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Weather forecast

Today
Showers
High 46, Low 25

Tuesday
Rain
High 50, Low 41

National Heart Month

The American Heart Association hopes to educate people about risk factors for heart disease / PAGE 4

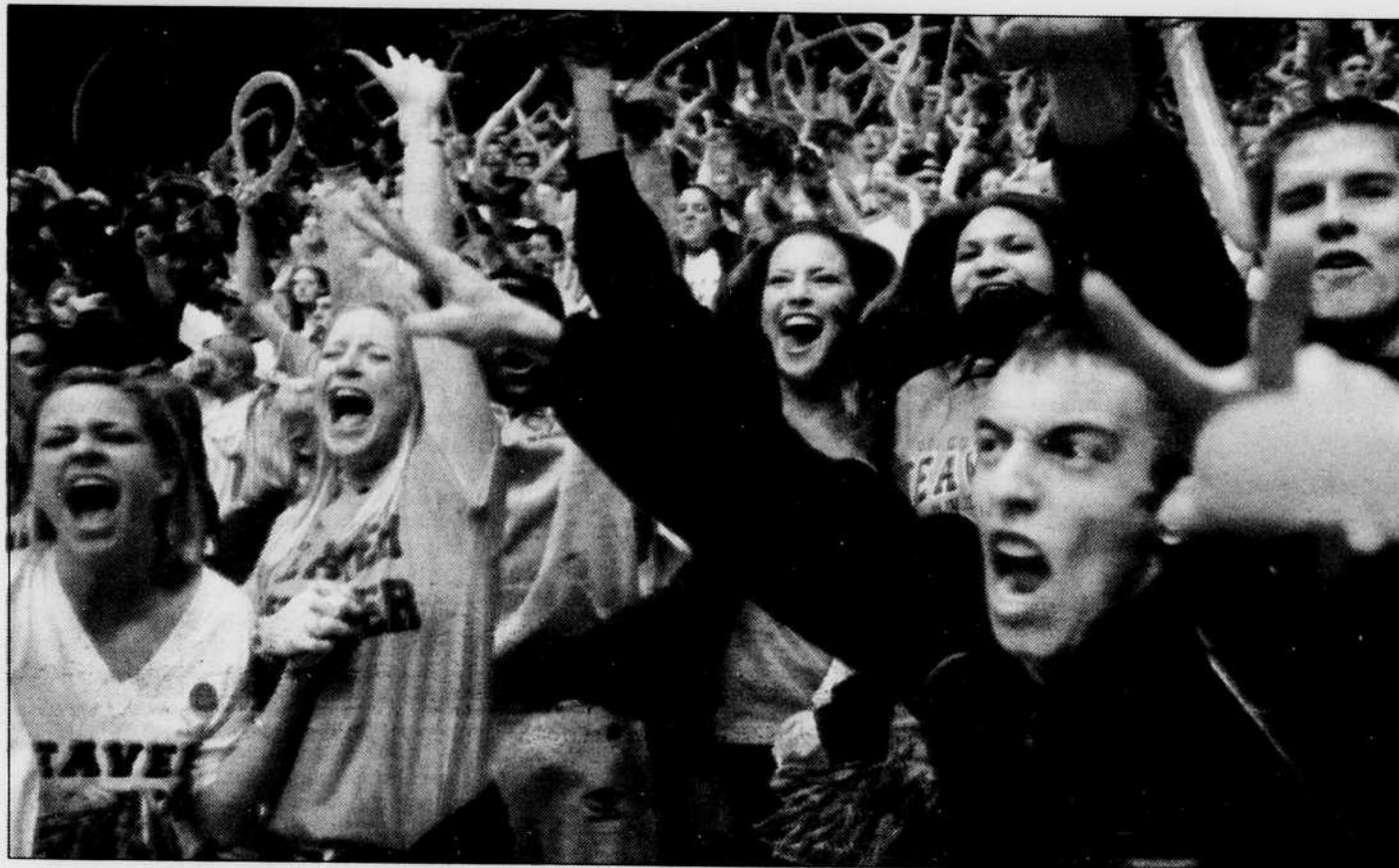
Women win Civil War

Oregon defeated the Beavers 59-46 to retain their No. 2 ranking in the Pac-10 / PAGE 9

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BEAVER BELIEVERS



Oregon State men's basketball fans celebrate their Civil War victory over Oregon on Saturday, when students stormed Gill Coliseum's Ralph Miller Court for the fifth straight game. The Beavers have now won 10 straight at home, including wins over top-10 teams UCLA and Arizona. The Ducks saw their 10-game Civil War winning streak come to an end in the 48-45 loss. Terik Brown scored 16 points, all in the second half, but it wasn't enough as Oregon fell to 2-7 in the Pacific-10 Conference. See story on Page 9.

