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## Emmie-diate satisfaction

Freddie Jones was one of the recipients of an Emmie award dished out by the sports staff. **PAGE 15**

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A honeymooning couple learns the painful truth that you don't always get what you pay for. **PAGE 6**

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## Free show raises funds for hungry

Local band Nimbus is kicking off the summer with a benefit show for Food for Lane County

By Lauren Saxton  
for the Emerald

Move your feet. Shake your hips. Feed the hungry.

Community members can dance for social action Thursday night at the Wild Duck Music Hall, when Nimbus, a band comprised of three former University students, plays a free benefit show to gather donations for Food for Lane County.

Inspiration Glass, a local glass art company, is sponsoring the show, which begins at 9 p.m. with Raging Family, a group of local DJs.

"We are excited to throw a free concert," said Nimbus guitarist Mike Slavin. Slavin collaborated with bassist Scott DeWitt and drummer Josh Damon to create the band, which has been showing up on the local music scene since its formation eight months ago.

"Lately we focus on jam rock," Slavin said. "But we draw from rock and roll, jazz, blues and funk."

The trio has produced their own repertoire of songs and cover artists such as Talking Heads, Aretha Franklin and Jimi Hendrix.

Organizers say anyone interested should head to the Wild Duck with a can of food and their dancing shoes.

"It's community-based goodness through music," said University student David DeWitt, an environmental studies major and the brother of Nimbus' bassist. DeWitt worked with Inspiration Glass to coordinate the festivities.

This "goodness" has spread to Holy Cow Cafe and Friendly Street Market, community establishments that have donated door prizes for the show, and Indigo Lighting Design from Portland, which contributed a lighting setup for the evening.

The event kicks off a busy summer for Food for Lane County.

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## Home sweet home



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Jack Leavitt holds his six-year-old daughter Tina in front of their new house in Springfield Sunday afternoon.

## Jack of all trades

One man and his daughter are given a home — and hope for the future — through a St. Vincent De Paul program

By Lisa Toth  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Gold miner, world traveler, painter and single father. Jack Leavitt is a man of many roles, but for more than four months, Leavitt and his six-year-old daughter lived without a home and faced a limited availability of services for single fathers in Eugene. And it was only after months of waiting that Leavitt and his daughter

finally have a place they can temporarily call home. As Leavitt began to explain how frightening it was to have drained his life savings in little more than a month, his daughter Tina, a blonde-haired ball of energy, burst into the room.

"I've got a snake," she said, grinning as she dragged a string of beads across the floor and hopped onto her father's lap.

Leavitt said Tina is the most important person in his life. The father-daughter team takes care of each other day and night. They live a simple life together — for two months they

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## Summer economy struggles

Even though summer brings less business near campus, business owners find ways to adjust to the slowdown

By Lindsay Buchele  
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For many campus-area businesses, the University student population is the source of their livelihood. Although this population is significantly smaller during the summer months — dropping from nearly 18,000 to just more than 5,000 students — these businesses have found ways to still be going strong when students return in the fall.

The Glenwood Restaurant has had 18 years to adjust to summers without students, a process that took some time, owner Jacqui Monninger said.

"The problem was we would hire extra people to cover the weekend of Father's Day and graduation, but then we would be way overstaffed for the rest of the summer," Monninger said.

To adjust, Monninger said they "beg, borrow and steal old employees" to cover the busy weekends, but otherwise make do with a smaller staff in the summer.

"It works better for the employees," Monninger said. "If they want to take the summer off, it's much easier."

Larger businesses, such as 7-Eleven and Starbucks run into the same problems at their campus locations.

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### On hiatus

Today's Emerald is the final issue of the school year. Publication will begin again June 26, and the Emerald will be available every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer school term. Don't forget to check the online edition at [www.dailyemerald.com](http://www.dailyemerald.com) for late-breaking news or updates.

## Noted environmental activist-turned-professor to retire

University professor Maradel Gale plans to retire after three decades of educating and environmental activism across the state

By Brooke Ross  
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Before the 1970s, environmental activism was nearly unheard of in Oregon. Then Maradel Gale and a small group of other activists made their voices heard during the state's 1971 legislative session.

Gale dedicated many years of her life to preserving the environment, which included lobbying for the city of Eugene, until she realized that she loved teach-

ing. Now, after nearly three decades at the University, the associate professor of Planning, Public Policy and Management prepares for retirement.

"My plans are to not have plans," she said. "I started working on my 16th birthday and have been working ever since."

Gale was well-known in the community for her environmental activism before she began teaching at the University

in the mid-1970s. She helped found the Oregon Environmental Council in 1968 and was involved in getting the "Bottle Bill" passed in the 1971 state legislative session. She also served on the Oregon Coastal Conservation and Development Commission. While she said the work of an environmentalist is never done, she realized she enjoyed teaching and decided to make it a career.

"It was a hard choice," she said. "I loved being an activist, and I never thought I would teach."

But Gale also said she will remain vig-

ilant as an environmentalist.

"As an environmentalist, we can't go to bed and sleep easily at night, because there's always someone thinking up something even worse than what you just battled," she said.

One of her first major environmental efforts was working with the Oregon Environmental Council, which she also helped found. By the 1971 session, Gale and other environmentalists were prepared with bills they hoped would pass through the legislature.

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