



Sweet, sweet garden days

An annual event put on by KLCC radio station tours the most wondrous private gardens of Eugene. Tickets for the event are on sale now. **PAGE 5A**

The Flash

Music festival at Dexter Lake Friday

Several bands will showcase their musical stylings at "A Day at Dexter Lake," a one-day outdoor musical event. Bands include Left-over Salmon and Yonder Mountain String Band. Food booths such as Genesis Juice Co-op and Mike's Magic Mushroom will serve up culinary stylings to round out the music jam. **PAGE 5A**

ASUO Senate votes for money transfers

Members of the ASUO Senate met Tuesday night for their first meeting of the summer session. The ASUO Executive, ASUO Senate, the Solar Information Center, the Women's Center and the University Future Lawyers' Association all asked to move money from various accounts to meet summer needs.

The Women's Center proposal dealt with the largest sum of money, \$2,526, which will go toward the purchase of two new computers to help the development of internships and Women's Center programs.

Officer convicted of lying in case

NEW YORK (AP) — A policeman was convicted Wednesday of lying to investigators to avoid becoming a "rat" in the case against patrolmen who tortured a prisoner in a precinct house's bathroom.

The jury deliberated two days in Brooklyn federal court before delivering a split verdict, finding Francisco Rosario guilty of two counts of conspiring with his partner to make false statements to the FBI six weeks after the 1997 assault of Abner Louima.

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Deadline looms to save on student loans

With interest rates set to rise, analysts urge students, especially recent graduates, to consolidate student loans

By Kristy Hessman
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In response to the increase in interest rates beginning in July, the Department of Education announced last week that it would guarantee current interest rates to any loan applicant who submits a loan consolidation application by July 1, 2000.

On that day, interest rates on student loans will soar once again. Rates could go as high as 8.25 percent, the statutory cap, affecting new and old loans.

"It's not because of anything in legislation or administration, it is simply due to an increase in the cost of money," said Ivan Frish-

berg of U.S. PIRG, the national version of Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group.

To afford the expensive costs of college, students often need to take out more than one loan. Now students can combine their loans by consolidating and lock into current lower interest rates.

"You could always consolidate your loan, but now what it does is take the variable rate and turn it into a single loan rate which can be locked in," Frishberg said.

Individuals who may benefit most from this type of loan are students who have just graduated.

"People who need to know about this at the University of Oregon are recent graduates," Frishberg said. "Graduates have a six month grace period (to start paying) their loans; if they consolidate now they may be able to

receive their in-school rate which is typically below 7 percent."

Many students are unaware that interest rates will increase or that the consolidation option is available.

"We are working with financial offices as well as sending e-mails to get the word out on the Internet," Frishberg said.

Apparently, not many students here at the University are aware of the consolidation issue.

"We haven't gotten too much traffic about that issue," Financial Office Associate Director Jim Gilmour said. "The information came out kind of late." ASUO members think that students should find out student loan information on their own.

"It is not ASUO's responsibility to make sure that students pay their loans," Senate President

Loan consolidation

Deadline for applying for lower interest rates on student loans is July 1, 2000.

For more information, contact www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov or call 1-800-557-7392.

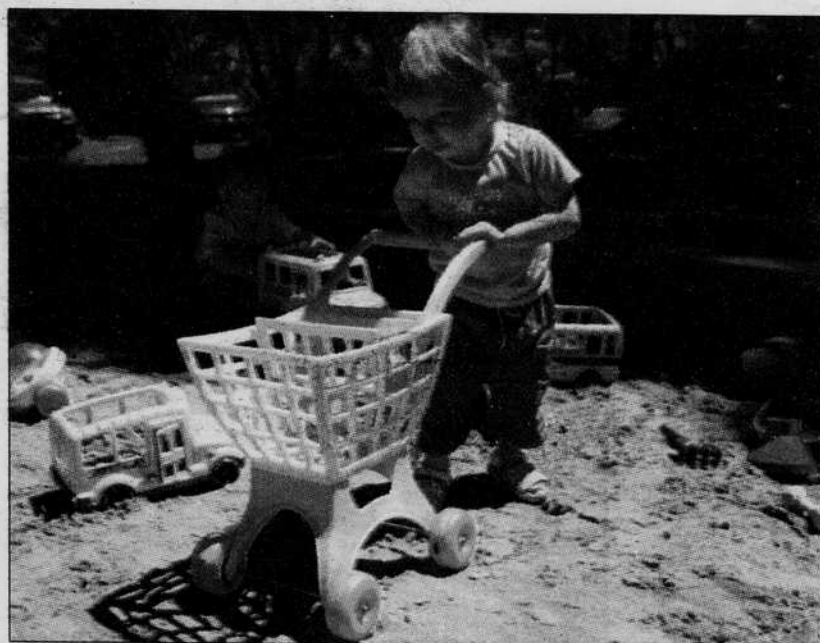
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Lindsey McLean said. "Students need to make their own decisions about it."

