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Anything can happen when you work in Eugene past midnight and up late. PAGE 5

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Burgers, brews and clothes of hemp mark the 4th Hemp Festival. PAGE 5

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A man throws himself out a bedroom window Tuesday morning. PAGE 3

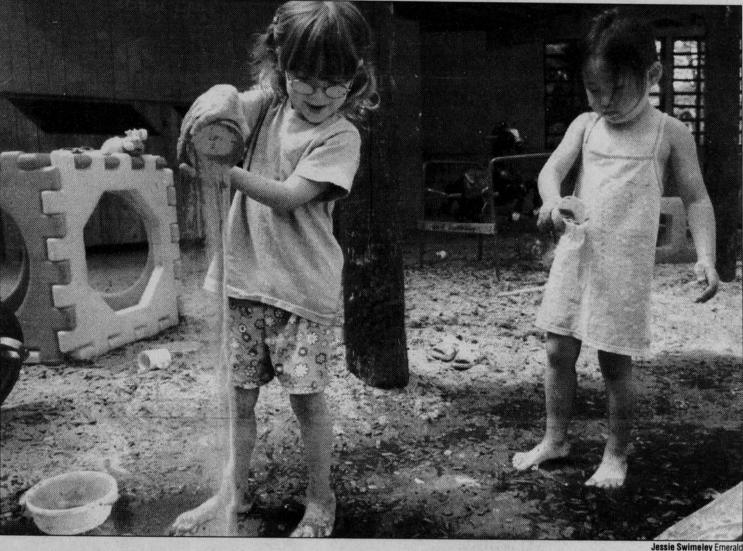
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Next year, students in the greek system will read to children such as Micheala Starr Sakell and Dami Kim at the EMU Child Care Center thanks to an \$8,100 grant from Starbucks.

## Starbucks grants UO funds to promote literacy

The EMU Child Care and Development Centers will use the money to buy books and begin a program in which student volunteers will

read to children

By Kara Cogswell

Starbucks is already well-known for its coffee, but in light of a grant the corporation has given the University, it may soon be known on campus for helping children learn to read.

The Starbucks Foundation recently awarded the EMU Child Care and Development Centers(CCDC) with an \$8,100 grant to fund a children's litera-

cy program, which will begin fall term. The Starbucks Storyteller Program, which is a collaboration between the 18th Street Starbucks store, the Greek

Life office and the CCDC, will involve student volunteers from the greek system who will read to children on a regular basis.

EMU grantwriter Mary Farrington, who secured the grant, said she started looking into obtaining the grant several months ago because she thought it would be "a nice opportunity for the child-care center to promote literacy.'

Grant money will be used to buy 400 new books and will pay for book repair and other supplies. A part-time pro-gram coordinator will also be hired.

As of January 2001, the Starbucks

Foundation, which began in 1997, has donated more than \$1 million to 200 organizations to promote children's literacy. One way this money is distributed is through opportunity grants, in the amount of up to \$10,000, that are given to organizations that serve low-income or under-served youth and children.

Many of the children who attend the seven child care sites run through the CCDC do come from low-income families because often they are the children of student parents, said Cheryl Jordan,

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## OUS Chancellor Joe Cox says he will resign in 2002

■ The leader of the OUS for seven years, Cox would like to remain involved with higher education after leaving his post

By Jeremy Lang

Oregon University System Chancellor Joe Cox announced Tuesday he will step down as the leader of Oregon's seven universities in spring 2002.

"Enough fun is enough," Cox said. "There's never a perfect time, but this is a good time.'

He added that since November he has believed the OUS staff is

strong enough for him to depart. and the decision comes as little surprise to OUS university presi-

dents. He said he made the announcement early so his successor has time to gear up for the 2003 legislative session.

Although he is not sure what specifi-

cally he will do after he leaves office, Cox, 64, said he wants to remain in higher education and in the Eugene area with his wife.

"It's liberally funky enough to suit us," he said. "Maybe now I'll have time to check out the Country Fair."

Cox said he would like to be a consultant somewhere in higher education and work on a book he has been slowly writing about the rise of philanthropy in the 19th

In Cox's seven years at the helm, he has guided the state's seven institutions of higher education through a number of budget battles at the state Capitol and overhauled the organization's budget to re-

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The Oregon University System Board will meet with representatives from each state university to approve their total budget costs - and tuition increases - at its meeting on Friday in Portland.

The Legislature placed a cap on tuition increases at 4 percent this year and 3 percent next year, but the number could rise if schools propose increases to fees also.

The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call (503) 725-5700.

## Council retains smoking reprieves

After reviewing the smoking ban. the Eugene City Council opted to leave the law as is

By Darren Freeman

City councilors decided Wednesday to uphold an exemption in the city's smoking ban that allows tobacco use in bars that are building outdoor smoking areas.

Most Eugene bars were required to go smoke-free July 1, but 31 bars received six-month reprieves to build outdoor smoking areas. The council revisited the law after a bar manager said at a recent council session that his newly smoke-free business was losing customers to establishments that still allow smoking.

The council voted unanimously at Wednesday's noon meeting to charge the city manager's office with making sure those 31 bars are actually building and not just ducking the ban.

"It's very important to be fair to the businesses that are doing the right thing," Councilor David Kelly said.

Though Councilor Betty Taylor briefly discussed changing the ordinance, most councilors chose not to alter the law.

"I don't want to be in the business of amending the ordinance," Councilor Nancy Nathanson said. "That changes the rules, injects uncertainty and takes a lot of time."

Tom Fieland — the manager of the Good Times Cafe & Bar, Wetlands Brew Pub & Sports Bar and Highland's Brew Pub — told the council July 9 he was losing business to bars holding exemp-

After Wednesday's meeting, Fieland said the outcome wasn't ideal but was an improvement.

"Certainly, I'd like to see a totally leveled playing field, but at least they're taking action," he said. "We're going to have to wait and see what the administrative rule is."

At the request of the council, the city manager's office decided July 11 to review the 31 bars holding exemptions. So far, the office has examined 15 of the bars and concluded that all but one plan to build legitimate smoking areas.

'Most of them were pretty clearly new seating areas," said Jan Bohman, the Eugene senior analyst overseeing the project.

The only bar in question is the Wild Duck Brewery, which received an extension to build an awning over an existing smoking area, she said.

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