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The week in entertainment kicks off with an Xtra special show at the WOW Hall. **Inside section B**

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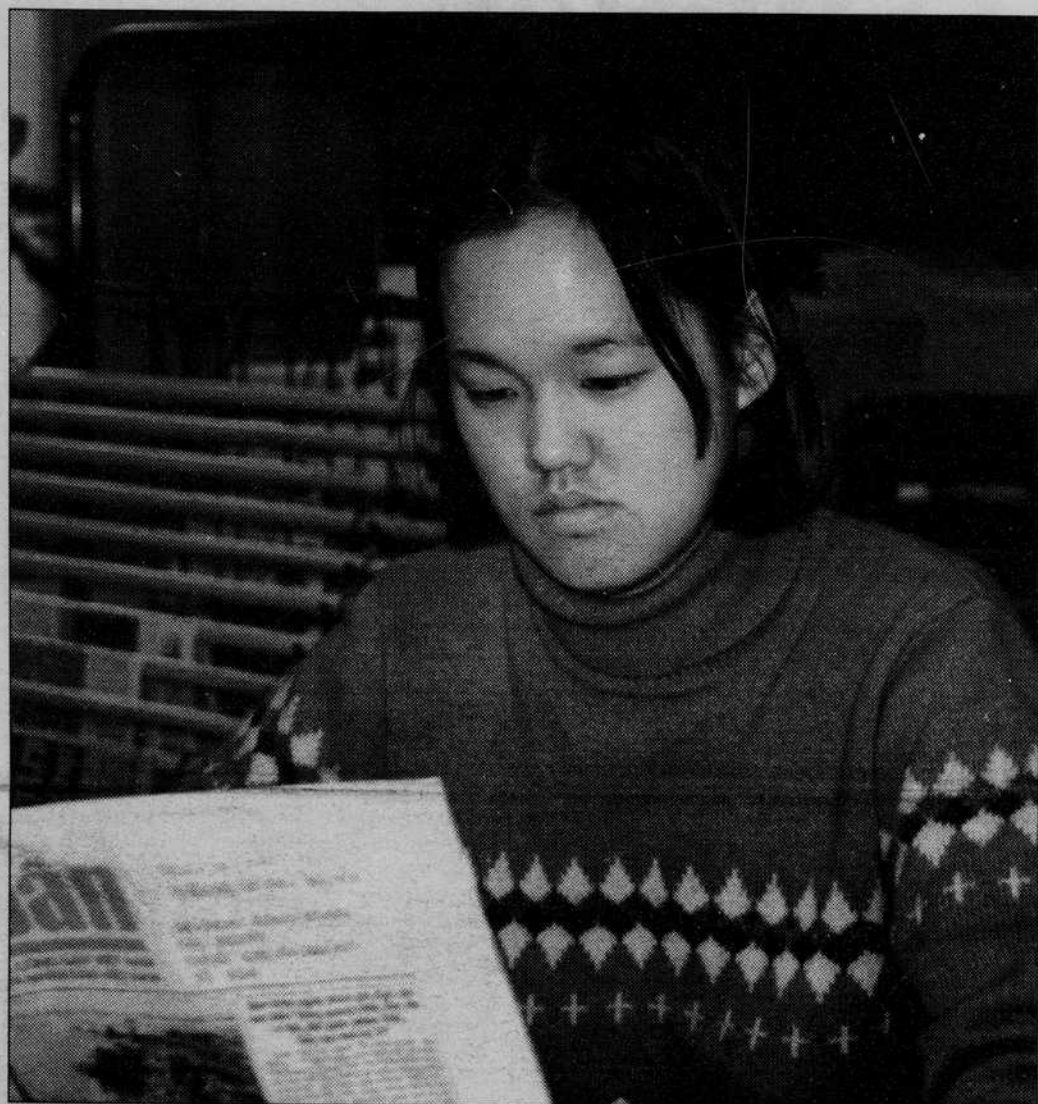
Education majors will benefit from expanding K-12 job market in Oregon schools. **PAGE 4A**

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Laura Smit Emerald

Katie Wong reads a foreign language newspaper in the recently refurbished International Resource Center in the EMU.

A room with a world view

■ A newly updated International lounge hosts a grand opening this week and celebrates the global village

By Brooke Ross
Oregon Daily Emerald

Though they are far away from their countries of origin, the University's international community now has a place they can call home.

