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SHELTER FROM THE STORM

■ First Place Family Center and Eugene Mission are among the organizations that offer help to the homeless

By Marcus Hathcock
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Not long ago, Jennifer Holley was a volunteer for the St. Vincent de Paul service station on Highway 99, working at the client desk. Holley said she saw how effective and giving the organization was when she answered phones and interacted with the homeless people at the station. Little did she know that she would eventually call upon that help herself.

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"Our babies deserve to be warm. They are the future of the world. Even if we don't have homes, our children should be cared for. Life is to be revered. My babies mean everything to me." — Jennifer Holley



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Tim Holley helps five-year-old Katie Clark-Holley (above) into her shoes at the First Place Family Center on Amazon Parkway.

According to Jennifer Holley (left), 'everyone has their own problems,' but she is optimistic about finding a good job.

Additional photos online on the Oregon Daily Emerald Web site.

University settles Saferide lawsuit

■ The University agrees to make modifications to the currently female-exclusive shuttle by March

By Kara Cogswell
 Oregon Daily Emerald

President Dave Frohnmayer signed an agreement with the federal Office for Civil Rights on Oct. 25 to make University transportation services available to both men and women by March 29, 2002.

The agreement concluded a nine-month long investigation of a gender discrimination complaint filed against Project Saferide with the OCR, a division of the U.S. Department of Education.

Saferide is a free shuttle service intended to provide transportation to female students as an alternative to walking alone at night and risking sexual assault. The program is recognized by the ASUO and receives funding from student incidental fees.

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University disconnects the Internet

■ Students lose their connections for violating the federal copyright infringement law

By Marilyn Rice
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The University's Network Services turned off Internet connections to 136 student ports last week for violations of the federal copyright infringement law.

Network Services, the department that controls the University's access to the Internet, said students living in University residence halls were using peer-to-peer, file-sharing applications to download movies and music. The applications that students used, such as Kazaa and Morpheus, enabled other Internet users to upload students' files.

"It's not as big of a problem for the University if a student downloads material for personal use," Network Services director Dale Smith said. "The problem occurs for the University when students use these software applications to share their files with potentially thousands or millions of users on the Internet."

The University's acceptable use policy states that "copying proprietary software" is prohibited. Turn to Internet access, page 4

Lively celebration planned for Day of the Dead

■ Music and speakers will mark Día de los Muertos, a Mexican holiday that honors the dead for 24 hours

By Anna Seeley
 Oregon Daily Emerald

With dancing, poetry, live music and guest speakers, MEChA and community members are celebrating the 20th year of Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, at the University.

Día de los Muertos is a traditional Mexican holiday in celebration of the dead starting on Nov. 1 and ending Nov. 2. On Nov. 1, cemeteries in Mexico are open 24 hours, and people come to the cemeteries and eat, drink and spend the night in celebration.

To honor the traditional Mexican holiday, MEChA, the Hispanic and Chicano student union, is holding a celebration in the International Student Lounge today from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The event will feature dancers, poetry readings and a presentation on the history of the celebration. A band will also perform "corridos," which are songs for older people, MEChA programs coordinator Alina Hernandez said.

In addition to the celebration on campus, there will be an art exhibit starting Friday and running through Nov. 24 at the Jacobs Gallery in the Hult Center.

MEChA community advisor Armando Morales said he brought Día de los Muertos to Eugene for the first time in 1981. Ever since then it has been celebrated

every year with the same offerings and the same festivities, he said. What started in Eugene has since grown, and surrounding communities are also celebrating the Mexican holiday, he said.

"Now a lot of people know about Día de los Muertos," Morales said.

For the event, MEChA is constructing an "ofrenda," or altar, that is traditionally built during the holiday for family members that have passed away. Candles, incense and flowers are placed on the altar, along with photographs of the deceased.

"The candles are so (the dead) can find their way back," Sonya Villasenor, MEChA recruitment and retention officer said.

What: MEChA celebration of Día de los Muertos — Day of the Dead

Where: International Student Lounge

When: 6-7:30 p.m. tonight

Source: MEChA

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