While consolidation may not decrease interest rates for all students, it is an option that is worth looking into.

"Whether you are eligible or not depends on each individual and their situation," Frishberg said. "But it is a very good idea to look into."

Kiddie monies



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Hanah H. enjoys the play area at the Birth To Three center, which benefits several local families.

Grants to program enable more services for families

Grants from various groups enables Lane County's Birth to Three program, the only of its kind, to implement new programs

By Rebecca Newell
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Kids don't come with instruction manuals, but Birth to Three is providing the next best thing to parents.

And after several years of diligent planning and research by the staff, Birth to Three has been rewarded for its efforts, receiving several grants to expand their current child development curriculum.

"We wanted to be supported by Oregon foundations," Birth to Three's executive director Minalee Saks said. "Each foundation came through at the level that was requested, which is very rare."

The grants were awarded by local state organizations, including the Ford Family Foundation and the Meyer Memorial Trust. The awards, in the form of

\$520,000 in grants, will allow Birth to Three to implement a new program in child-development curriculum.

Before submitting grant proposals, Birth to Three spent two years planning the new program, which concentrates on the development of children from birth to 3 years of age. The program is called "First 3 Years." The organization recruited the help of University professor Mary Rothbart, who has been instrumental with the organization since its creation, for the grant writing.

Research concluded that there were no similar programs in existence, and a working model, which was funded by a seed grant from the Oregon Community Foundation, was developed to submit for the grant proposals.

"I was so happy ... this is really going to be a tremendous opportunity not only for parents in this community but beyond," Rothbart said.

The core program is split into three sec-

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Accounts shared of police actions

Representatives from various sides of last weekend's anarchist protest speak out about their perspectives of the incident

By Jack Clifford
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The fallout from this past weekend's "Carnival Against Capital" rally in downtown Eugene took a more administrative spin Wednesday as city officials worked to inform the public on how to file official complaints against police officers.

That action, led by City Manager Jim Johnson, followed a Tuesday press conference at the Lane County Jail where about a dozen people claimed police made random arrests of innocent bystanders and used excessive force against some of those arrested or witnessing the action. Although Eugene Police Chief Jim Hill said he did not attend Tuesday's event, he denied the charges.

"I'm not aware of anything like that having occurred," he said, adding that each police officer involved in any weekend confrontation has written a police report. "If [people] were arrested indiscriminately, that would have popped up [in the reports], and I haven't seen anything like that."

One speaker at Tuesday's meeting, Eugene resident Darrell Olson, said he repeatedly expressed his non-violent views to a police officer during a confrontation and was eventually "violently wrestled to the ground."

"I am very disgusted about what can happen to innocent people," Olson said.

Various news reports from Saturday and Sunday's confrontations between police and protesters referred to some members of the media who were caught in the conflict. KLCC reporter Monika Hausmann was at Tuesday's press conference at the jail, and although she didn't speak to the entire crowd, she did offer her side of a situation that took place Sunday night at Eighth Avenue and Oak Street.

Hausmann was recording the protest sounds with an extended microphone, while wearing her headphones, after police in riot gear moved in to stop protesters from playing a game of Red Rover in the middle of the street. A small skirmish had broken out about five to 10 feet away from her, she said, when she felt a police baton ram into the back of her head.

"It seemed like a double-hand [grip], like a baseball bunting [motion]," Hausmann said. "The blow was full-force. I feel like he hit me as hard as he

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Darrell Olson
Eugene resident

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