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Weather forecast

Today
Mostly Cloudy
High 54, Low 38

Friday
Showers
High 55, Low 43

Student Senate

Glen Banfield, a former ASUO vice president, was appointed to the Constitution Court / PAGE 3

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The men's team will showcase its talent against the Australian Frankston Blues tonight / PAGE 7

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City Council examines infrastructure

West University Neighborhood is the most populous and crime-ridden area in Eugene according to a recent report

By David Ryan
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Delayed by the political actions of anti-tax activist Bill Sizemore and a city manager scandal, Eugene City Councilor Bobby Lee plans to use a two-year-old report to bring the state of roads, crime and substandard housing in the West University Neighborhood to the city's attention.

Now that the City Council has worked through its city manager problems and dealt with the funding cuts caused by the Sizemore-sponsored Ballot Measure 47, Lee said he wants to work through the revitalization issue. He estimates that will happen when the new city councilors become comfortable with their positions sometime this January.

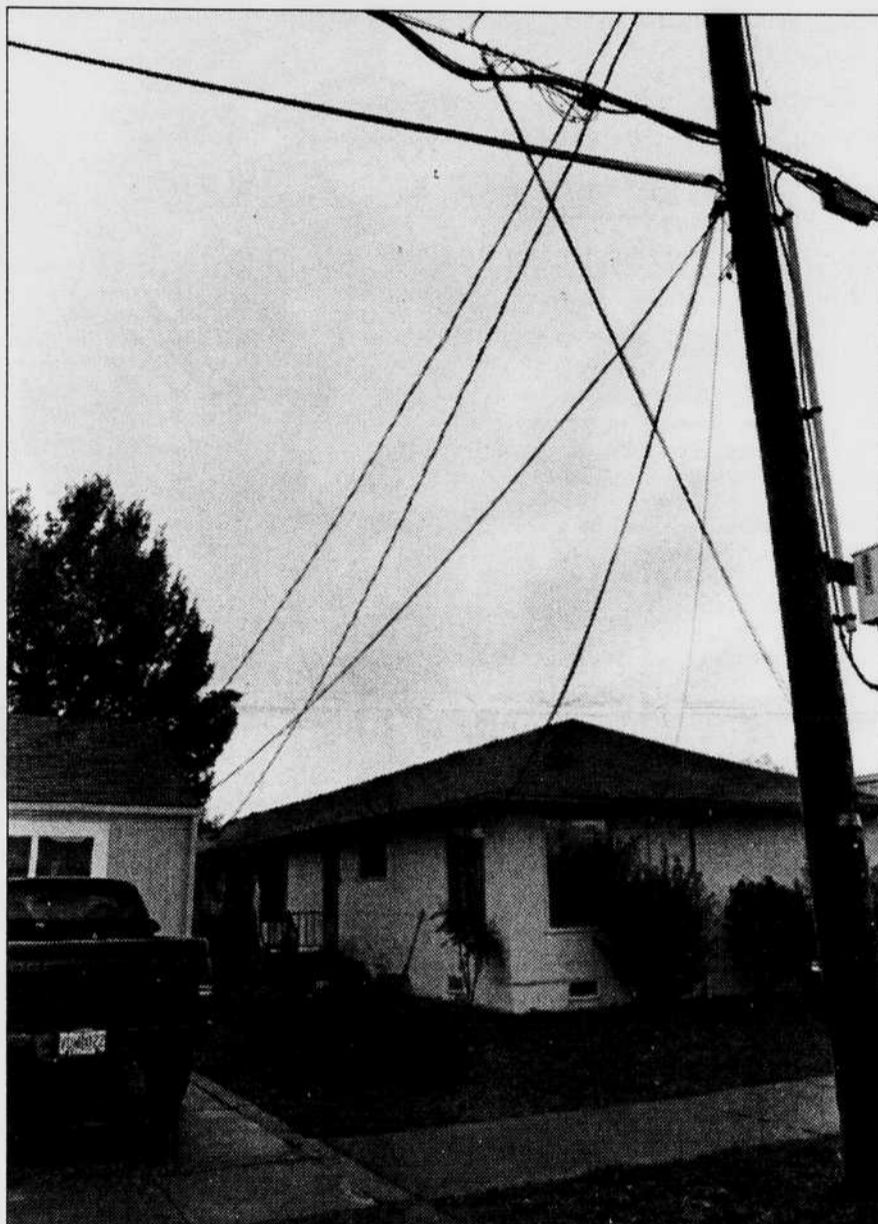
The report, originally completed in July 1996, catalogues the history of the West University Neighborhood from a sparsely populated residential neighborhood to its current status as the most populous and one of the most crime-ridden neighborhoods in Eugene.

