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Another good JC crop for UO

A season after bringing in Darius Wright and Alex Scales, Ernie Kent has another promising group of junior-college transfers this season for the men's basketball team. **PAGE 7**



Judaic Studies celebrates

Celebrating its first full year in existence, the Judaic Studies program is offering a variety of events and lectures starting tonight. **PAGE 4**

Greatful Bread manager to be replaced

■ Peter Lohr, manager and baker at the EMU's Greatful Bread, will not be offered a contract renewal

By **Jeremy Lang**
Oregon Daily Emerald

Management could soon change at the EMU's Greatful Bread, but the central spot for that much-needed caffeine break will remain open, no matter what happens.

Peter Lohr, baker and manager for the Greatful Bread since its opening in September 1998, is not being offered another year of employment at the bakery. But EMU Director Dusty Miller said the Greatful Bread will remain open despite Lohr's contract currently not being renewed.

In March, Miller sent Lohr a letter explaining that his contract will not be renewed and will expire on March 12, 2000. Miller's decision was based on a performance summary, included with the letter, citing a variety of problems with the bakery's operation as a whole.

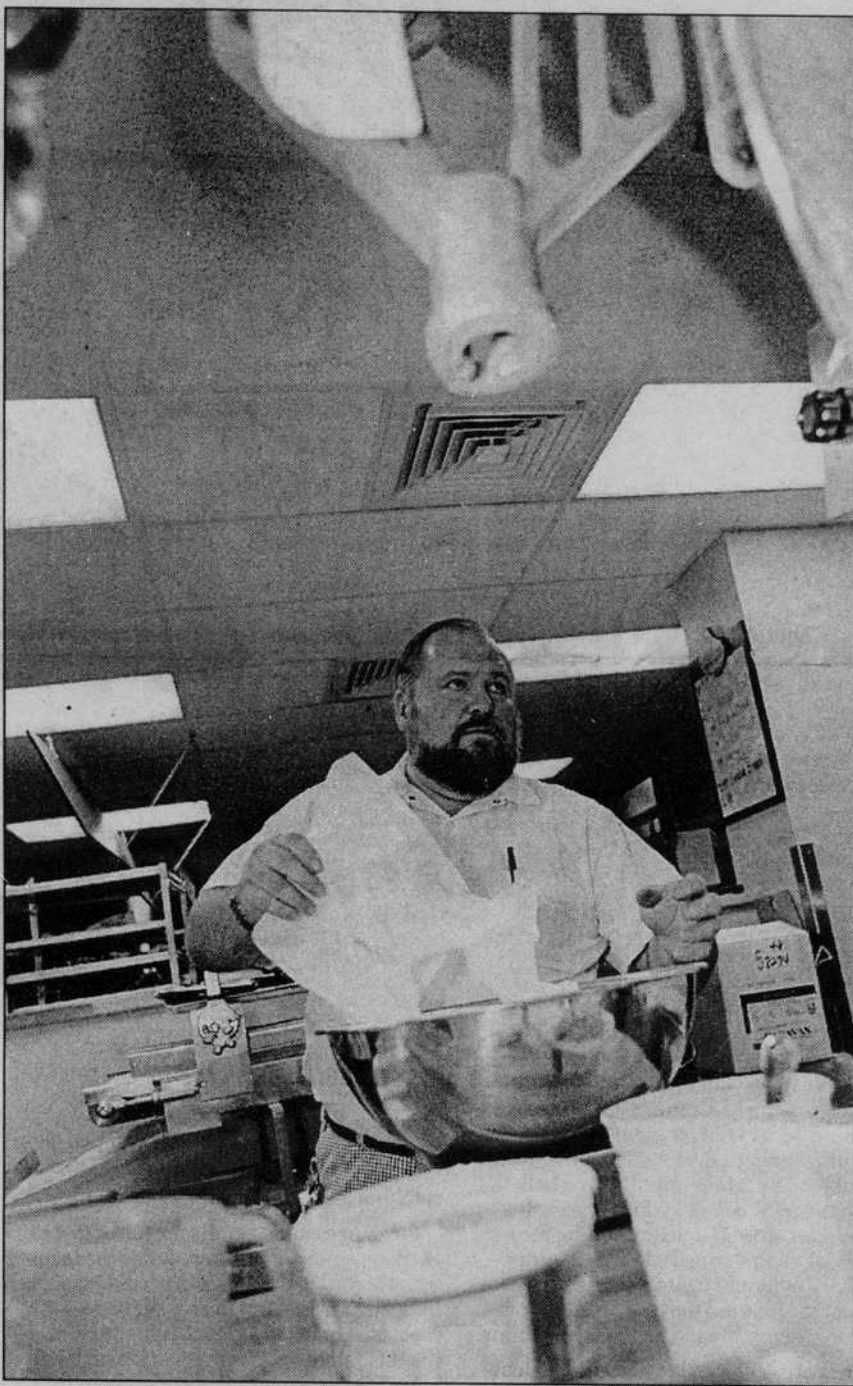
The list of problems included items being produced repeatedly but not selling, devoting too much time to bread and specialty items instead of the better-selling coffee and snack foods, poor customer service, scheduling too many hours for student workers and employee theft.

