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Weather forecast

Today Mostly cloudy High 41, Low 34
 Saturday Cloudy High 41, Low 32



'A Bug's Life'

The latest computer-animated flick goes under the microscope / PAGE 5

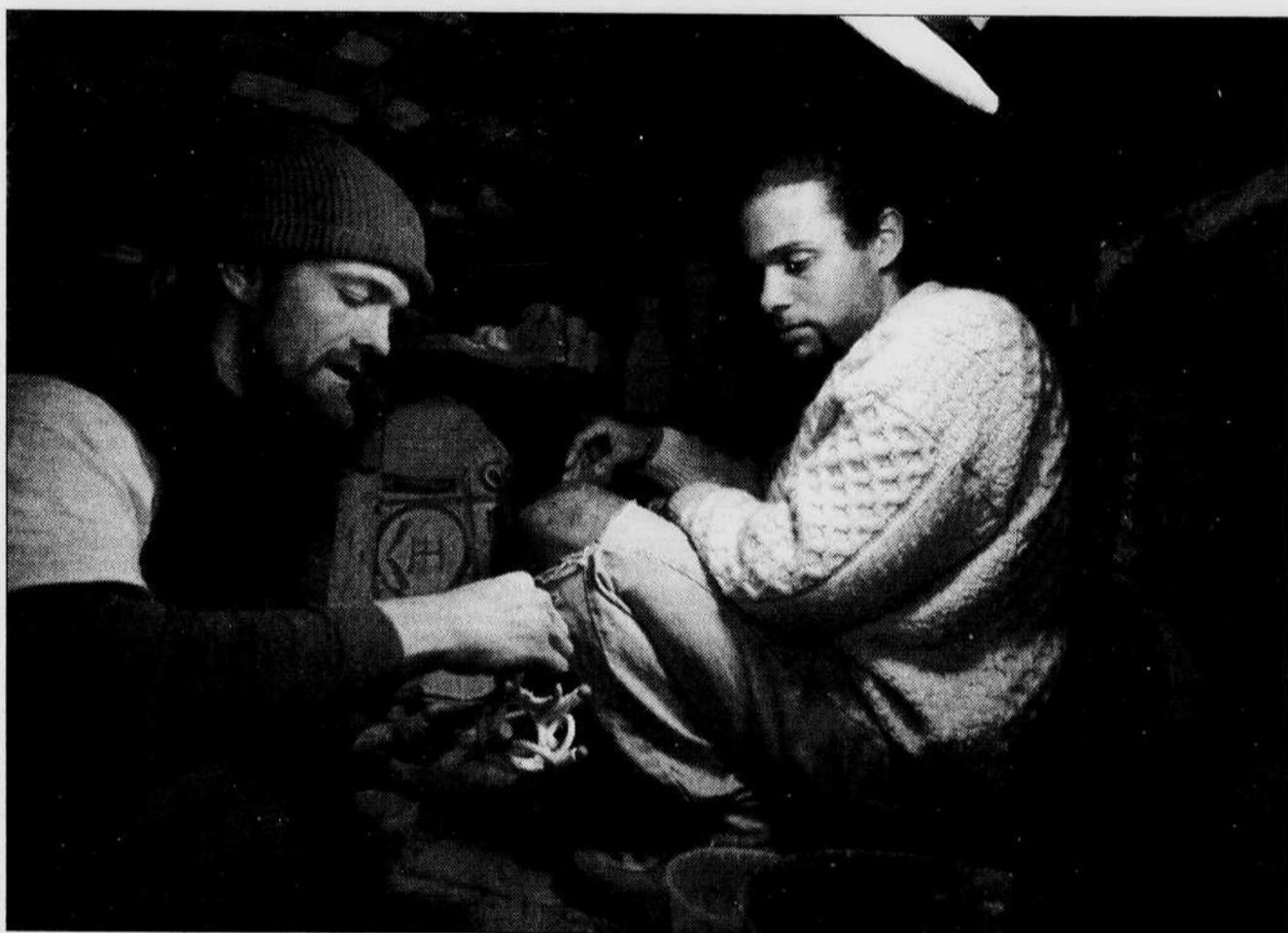


Ready for BYU

Men's basketball is prepared for a big win over Brigham Young on Saturday at Mac Court / PAGE 11



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Josh Mazet and Randolph Sill place pieces in the anagama wood-fired kiln. The firing process takes five to nine days with additional time required for cooling.