The report also outlines strategies to involve the city, police and businesses along 13th Avenue to aid in its revitalization.

The West University Neighborhood covers an area of 67 city blocks directly west of the University, bordered by Willamette Street on the west and 19th Avenue to the south.

The report estimates the neighborhood is occupied by 30,000 people at any given time. Graffiti, rotting steps, broken rain gutters and dying landscaping were cited in the 1996 report to be a significant feature of the neighborhood.

The report, which was headed by Lee, also said utility poles and telephone



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Improvements to the West University neighborhood would include putting telephone wires such as these on Ferry Street underground to avoid hazards in the event of a fire.

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Students with children spotlighted

Child Care Awareness Week draws attention to the problems of going to school and taking care of a family simultaneously

By James Scripps
Oregon Daily Emerald

Imagine getting up early, fixing breakfast for three kids, shuttling them to school and day care and then going to school yourself.

Now imagine having to pay for it all.

For Stephanie Spencer, mother of McCartney, 8, Shelby, 7, and Landon, 5, this is a way of life.

Child Care Awareness Week, sponsored by the ASUO Child Care Campaign, is designed to make traditional students aware of the limitations that student parents such as Spencer face every day.

She is one of many non-traditional students who struggle to make ends meet while pursuing an education.

"I thought that if I went to a public school for my graduate work, it wouldn't cost that much for my kids to have child care. I was wrong," said Spencer, a special education master's student. "If it wasn't for the child care subsidy, I would not be able to go to school at all."

The child care subsidy is a plan sponsored by the ASUO and funded through incidental fees. Through the program, more than 200 parents are given financial aid — as much as 50 percent of their child care bill — to help with the sometimes overwhelming costs. The ASUO estimates that nearly 1,600 University students are parents.

During the week, several events are planned to teach students about the financial problems student parents face.

The ASUO hopes students will vote in the spring for an increase in state funding for the student child care block grant.

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Businesses and environmental groups to discuss sustainability

The Sustainable Business Symposium aims to grapple with issues and provide solutions

By Sarah Skidmore
Oregon Daily Emerald

Several businesses and environmental groups will get together this weekend at the Sustainable Business Symposium to discuss how to create environmentally friendly economic growth.

"The goal is to bring all these seemingly diverse groups together to sit down at the symposium and work out problems," said Derek Smith, one of the symposium's co-directors and University MBA student.

The symposium will include workshops, panel discussions and speakers. All events are free and open to the public. The three-day event runs Friday through Sunday at various University sites.

"The symposium gives us a unique chance to see how individual businesses and the people that work for them grapple with the tough problem of being environmentally responsible in a setting that seemingly en-

courages the opposite," said Daniel Udovic, director of the Environmental Studies Program at the University.

The student-coordinated event is Oregon's largest socially responsible conference, according to the symposium group.

"This is going to put U of O on the map as the sustainable school," Smith said.

The keynote speaker will be Ray Anderson, co-chair of the President's Council on Sustainable Development and chairman and chief executive officer of Interface Inc. Other speakers include Julie Lewis, founder of Deja Shoes and Deep E. Co, and Joel Makower, editor of the Green Business Letter and the Green Consumer Letter.

Panels and workshops on environmental strategy and management, competitive strategy and alternative transportation are some of the choices at the symposium. Workshop leaders include a wide spectrum

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Courtesy photo

Ray Anderson, co-chair of the President's Council on Sustainable Development, will be the keynote speaker at the Sustainable Business Symposium