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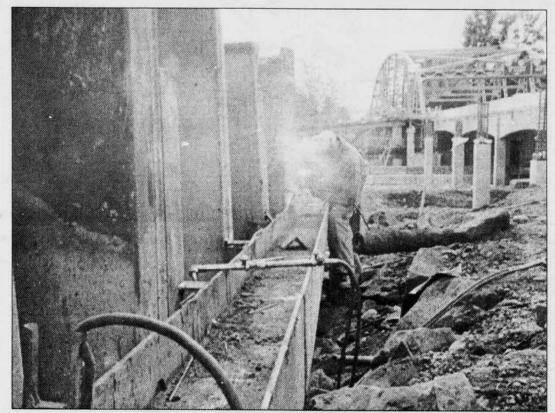
### Gerlach sets tone for volleyball

The freshman setter makes the most of her talents at the University/ PAGE 15

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# Work on bridge halfway done





Mowat Construction worker Garry Ray of Stayton welds at the foot of the Ferry Street Bridge Friday afternoon.

Mostly on schedule, the Ferry Street Bridge Project will increase safety for motorists, city officials say

#### **By Felicity Ayles**

Fear not. The construction is halfway finished, and City of Eugene officials say there is a light at the end of this tunnel -- or bridge.

City officials said that although the Ferry Street Bridge project may be inconvenient now, it will make the bridge much more userfriendly in the long run.

The planning began 10 years ago, and construction started in June of 1997. If all goes well, the project will be finished in January 2000, said Tom Larsen, Ferry the side rails on the bridge strengthened. The project in-cludes the addition of a traffic light at Centennial Boulevard and repaving parts of Club and Coburg roads, he said.

'There's families of improvements," he said.

Construction extends from Oakway Center on Coburg Road to the south side of the Ferry Street Bridge.

By putting all the construction components into one project, the construction will be done in two and a half years from start to finish, Larsen said. If the project were broken up into little projects, it might have taken three or four years, he said.

### Timeline to date

1986 - Lane County adopts a plan recommending a study of the Ferry Street Bridge Corridor 1988–Congress allocates \$2 mil-

lion for preliminary studies of the Ferry Street Bridge Corridor

1989 - The Ferry Street Bridge Citizen Advisory Committee studies alternatives for the Ferry Street Bridge Corridor

1991 - Congress authorizes a grant of \$23.7 million for improvements in the corridor

November 1994 - A proposal to expand the bridge to six lanes and

## **Evaluation of goals** rises for universities

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Higher education reform increases accountability for Oregon schools

### **By Laura Cadiz**

Oregon universities will be evaluated and financially rewarded based on goals such as student employability and retention rates as part of the Oregon University System reform.

The state's seven public universities have to set student satisfaction, returning-student and employment goals, which the University of Oregon may accomplish through smaller class sizes, tougher curriculums and more student-centered groups.

And if a state university reaches these goals, the school and its president will be financially rewarded. But no set money amount is determined yet.

'As a university, we've never articulated this set of goals before," said Frances Dyke, resource management director at the University of Oregon. "But that's not to say that in committees ... people have not had

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TODAY: The OUS changes make universities more accountable

Thursday: The OUS changes are contingent on the legislature passing the system's budget

school to meet enrollment and studentcentered goals.

Each school determines its own set of goals to reach OUS's performance measures: strengthening quality of instructional, research and public service programs; expanding access by students of different circum-

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### **EMU** renovations get mixed reviews

Some students think the changes are worth the money, but other disagree

### By Laura Baker

Sounds of construction have waned from the ears of the University community, and the EMU is once again filled with students and faculty going about their daily business.

After a year of revamping, the EMU has a new look. Students can now choose from a variety of food vendors, various lounge areas and sip coffee downstairs in The Buzz, the new coffee shop. Many newcomers to the University don't real-

ize the dramatically different look but still seem to appreciate what the EMU has to offer.

With shrugs of indifference, the responses seem to be about the same. "I like it. It's pretty



"I think it's great. It gives people a place to go on campus so they don't have to go off campus to eat.

Wendi Toyama Sophomore



"For the money that

Street Bridge Project manager.

"We are reasonably close to being on schedule," he said. The Ferry Street Bridge Project involves a spectrum of construction work, from seismic improvements to road resurfacing, city spokeswoman Sue Malone said.

The project involves doing everything needed to meet current seismic standards, and safety and public transport improvements are major objectives for the project, Larsen said.

New merge lanes are being added, turn lanes improved and

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In November 1994, Eugene citizens defeated a measure that would have widened the Ferry Street Bridge, creating more traffic lanes.

"The community has said they don't want more freeways and four-lane roads," Malone said. Not increasing the number of lanes on the bridge gives an in-

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ments in the Ferry Street Bridge Corridor is defeated August 1995 - The Eugene City Council approves the project First half of 1996 - City staff gets the required approvals for proceeding with the design of the project April 1996 – Preliminary survey and design work is under way May 2, 1997 - Department of Transportation awards the contract to Mowat Construction Company June 1997 -- Mowat begins the first phase of the multi-year project.

easy to find your way around," student Melissa Brunner said.

Going into the renovation project, the EMU Board had hoped to accomplish five goals: create contemporary food service, build a recreation center, upgrade utilities, make the EMU easier to navigate and make it a destination point that does not feel "institutional," EMU director Dusty Miller said.

Miller said he believes these goals were achieved, but students are the ones who will ultimately decide.

Students who have been here through the construction are a little more animated than the newcomers about what they see.

"It looks great. It's a lot newer and cleaner,"

was spent, I don't think it was worth it." **Heather Fulton** Junior



"It just added to the maze." **Tanner Durham** Biology

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