

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Bridge match to test computer's skills

The latest buzz in the world of artificial intelligence is University senior research associate Matthew Ginsberg's bridge-playing computer program, GIB. At 8 a.m. today, GIB will test its bridge-playing prowess against Zia Mahmood and Michael Rosenberg, two of the best bridge players in the world.

The match will be aired over

the Internet and can be viewed free by anyone with a computer and an Internet connection. The bridge service OKBridge will host the match at <http://ok-bridge.com>.

Mahmood and Rosenberg will play from the North American Bridge Championships in Chicago. They will be connected to GIB in Madison, Wis., via the Internet.

"At this point the best humans are better than the best

programs," Ginsberg said.

### Rattlesnakes active during recent heat

Local outdoors enthusiasts are warned to be careful for rattlesnakes around Spencer Butte and local foothills.

In the Lane County area, people are especially cautioned about the Western Rattler, a three-foot poisonous snake. Though its bite is not usually fa-

tal, it may be painful and cause swelling and tissue damage, said adjunct assistant biology professor Tom Titus in a press release.

The Western Rattler is unlikely to attack unless provoked, Titus said. If one should encounter the rattler, it is best to back away and allow the snake to retreat, he added.

The Western Rattler's preferred dwelling is on an open, rocky, south-facing exposure.

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