Miller said although the grievances include problems with baking, employees and sales, they are all ultimately Lohr's responsibility as manager.

"These problems are not personal but are embodied in the management. A huge factor here is that Greatful Bread simply spent more than it made," he said.

Lohr would not comment on whether he thought Miller's performance summary and decision was fair or accurate, but he said he will start looking for other work.

"I am going on the word that my job will end in March," Lohr said. He added he is not completely sure what



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Current Greatful Bread manager and head-baker, Peter Lohr, did not have his contract renewed.

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Students set to celebrate diversity

■ The Weaving New Beginnings program is sponsored by several campus organizations intent on building diversity among students

By **Edward Yuen**
Oregon Daily Emerald

Students will have a chance to understand more about diversity on campus tonight.

The ASUO and other campus organizations are organizing Weaving New Beginnings, an annual reception for students, faculty and staff of color to get to know each other. ASUO Multicultural Advocate Hong Tran said.

Weaving New Beginnings was created in spring 1996 by an ad hoc group with representatives from the ASUO, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Counseling Center, the Office of Student Life, University Housing and the Race Task Force.

The original plan was that the organizations would work together on a reception that targets students of color. The idea was then combined with a similar reception organized solely by the Office of Multicultural Affairs for nine years. The first Weaving New Beginnings was held in fall 1996.

"It is a wonderful opportunity for students to network with staff and faculty who are interested in creating a more inclusive campus," said Linda Liu, Office of Multicultural Affairs advising coordinator. "It is also a chance for students to showcase their talents."

Students from different organizations will perform in tonight's event. The program includes singing performances, dance and poetry reading by students.

"It is celebrating the different communities that we are all living. And take it to the local level," Missy Rock, a University alumna, said.

The purpose of the event is "to strengthen the communication at the University between students, faculty, staff and administration," Tran said. She added that the event is celebrating diversity on campus as well as broadening students' views in the

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City of Eugene strives to prepare for the millenium problem

Y2K

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With the year 2000 quickly approaching, the Emerald will run a weekly series exploring how the community is preparing for the effects of the Y2K-bug.

■ With the Y2K looming, Eugene has implemented and tested several safety precautions and urges citizens to be prepared

By **Sara Lieberth**
Oregon Daily Emerald

City of Eugene officials have been making their New Year's Eve plans for months. Through in-house emergency preparedness training and community outreach in the event of Y2K-related chaos, their message is clear: you should be planning too.

The year 2000 bug, or Y2K, presents a potential for many computer-run operations to

experience problems when the calendar changes at midnight, Dec. 31. When the new century is upon us, computer programs and embedded chips that are sensitive to time and date calculations may read 00 as 1900 instead of 2000.

Responsible for public and intergovernmental relations for the city, Phil Weiler has been coordinating Eugene's preparation efforts since the early part of 1999, but he said work has gone on behind the scenes for years.

"The city started working on the computer issue in 1996," he said. "But this September was the culmination of nine months worth of operational planning."

The city held a functional exercise Sept.

30 with 150 employees to test its emergency capabilities, should power outages or communication problems result from either Y2K or natural disasters. Police, fire and additional emergency agencies staged a mock crisis situation with local media outlets to identify areas needing more attention and improve response time and abilities.

During the exercise held at the new emergency operations center near Sheldon High School, the city tested its extensive network of power generators and the coordination of police and fire responses with much success.

"Everybody has an opinion on what will happen Jan. 1," Weiler said. "Our concern

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“As people gear up for Y2K, we wanted to get the right information to them.”

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