Feeding the fires of creativity

Students spend hours firing ceramics and feeding flames in the University wood kiln

By Tricia Schwennesen
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In the belly of the beast, shelves stacked upon shelves of clay pieces await the flame that will caress their silhouettes and leave behind the patterns of destiny.

After more than a week of roasting in 2500-degree heat followed by up to 11 days to cool off, the ceramic pieces will reap the unique benefits of the University wood kiln. They will emerge with fire-induced designs and soot-textured finishes.

"It's appropriate that it would be

around Christmas, because you have to wait to see how things come out," said Randolph Sill, a graduate student studying education. "It's an anticipatory thing."

Thanksgiving weekend, students spent three days loading more than a thousand ceramic pieces into the 6-foot mouth of the wood-burning kiln.

"It's very labor-intensive, so we ask the students who have work in to help bear the burden of the burning," fine arts major Martha Miller said.

Students, primarily from ceramics classes, work six-hour shifts in which they share the responsibilities of loading the kiln, chopping wood and monitoring the fire.

"It definitely takes a community of people to do it," Sill said.

They will spend the next 10 days, 24 hours a day, feeding the fire-breathing dragon more wood. The fire-brick beast, buttressed by 23 tons of stone and covered in the rubble and remnants of broken pieces, will devour more than four cords of maple, cherry, pine and cedar wood before it's satisfied.

Bob Coleman, who owns and runs a local tree service, donated five or six cords of wood to the project.

"Lately there's been a lot of storm-damaged trees," Coleman said. "If the students can use it, then they can have it."

Coleman said this is the first time he's heard about the project, but he's happy to help out.

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Exposure suspect arrested

Police are urging women who may have been victimized by a man suspected of indecent exposure to step forward

By Michael Hines
 Oregon Daily Emerald

The Eugene police arrested on Nov. 3 a man who is a suspect in several indecent exposure cases on campus and charged him with two counts of public indecency.

The suspect, a 23-year-old University student, was arrested at his on-campus job. He has no prior record, according to police.

The suspect is described as a 5-foot, 11-inch caucasian male with a medium to heavy build. He has brown hair, brown eyes and is known to have worn glasses and a baseball cap in several of the incidents. He may also have had facial hair.

Several police actions led to his arrest, prompted by a call placed from the Knight Library to the University Office of Public Safety on Aug. 31 by the father of a 14-year-old girl. The father told police a suspicious man was following his daughter.

According to police reports, Eugene Police Agent Robert Olson responded. He explained to the suspect that the Knight Library had experienced problems with suspicious men in the area, including an incident in which a man was spotted masturbating on May 18. Police recovered a semen sample from that incident.

The suspect denied involvement but agreed to an oral swab to compare his DNA to the semen sample taken from the May 18 incident, according to the police report.

The tests, conducted by the Department of State Police Forensic Laboratory, concluded that there is a less than one in 10 billion chance that the semen came from someone other than the suspect.

The suspect was arrested at work soon after and was later fired from his position. The suspect, who is still registered as an undergraduate student, has not yet been arraigned.

It is the policy of the Emerald not to name suspects until they have been arraigned in

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Student seat on animal use committee remains unfilled

A coordinator with Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals was removed from the committee after a clerical error nullified her approval

By James Scripps
 Oregon Daily Emerald

University student Sarah Brown was accepted by the University administration to fill a student seat on the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. But after attending the first meeting, she learned a clerical error would prevent her from filling the chair.

A message on her answering machine from Kathy Wagner, executive assistant to the office of the president, said there had been a mistake and her appointment was repealed.

IACUC helps determine and recommend animal-use policy for research done on campus. According to a 1998 report submitted by the University to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 33,625 animals are currently used in scientific studies on campus.

Brown believes that her position as co-coordinator of Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, SETA, which takes a stance against animal testing, had everything to do with the decision.

"I think that maybe they [the committee members] don't want SETA to have an insider's look at what's going on with animal

testing on this campus," Brown said. "Basically, all of them make their living off of animal testing."

But administrative officials deny that politics had anything to do with it.

"There was no connection with [Brown's affiliation with SETA] when it was realized that the mistake had been made," said Dave Hubin, executive assistant to the president.

Wagner had accidentally put the IACUC committee on the list of faculty student committees that the ASUO could approve

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"Our basic goal is to get Sarah Brown back on the committee."

Morgan Cowling
 ASUO vice president