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Weather forecast

Today Sunny
High 72, Low 38

Wednesday Sunny
High 70, Low 39

Gubernatorial race gets crowded

Five third-party candidates challenge John Kitzhaber and Bill Sizemore in the governor's race / PAGE 3

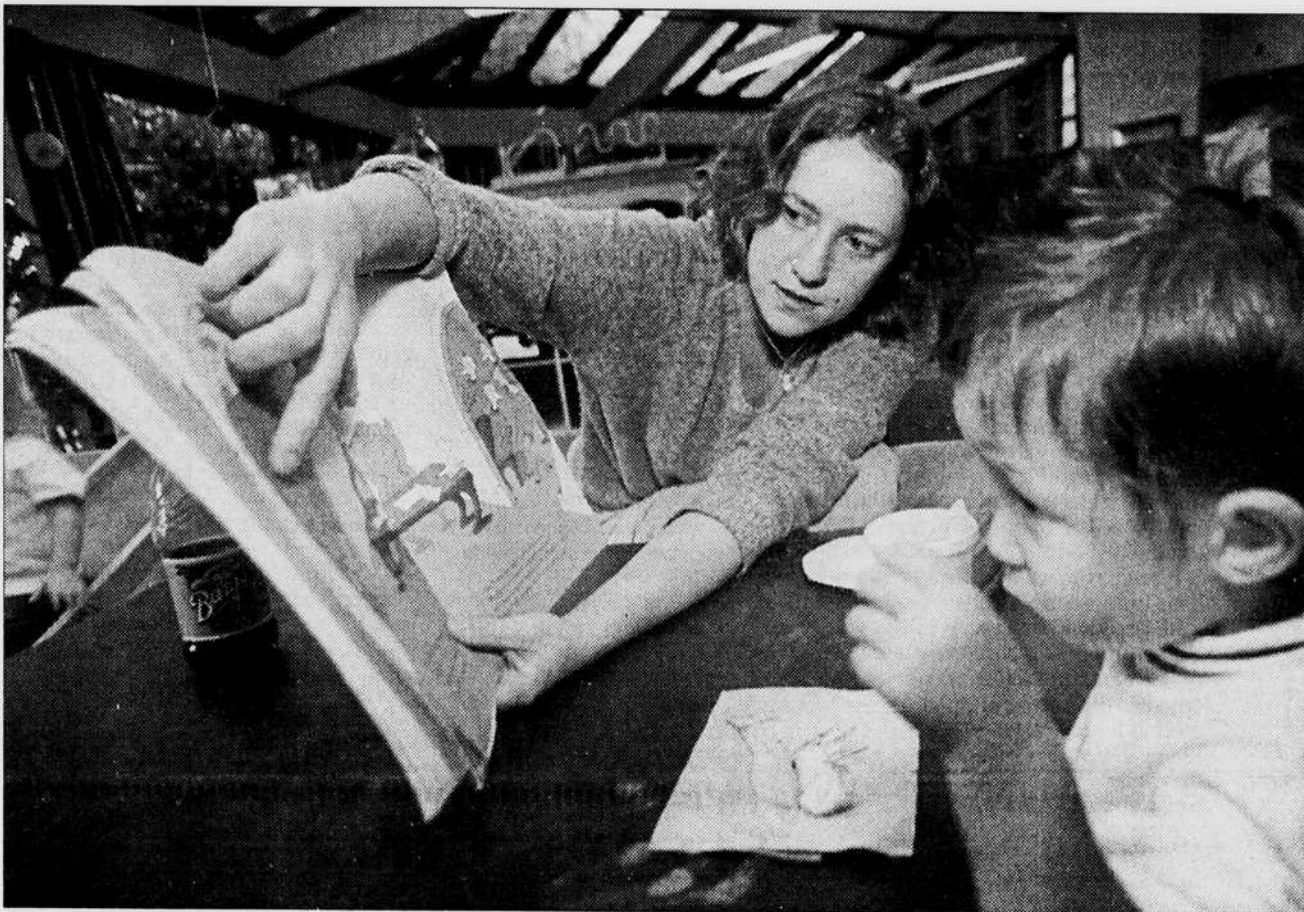
Fiery Hebert sparks Ducks

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Instructor Lorraine Boswell and Patrick Cunningham, 2, read "The Butter Battle Book" together Monday at the EMU Child Care Center.

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Act provides child care funds

The Higher Education Act includes a provision for access to affordable care services

By Tricia Schwenneisen
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Little Jack Cunningham stuffs a colorful noodle necklace into his red corduroys and ducks out of his dad's reach. His younger brother, Patrick, rubs his sleepy eyes, but Jack's not quite ready to go home from the EMU Child Care Center. And that is a good thing, said his dad Eric Cunningham, a graduate student studying East Asian Languages and Literature.

