifestyle is picking up in the most convenient of places. For the size of the town, Eugene offers a very good vegetarian selection of markets and restaurants, said University Housing food service director Fred Babcock.

"In Eugene, you have access to all kinds of vegetarian items," Babcock said. "We're (Housing) able to provide many options."

Babcock said that even though Eugene businesses offer a good selection of organic food, Housing chooses to purchase its vegetarian items from licensed vendors.

"We can't just go out to a farm and pick vegetables," he said.

Housing offers daily vegetarian options in its dining centers.

Babcock said students often decide to become a vegetarian after coming to the University and some didn't have any idea about how to be a healthy vegetarian.

"It was more or less a fad," he said. "Now kids are being raised true vegetarians."

Babcock said he feels that it is easy to be a vegetarian in Eugene.

"Eugene provides a good variety of markets," Babcock said. "For instance — Oasis, Sundance and Red Barn."

Incoming freshman Kelley Rees should have nothing to worry about. A vegetarian for three years, Rees said she isn't concerned about accommodating her vegetarian diet after being in Eugene for IntroDUCKtion.

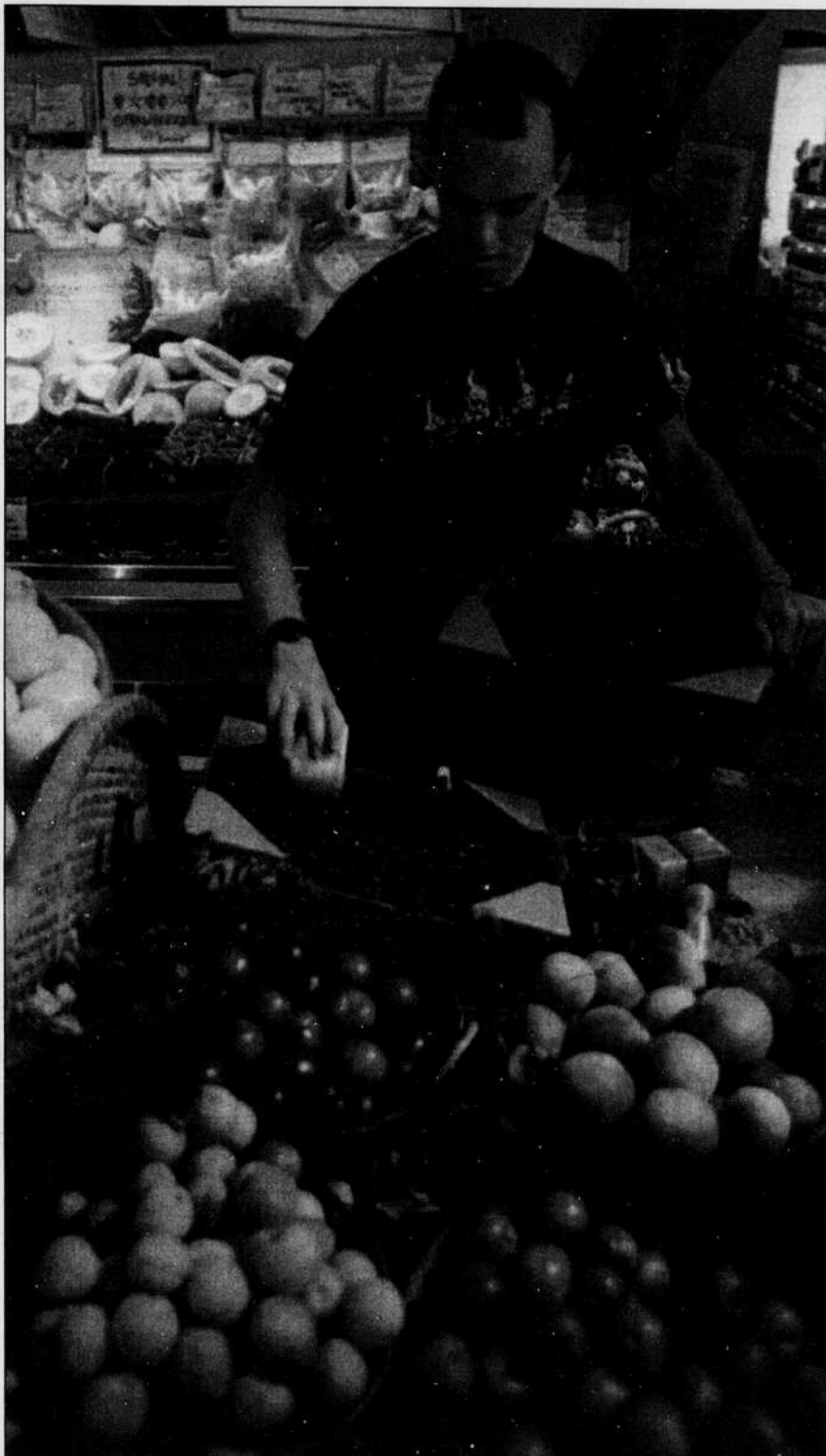
"It will be so easy," Rees said. "There seems to always be something available for vegetarians."

Rees said that she was really surprised at the availability of vegetarian dishes offered by Housing as well as the local restaurants.

"I won't be living off rice," Rees said.

David Resseguie, the grocery buyer and information coordinator of Sundance Natural Foods, a health food store, said being a vegetarian is not difficult.

"It's plain-old not hard to be a vegetarian," he said.



LAURA GOSS/Emerald

Greyson Murdoff restocks a fresh fruit display at Sundance Natural Foods on Hil-yard Street and 24th Avenue Monday afternoon.

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Library offers computing workshops

The free one- to two-hour workshops focus on topics such as search engines, HTML and Adobe Photoshop

By Leanne Nelms
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Learning about computers and the Web is as easy as dropping by the library. But the information available goes beyond just books on a shelf.

Free drop-in computer workshops are available to students, faculty and staff. The program, called the Information Technology Curriculum, is a joint venture between the University Library System and University Computing, but most of the workshops are held in Knight Library rooms.

"We offer everything from basic use of library technology to Web publishing to fairly advanced topics in computing," said J.Q. Johnson, library academic education coordinator.

This summer, more than 25 one- to two-hour workshops will be offered, some with titles like "Beyond Just Surfing," "Net a Job" and "HTML Tools and Tricks." While some of the workshops like "JavaScript" are tailored toward advanced users, the program also offers workshops like "Introduction to the Internet" for technology novices.

"The attendance ranges from class to class, but in general we try to keep the sessions quite small in order to provide hands-on training and individual assistance," said Johnson.

Associate University librarian Deborah Carver said that the Information Technology Curriculum has served about 1,500 workshop-goers each year during its four-year existence.

"It started because all of a sudden the Web was there," she said. "We wanted to be able to bring as many people up to speed as quickly as possible."

At first, the workshops were heavily attended by faculty, according to Carver. The library was "swamped" with 3,000 attendees during the first year, she said.

As people's skills increased, however, the program evolved to match its changing clientele's advanced needs while still offering basic skills instruction, Carver said.

"We try to keep just ahead of the curve," she said.

Information Technology Curriculum schedules are available at campus computer labs, the Knight Library reference desk, or on the Web at <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/it/>.