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**FPEP**  
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...tice," said Alba, who is a former director of health education services at the University. "If you make people jump through a lot of hoops, they won't take advantage of the program."

Junior Justin Hardy agreed with Alba that diminished condom availability may have a negative effect. "I understand the budget thing, but I don't know if getting rid of the baskets is a good idea," he said.

FPEP went into effect under former President Bill Clinton and will last for another two years. After that, President George W. Bush's administration will be responsible for reinstating the program's funding.

The health center will monitor the program this year and decide whether it will continue to be a part of FPEP or reinstate the previous program.

"As the budget unfolds, we may be able to offer free condoms again," Fleischli said.

**County Fair**  
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Fair hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8 for those older than 16, \$6 for those 6 to 15 and free for children ages 5 and younger. Reserve concert tickets are \$12.50, not including the cost of fair admission, but tickets for bleacher and festival seating for the concerts are free.

Last year, the fair set a record level of attendance with 180,000 people bringing in more than \$555,000. Jane Holloway, the co-marketing manager of the fair, said the fair makes enough profit that it does not need a subsidy from the state, even with its packed schedule of more than 450 events.

Unlike fairs in other parts of the state, Lane County's takes place in the heart of the city. David Hinkley, the chairman of the neighborhood association that encompasses the fairgrounds, said there are usually

**News briefs**

**EWEB will hold hearing**  
The Eugene Water and Electric Board will hold a public hearing Tuesday evening to gather feedback on a possible increase in overall electric rates by 33 percent and an average residential rate increase of 36 percent to start in November.

Tuesday's hearing, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Training Room of EWEB's North Building at 500 E. Fourth Ave., is the first of two to discuss the rate increases. A second hearing will be held Sept. 4, and following the hearings EWEB's board of commissioners will decide on the rate increases.

If the commissioners vote to raise electricity rates, the utility board expects the average residential customer's monthly bill to rise from the current \$62.50 to about \$86. The increase is in response to EWEB's main energy provider, the Bonneville Power Administration, raising its wholesale prices by 46 percent Oct. 1.

Following the discussion on electric rates, the commissioners

will also open the floor to comments on a proposal to raise water rates by an average of 11.4 percent, also to begin in November.

**OUS makes final offer to union**  
The Oregon University System announced Monday that it will offer its classified employees a \$20.4 million increase in salary and benefits for the 2001-2003 biennium as part of its final offer to end contract negotiations.

OUS chief negotiator Cynthia Beckwith said in a prepared statement that the OUS is "hopeful that a fair and balanced settlement can be negotiated in a timely fashion when the parties next meet under mediation." The next session is scheduled for Aug. 22 and 27.

On Aug. 6, members of the Oregon Public Employees Union declared a state of impasse to express their frustration at what they perceived as the OUS management dragging its feet in the labor negotiations.

As part of the impasse situation, the OUS was required by law to submit its final offer within seven days of the impasse announcement

few problems, but at times people park illegally, litter and are loud.

But Hinkley said Fairgrounds Director Mike Gleason takes effective steps to lessen the fair's impact on the neighborhood.

"The fairgrounds is being very considerate," Hinkley said. "Those of us who are aware of it are not without our appreciation."

He said during the shows, the event staff have control over the amplifiers so that decibel levels can be turned down if the neighbors complain, and fair workers place trash containers in the neighborhoods so that trash won't accumulate in the street.

Although parking at the fairgrounds is free, fair organizers pay the Lane Transit District \$27,000 for the week so that all rides anywhere in the city cost only 25 cents and special shuttles run every 15 to 20 minutes from the LTD Eugene Station, Valley River Center and South Eugene High School.

**2001 Fair Highlights:**

**Tuesday: All day** — Motor sports including monster trucks, sprint cars and drivers signing autographs.


**7:30 p.m.** — Collin Raye with Amy Clawson. Reserve tickets for all main stage shows are \$12.50 through FASTIXX.

**Wednesday: 3 to 7 p.m.** — Members of the WNBA's Portland Fire will present basketball skill drills, games and a hip-hop team demonstration.

**Thursday: 3 to 7 p.m.** — Members of the Portland Trailblazers will showcase basketball skill clinics, give a stunt team demonstration and host games to win Blazer merchandise.

**7:30 p.m.** — 38 Special  
**7:30 p.m.** — Oak Ridge Boys  
**7:30 p.m.** — Pat Benatar  
**Sunday: 4 p.m.** — Wynonna Judd

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