"This is one of the best uses of

money that the University has," Eric Cunningham said. "I've never seen a place on campus where money is more effectively spent. I couldn't do what I do without this place."

Now, campus child care centers will receive \$45 million to be used to ensure low-income students have access to affordable, quality child care services.

Federal legislators approved the Higher Education Act, and President Bill Clinton signed it into law

Oct. 7, but the money has not been appropriated yet. Funds will be appropriated for the 1999 fiscal year in the next couple of days.

"The authorization process is important," said Pat Martin, assistant vice president for federal affairs. "It puts things into a framework, but if there's no appropriation in it, it won't benefit us at all."

C.J. Gabbe, ASUO federal affairs

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Activities promote end to violence

The national campaign reaches the University for the first time, and promoters hope to inform students about prevention

By Peter Breaden
Oregon Daily Emerald

The University YWCA is promoting activities for the first "Week Without Violence," a series of events designed to challenge people to imagine a world without violence and take steps to make the vision a reality.

In response to the Thurston shooting and the violent death of Matthew Shepard, a gay

student at the University of Wyoming, community organizations are coordinating activities this week to focus on issues relating to violence, including school safety, domestic violence and race and hate crimes.

The national campaign reaches the University for the first year and plans to inform students about violence prevention, YWCA director Mercedes Cruz said.

Today, the "Ribbon of Promise," a non-profit volunteer organization, will visit local elementary schools to distribute blue ribbons representing sorrow for the victims of school violence and hope for the future.

The organization was started by Springfield firefighters after the May 21 shooting at Thurston High School. President Clinton wore a blue ribbon during his visit to Thurston High School and a ribbon was car-

Schedule

TODAY: "Making Our Schools Safer" Safety walk begins at EMU Amphitheater at 7 p.m.

Ribbons of Promise will distribute blue ribbons at local elementary schools.

WEDNESDAY: "Confronting Violence Against Women" Sexual Assault Awareness Wall and Clothesline Project on display in the EMU.

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Community pursues Skinner Butte debate with Measure 20-04

Now that the cross has been removed, a flag is at the center of the controversy

By Felicity Ayles
Oregon Daily Emerald

The debate about the Skinner Butte landmark continues with City of Eugene measure 20-04. Proponents say a flag is the answer, but the opposition has another idea entirely.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars first proposed the idea of putting a 10-foot by 19-foot flag on Skinner Butte earlier this year after the cross that previously occupied the butte was removed. The City Council considered the proposal after a public hearing on the issue

earlier this year and agreed to amend the proposal, setting the flag height at 90 feet, said Jim Hale, chief petitioner of the It's a Butte Committee.

After the council's decision, Hale started a petition in Eugene and surrounding communities to put the ordinance on the ballot. After the VFW had received more than 9,000 signatures, the council decided to put the ordinance on the ballot, and at that point, the VFW withdrew its petition and supported the council, Hale said.

The outpouring of signatures in such a short period of time shows that a majority of Eugene citizens support this measure, Hale said.

Hale said he knows of the opposition to this measure but points out that it is unfounded.

Brian Simonitch, the chief petitioner for the committee in opposition to ballot measure 20-04, said putting a flag on top of the butte is completely unnecessary.

Hale says there has been criticism for building something unnatural on the butte, but there is already a parking lot, he said. There has also been criticism about the size of the flag, but the flag will be to scale with the pole, he said.

Hale said he thinks placing a flag on the butte is an appropriate idea.



"I have very strong feelings that the public is owed a flag memorial at this site," he said. "It seemed like a secular symbol that would unite all of us."

Simonitch labels recent efforts to place a flag on the butte as "poorly disguised efforts to preserve the cross."

Hale said a flag is particularly fitting for veterans. Being a veteran of the Vietnam War himself, Hale said the flag has particular personal significance.

"I have handed that folded flag to a couple of widows and one mother," he said. He said that he could see the connection they had to the flag and that it was disappointing that the council couldn't see that.

However, the opposition ar-

gues that Skinner Butte should be left alone.

"It is a garish display of chest-thumping patriotism," Simonitch said.

Simonitch said that he is not being unpatriotic in any way and that patriotism is not the issue.

"I'm not opposed to the flag. I'm opposed to the ordinance," he said. More than anything else, Simonitch is against the size of the flag.

"A flag would be the only appropriate thing for a war memorial, but not of this size and not in perpetuity," he said.

He said that no ordinance is necessary for this sort of memorial and that he simply wants to keep the butte as a place for relaxation.