This week the International Resource Center at the EMU is holding grand opening activities for the newly improved International Lounge that offers international students the opportunity to stay informed about their country's news through computer hookups, international newspapers and satellite television, and also provides travel information for anyone interested in exploring another country.

Several events will be held in the lounge today and Friday, including an open house, guest speakers, a Peace Corps slide presentation and a showing of the film *La Vie Est Belle*.

Tom Mills, director of the Office of International Education and Exchange will speak at the International Coffee Hour on Friday about the

history of the IRC. Mills said he wants foreign students and faculty to feel comfortable and at home at the University.

"We really are an international campus, much more than people realize," he said.

But Mills said he hopes everyone takes advantage of this campus resource no matter where they are from because of the opportunities to explore international locations.

"It's for everyone," he said. "Maybe a student learning French would want to see a real French newspaper, and they could do that here."

"This is a place where people can interact and feel at home, so the University campus experience is more than just an academic one," said Anne Williams, IRC coordinator. "Before, the University was lacking a place where the international community could get resources all in one place."

These new resources include computers for international news and travel Web sites and a donated big screen television. And by March, the lounge will also have a collection of international newspapers and magazines, Williams said.

The television provides continu-

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Seizure at wheel causes crash, damage to bikes

■ A student's vehicle rolled toward a campus residence hall after the driver went unconscious

By Jeremy Lang
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Public safety officers spent Wednesday afternoon cleaning up mangled tires and severed handlebars after a University student apparently had a seizure at the wheel and drove his vehicle into a bike rack outside a residence hall.

The student, whose name is being withheld by the Eugene Police Department, suffered no injuries and voluntarily walked to the University Health Center for further evaluation.

According to an EPD report, the 18-year-old student had a seizure as he drove his Jeep Cherokee through the intersection at 13th Avenue and Agate Street, heading toward Hayward Field. He slowed and moved the vehicle to the side of the road before blacking out.

The vehicle continued on the Agate Street sidewalk parallel to the road until it collided with a speed sign near the cross-

walk and the bike racks outside Smith Hall.

As Department of Public Safety officers tossed random, destroyed bikes and bike pieces into the bed of a truck, maintenance workers with University Housing used a power saw to cut through the rack's thick metal bars to free other damaged bikes still connected with locks.

Public safety officers at the scene and at the DPS office wouldn't comment on the incident.

But EPD Officer Peter Aguilar said students who discovered Wednesday that their bikes had been destroyed and impounded by DPS could get the student's insurance information from the police report and file a claim.

Aguilar, one of the first officers on the scene, said approximately 13 bikes suffered major damage. The Cherokee sustained about \$1,000 in damage, and it will cost another \$1,000 to repair the bike racks.

A number of other bikes had minor damage.

Mike Tardiff, facilities maintenance man-

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Autzen expansion kicks off, generates mixed reactions

■ Recent approval of the transit station could mean completion of the stadium by the projected date

By Andrew Adams
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The Athletic Department and University Administration are confident there will be 12,000 more screaming Duck fans on hand for the kickoff of the 2003 football season now that they've been given the green light by the Eugene City Council to move ahead with their plans for expanding Autzen Stadium.

Some faculty members, however, are not pleased with the University's dogged determination to put both the effort and financial resources into the \$80 million project.

Dave Williford, director of media services, said he expects the expansion to be completed by the expected date now that the University has received approval for the transit station.

"At this stage, yes," he said. "That was a major hurdle, yes, but so far, so good."

He said the next stage of the project will include some infrastructure improvements to the building and the construction of new ticket booths, though the University must

get through a long line of permits before it can begin any of the work.

Dan Williams, vice president for administration, also said he is confident the project will be completed both on time and under budget. He said through his experience with the Casanova Center building project and other major capital campaigns, he is optimistic there won't be problems.

"We've never failed to meet our obligations," he said.

Williams said the University has up to \$19 million in bonds to float the construction project while charitable pledges are paid off, and he expects donations to continue to come in for the project. The current stage of construction will cost about \$10 million, he said.

Once the project is done, Williams said, it will be enough of a financial gain for the Athletic Department so the University won't have to worry about covering the department's high cost or increasing ticket prices.

But James Earl, president of the University Senate and an English professor, argued that the project was "an interruption of the educational mission" at the University and was a poor choice of funding.

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