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Weather forecast

Today
Showers
High 66, Low 48

Friday
Showers
High 62, Low 45

Student Senate chooses officers

The group votes to recommend that all nine senators attend University Senate meetings / **PAGE 7**

Cross country transfer

Junior Steve Fein adds depth and character to the Oregon men's team / **PAGE 11**

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ADDRESSING CHALLENGES



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University President Dave Frohnmayer presents his State of the University address Wednesday in Columbia 150.

A Changing University

The State of the University address described challenges and changes for the future

By Teri Meeuwse
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Changing times, changing students and changing needs demand a changing University, President Dave Frohnmayer said in his State of the University address Wednesday.

Frohnmayer praised University faculty, introduced new professors to major projects and pointed out problem spots for the University to tackle during the year.

"I thought it was an excellent address," said Ann Tedard, associate professor of music. "He gave us a great perspective on what was going on at the state level and what happened last year. ... I'm always proud of the University because it stresses excellence and keeps up with

the changing tide."

The Oregon University System's proposed budget model, the Oregon Campaign and the Process for Change are three projects the University has in place to deal with the changing world.

"The theme is the imperative adaptation, through creativity and good-spirit, to the relentless and accelerating pace of change," Frohnmayer said. "Our society is undergoing rapid, unstoppable, transformative change. We face changes in our students, our technology, our state, our world economy and our approach to education."

One thing that has not changed — the enrollment rate — was used by Frohnmayer to

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Bus Rapid Transit to move to Eugene

A cheaper alternative to light rail employs buses on trackways and will reduce travel times

By David Ryan
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Halfway between bullet trains and bicycles there lies a public transit option called Bus Rapid Transit. And it's coming to Eugene.

Bus Rapid Transit employs buses that travel slim, designated pathways and have low-floor entry for easy wheelchair access. The buses will surpass current Lane Transit District bus speeds because they won't have to exit and re-enter traffic.

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Timeline

Neighborhood workshops for the east-west corridor of Eugene's Bus Rapid Transit system.

FALL 1998:

Franklin Boulevard near UO

WINTER 1998-99:

Glenwood
Downtown Springfield

SPRING 1999:

Downtown Eugene — East

SUMMER 1999:

Downtown Eugene — West
West Central Eugene

FALL 1999:

West Eugene

WINTER 1999:

East Springfield

SOURCE: LTD Planning and Development

Student unions offer education, empowerment

Student organizations aim to increase campus involvement and educate the community

By Laura Baker
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The basement of the EMU houses the voice of students, providing a place of empowerment and a mecca of issues for the campus community. Student unions provide support and friendship for students of color.

Their purpose, however, is not only to counsel and guide minority students, but also to serve as resource centers for cultural information and international issues.

Events are held to celebrate different cultures, and the unions invite the community to learn about the different students sitting next to them in class or passing by on the street.

This year the student groups have an underlying theme of building community both within their organizations and throughout the University. From the Multicultural Center to the Black Student Union, these groups say they have big plans for the year and want more students to be a part of what they have to offer.

Here's a look at a few of the many student organizations on campus.

Black Student Union

"The purpose of each student union is to make students of color feel that they are a part of something at this University," said BSU co-director Jamila Singleton.

It can be difficult for many stu-

dents of color to adjust on a campus of about 17,000 students, most of whom are of Anglo descent, Singleton said.

Singleton said student groups such as the BSU are places where minorities can become involved and meet people who may be going through the same adjustments. Students also have a chance to organize events they want to see on campus.

BSU's big event this fall is the Kwanza celebration at the end of November. Singleton said the event is in the planning stages right now, but this year's celebration will be shorter than in past years because of scheduling issues.

Throughout the school year, BSU hosts other educational events such as a three-week celebration of black history in February and a black arts festival in May.

"We're trying to educate the whole campus, and we're trying to provide events that the whole campus can be a part of," Singleton said.

She said events like these are important in terms of educating the general community about the culture and issues of African-Americans and breaking stereotypes that people may have.

"These student unions are very important for the general community," Singleton said. "There are still a lot of issues within education that minorities face."

The BSU is looking for volunteers and outreach, event and office coordinators for this term. "There are lots of avenues that people can be a part of the BSU,"

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