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Lunch to aid quake victims

The Chinese Student Association and Taiwanese Student Organization are sponsoring a fund-raiser to support those still struggling as a result of the disaster in Taiwan. **PAGE 3A**



Ducks streak into showdown

No. 25 Oregon, winner of three straight, travels to Seattle to face rival Washington on Saturday night in Rick Neuheisel's Husky debut against the Ducks. **SECTION B**

New job created to raise dialogue

Anne Leavitt will hold the newly created position of associate vice president of student affairs and will act as a link between students and administrators

By Stefanie Knowlton
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With 15 years of experience at the University, Anne Leavitt will fill the position of associate vice president of student affairs, a student-centered job created this fall to increase campus communication and dialogue.

She acts as a direct link for students to University President Dave Frohnmayer and the administration.

"Sometimes it takes students way too many years to find their voice here. I want to encourage them to find their voices early and to use them," she said about communication between these two groups.

Leavitt has worked closely with students as an advisor for Process for Change, a University plan created in 1997 to become a student-centered model of education; the Faculty Advisory Council and the Summer Diversity Intern Program, a program dealing with issues of diversity on campus.

The position was created to give students a representative in the administration and to join services such as the Student Health Center and Office of Student Life under one person, said University Vice President Dan Williams, who created and hired for the position.

Although two student representatives served on the seven-person selection committee to hire the associate, ultimately the decision was up to Williams.

"Students had a different perspective of what that position should be ... The concept of it is excellent; however, I do not know how effective it will be," said ASUO President Wylie Chen, who served on the committee.

Students have discussed the need for a similar position in the administration to help address issues of diversity, after a racial remark in a planning, public policy and management class and an allegedly threatening e-mail were made public, sparking a sit-in at Johnson Hall last year.

Previously, the University had a vice provost of student affairs to fill that need,

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Catharine Kendall Emerald

Full time teacher's assistant Heidi Reynolds comforts a child at Vivian Olum Child Development Center.

Olum center planned to expand

■ The child care center will acquire an additional 2,600 square feet by eliminating space at Clinical Services

By Maggie Young
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Soon there will be more space on campus for running, screaming and playing at the Vivian Olum Child Care Center.

The Design Review Subcommittee passed a unanimous motion this week to accept a plan for expansion of the center. The committee, made up of repre-

sentatives from Facilities Services, the University Planning Office and members of the University faculty, will recommend a plan for phase two of the center's construction to University President Dave Frohnmayer.

Currently, the center is split into two separate locations on campus, the main one on Columbia Street, and the smaller

center occupies space in the Clinical Services Center, on 18th Avenue.

This project will eliminate the need for the space at Clinical Services and provide an additional 2,600 square feet to the existing 5,000 square-foot center. Jane Wagner, director of the center, said she is very excited about this consolidation.

"The main reason for the expansion of the building is the

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Owner of Lazar's Bazar announces candidacy for mayoral election

■ Lazar Makyadath is the first to file the required signatures with the city and plans to run without any campaign contribution, depending only on the vote

By Sara Lieberth
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The man behind the counter at 57 W. Broadway rings up a customer's purchase of a small bracelet and a "No Scrubs" bumper sticker.

"Tell me," he asks with a perplexed smile on his face, "What is a 'scrub'?"

Lazar Makyadath, owner and full-time operator of Lazar's Bazar, a novelty shop in the downtown mall, is making a habit of asking questions, as he recently announced his bid for the 2000 Eugene mayoral race.

"I'm only listening right now," he said. "I have been listening to my customers for 26 years, and that's what I'll do as mayor."

Lazar emigrated to Eugene in 1974 from India, following his wife Rosy. Together they have raised four children here and have run both Lazar's Bazar and Shoe-A-Holic, which opened in 1994 around the corner on Willamette Street.

It's his experiences as a small businessman in the heart of downtown that inspired him to seek the mayor's seat, he said. Witnessing one business endeavor after another fail on the downtown mall area — he calls it a "graveyard" — was the impetus for his new-found political goals.

"I am not a politician," he stressed. "I am a businessman who cares about Eugene."

Supporting his anti-politic stance is his

refusal to accept any campaign contributions during his run. Although he referenced an average medium-sized city's mayoral race costing upwards of \$80,000, Lazar said he wants no part of that aspect of politics.

"It doesn't take money, really," he said. "I mean, it shouldn't. It should be people deciding what they want."

His non-traditional run extends to the ways in which he intends to spread the word about his campaign as well. Each potential voter he encounters is instructed to pass on the news that he is running to four others, creating what Lazar has termed his "double pyramid" plan.

Additionally, he said he would step out of the race in a minute if a qualified woman were to seek the office officially, emphasizing his strong feelings on the im-

portance of minority representation.

"It would be great to have a woman for mayor," he said. "Besides, I have a full-time job offer at Lazar's Bazar if I want it."

Deputy City Recorder Kate Fieland indicated that since her office opened the registration process Sept. 9, Lazar is the only candidate to have filed the required 25 signatures for the mayoral bid. But with a far-off deadline of March 2, 2000, Fieland said it was still early in the bidding.

And while current Mayor Jim Torrey is free to run for a second term, as there are no term limits for the mayor's office or city council in Eugene, he may be setting his sights elsewhere.

"He has expressed an interest in running for the legislature," said Beth Forrest, assistant to Torrey, "but he hasn't made a

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