Eugene prepares for Y2K

Authorities recommend preparing for potential problems associated with the year 2000

By Nicole Garton
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Scott Worland's insulated wooden box doesn't look like a remedy to the Year 2000 problem.

It looks like a packing crate, or maybe a soapbox.

But when Worland lifts it up to reveal what is underneath, voila! He pulls out a steaming pot of rice.

The recipe is simple. Heat rice and water to boiling, then enclose in the box. Let simmer, oh, say the duration of one Y2K community forum, and you'll end up with a tender, fully cooked meal.

There is one catch: The box works best when large quantities of food are cooked. But that's the whole point, Worland said.

"The idea is you're not just cooking for yourself, but for your community," he explained.

Pulling neighbors together was the focus of a Y2K public forum at the Lane County Courthouse Friday. Four community members spoke about what individuals can do within their communities to prepare for the year 2000.

The Y2K problem is a computer virus that may disrupt computer-dependent systems when Jan. 1, 2000 hits. Years ago, programmers designed computers to read only the last two digits of the year. That means when the year 2000 is entered into a computer, it will be read as '00' and interpreted as the year as 1900.

No one knows for sure how severe the results of this virus will be.

Metro Television wins Communicator Award

Designed to educate the public, its video takes a contemporary look at recycling methods

By Amy Jennaro
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The red carpet was rolled out last week for Eugene's Metro Television, which was honored with a 1998 Communicator Award for its video on recycling, "How To Waste Less and Save More."

The video was chosen from 3,206 entries from nearly every state to receive the Award of Excellence, which is given to videos that have a

high technical skill level and a high level of professionalism.

The 15-minute video was produced as a joint venture between Eugene's Solid Waste and Recycling program and the cable public access television station in an effort to increase consumer awareness about waste disposal and conservation.

"It had been 10 years since anything had been done in a video format to educate citizens about waste disposal," said Alex Cuyler, an analyst with the Solid Waste and Recycling Program. "We wanted to make something more contemporary."

The idea for the video originated with the SWRP, which brought the proposal to Metro

Television for consideration. Robert Lewis, manger of Metro Television, said he was intrigued by the idea of portraying recycling in a different way than it had been portrayed before and agreed to make the proposal a reality.

"It was a topic that was easy to visualize and everyone in our office was excited about it," Lewis said.

The video uses citizens of Eugene to educate the public about the four R's of waste prevention: reduce, reuse, recycling and rot.

"We were trying to show examples of the different ways that citizens can become involved

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Cybersisters opens doors to science

The program focuses on getting young women involved in science fields they may not have otherwise been exposed to

By Teri Meeuwse
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Wearing black rubber gloves allowed Sydney Reed, 13, to move objects inside a dry box from which air and water is taken out to conduct experiments.

"I liked checking out the big, expensive equipment used to do scientific experiments," Reed said.

Reed's mentor, Rachel Smith, an Honors College student, helped give her a hands-on feel for science during a tour of the Hutchinson Lab through the Cybersisters program.

Cybersisters is a program designed to research and develop strategies to engage girls in math, science and computer technology, said Cerise Roth-Vinson, the program coordinator.

The program matches girls from Hamlin, Roosevelt, Agnes Stewart, Springfield and Jefferson middle schools with female University students studying science or technology.

"Not only is this program a great way for college women to get involved in the community of Eugene, but Cybersisters also strives to get girls involved at a young age in science and technology, fields dominated by males, especially in computers," said Cristi Craveiro, another mentor and an Honors College student.

The mentors and their teenage partners work together each term on a science project that interests them. The project allows them to work with current technology and spend qual-

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Mentor Tia Travernick, a member of the community, and her protégé Elizabeth Spencer, a student from Agnes Stewart Middle School, paint tiles at Brushfire on Fifth Street. They were members of the Cybersisters program last spring.