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## Weather forecast

Today  
Showers  
High 52, Low 36

Thursday  
Partly cloudy  
High 57, Low 37

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# Storm presents problems for Eugene trees



This tree, located in the Pioneer Cemetery, was one of three on campus that fell during a wind storm last Tuesday. A total of 78 trees fell throughout Eugene that night.

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Last week's storm caused some of the worst damage to trees the city has seen in many years

By Felicity Ayles  
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Last week, three trees fell on campus in the wind storm on Tuesday, March 2. Several more came down in the surrounding area.

That's not bad compared to the 78 trees that fell onto Eugene streets that night.

Tim King, the Facilities Services exterior maintenance team director, said the University has had problems with trees in the past, but this year falling trees were a result of a variety of factors.

"This one looks like a combination of high winds and saturated soil," he said.

Overall, King said, the University was lucky.

"Considering the problems around the city, we're fortunate that we didn't get hit too bad," he said. "There are over 4,000 trees on campus; to lose only two is not bad."

Throughout the 15 years he has worked here, King said, he can think of only two injuries resulting from falling trees, neither of which was serious.

But, he said, the tree at the corner of 13th Avenue and University Street had a high potential for injury.

"If it had fallen during the day in the middle of a class break, I'm not sure if everyone could get out of the way in time," he said.

Trees don't just fall over in a matter of

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## Students criticize KWVA's song format

The radio station has come under attack from those who consider it too far off the dial. For many students, KWVA is neither listenable nor relevant

By Glenn Shires  
for the Emerald

Frank Jezukewicz may have lost his battle with KWVA, the campus radio station, but he's not ready to give up yet.

In December, Jezukewicz and his friend Brett Johnson applied to be disc jockeys at KWVA, with plans of doing a show featuring live recordings of Phish and the Grateful Dead, two bands with large followings on campus. Yet when they presented their ideas to the station staff, Jezukewicz said, they were immediately denied because the station's programming director didn't like "that type of music."

Jezukewicz, a sophomore journalism major, responded by writing a letter to the Emerald, published Jan. 29, protesting KWVA's policies. The letter elicited a series of responses from students, both in favor of and in opposition to the station's format.

More than a month later, Jezukewicz remains adamant about what he considers to be KWVA's unreasonable approach to programming.

"They have some good hip-hop shows,

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## Tickets

Student tickets are still available for tonight's 9 p.m. National Invitation Tournament first-round matchup between the Oregon men's basketball team and Georgia Tech at McArthur Court.

Tickets cost \$4, and students can purchase them at the Casanova Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Any tickets remaining will be sold at McArthur Court starting at 6 p.m.

The game, which will be televised nationally by ESPN, pits the hot Ducks (16-11), who have won six of their last eight games, against the Atlantic Coast Conference's Yellow Jackets (15-15).

For a full story see the preview in Sports on Page 9.

## Y2K concerns similar to Y1K worries

Instead of the end of the world, people fear the end of technology

By Tricia Schwennesen  
Oregon Daily Emerald

It's the end of the world as we know it—but do we feel fine?

We're approaching a new millennium, but many people fear that the world is not quite as technologically advanced as once imagined.

Orwellian surveillance is still only fiction and we haven't colonized the space frontier. The Jetson's space-age environment is not a reality—yet.

However, with only 297 days left until the dawn of a new era, people are starting to wonder and worry.

The main difference between Y2K, which stands for year 2000, and Y1K, or year 1000, is people today are worried about technology failing, not the world coming to an end.

"We're dealing with a case where everyone is spooked," said Jeff Osanka, a retired EWEB commissioner and a computer consultant.

Until now, people have associ-

ated Y2K with the "millennium bug," a programming glitch in some computer chips that recognizes the double digits 00 as the year 1900, not 2000, Osanka said.

But computer chips are embedded in everything from VCRs to computer networks to the electricity grid that controls power and transportation.

"Two to 5 percent of chips in machines right now, made even as recent as a year ago, were programmed with chips that are not Y2K compliant," Osanka said.

But that doesn't mean they will fail.

People should educate themselves on potential problems and prepare now, Osanka said. Don't wait until October, November or December to begin preparing for Y2K.

Not only do individuals need to prepare, but businesses should be planning ahead also.

Large companies need to check interoffice systems to make sure everything is Y2K compliant, and they need to work with outside interests such as their clients, their bank, their local electric company and the water board.

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This series will delve into the questions and concerns surrounding the new millennium.

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■ **Thursday:** How the University is preparing the campus

■ **Friday:** Getting your PC ready for the new millennium