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Astrologer Johanna Mitchell blended 35 years of experience reading the planets with the performance charisma of Rosie O'Donnell while giving her predictions for Eugene in 2002. Mitchell said the University has some good fortune in store, but unfortunately not for sports.

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Dark star rising

■ A local astrologer makes predictions for the world, the city and the university

By Mason West
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Eugene astrologer Johanna Mitchell has two keywords for the world in 2002: Confusion and uncertainty. But Mitchell hopes these mental states will cause people to re-evaluate and make room for peace.

Mitchell gave her predictions for the Eugene community and commented on some world events Wednesday night at Tsunami Books. She said 2002 will not be an easy year and people will certainly be glad when its over, but that doesn't mean good things can't happen.

"If you can offer to the world something

to be optimistic about, this is a great year," she said.

One of Mitchell's optimistic predictions was for the University: funding will increase sometime in May or June. Mitchell said although the odds for the University receiving money may look slim right now, "it's in the chart."

The chart Mitchell reads contains the location of the planets at the time of a person's birth. In the case of Eugene, it is the date the city was founded. Mitchell then uses the interplay between the cycle of the planets in the current year and the individual chart to predict events by noticing dominant forces created by the planets' interaction.

The planets also have good fortune in store for Eugene, possibly in the form of a Hollywood

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EMU Board votes to keep tobacco sales

■ Bookstore officials say the issue is a moral one, while EMU representatives say it's all about choice

By Kara Cogswell
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The EMU Board of Directors on Wednesday upheld the decision to sell tobacco products in the EMU, a sharp contrast to the University Bookstore's decision last month to eliminate sales.

The University Bookstore board of directors decided Dec. 4 that selling tobacco is unethical and discontinued sales Friday. But the majority of EMU Board members disagreed Wednesday. They saw it as an issue of choice — and finances.

Tobacco products will still be sold at the EMU convenience store Erb Essentials. EMU board members voted 10-4 to reject a motion to end sales at the store.

At the bookstore, where cigarette sales make up less than 1 percent of total annual sales, directors made their decision based largely on the health risks associated with smoking, bookstore general manager Jim Williams said.

"We know — I know — that cigarettes kill people," he said. "Why would you sell something that you know kills people?"

EMU Board Chairwoman Christa Shively disagreed. Erb Essentials does not advertise or encourage students to smoke, she said, and students can make their own decision as to whether they want to buy tobacco products.

"For me, it's not an issue of morals or ethics," she said. "It's an issue of choice."

Before the meeting, board members examined information about tobacco sales policies at other Pacific-10 Conference schools. Board member Jake Holcombe argued that the EMU — which makes nearly \$30,000 a year from tobacco sales — had more to lose than schools that have halted campus tobacco sales.

"No one else was stuck between a rock and a hard place like we are," he said. "No one else was facing the fiscal repercussions we are."

The board's decision ends a debate that began in October when biology professor V. Pat Lombardi asked the board to end tobacco sales in the EMU. The board discussed the is-

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Celebration of King looks at Sept. 11

■ Events aim to re-examine Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream in light of the global situation

By Diane Huber
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Black Student Union co-director Haben Woldu worries that people today associate Martin Luther King Jr. with a three-day weekend in the middle of January — and not the implications of King's accomplishments.

That concern is addressed in the theme of this month's celebration of King's life: "Redefining the Dream."

"We want to remind people what the dream is all about, because people seem to forget," Woldu said.

The month's events begin at 5 p.m. today with a discussion of the current global situation with

writer, poet and political activist Amiri Baraka in the Gumwood Room of the EMU. Steve Morozumi, program advisor for the Multicultural Center, described Baraka as "the father of the black arts movement," and said Baraka will read some of his poetry and discuss the relation between King's dream and world events since Sept. 11.

Coordinators of the annual event said this year's celebration is different from past years because it will focus on King's vision for civil rights within the context of the current global situation.

Assistant Dean of Diversity Programs Mark Tracy, one of the celebration coordinators, said many of King's philosophies are still relevant today.

The celebration events show "how (King's) vision has changed society and how can we continue his work in the face of

these changes," he said.

Since Sept. 11, both global and local communities are coming together, he said.

"King is known for trying to bring communities together," he said. "What was King's vision of coming together in a nonviolent way? How can we manifest that vision in today's situation?"

Morozumi said he thinks many people haven't studied King closely and know little about him beyond his "dream."

"The month's events force one to pause and reflect on how much of his dream has been accomplished," he said. "The dream King had of a fully democratic democracy is yet to be fulfilled."

Tracy added that although King is almost a folk legend in America, most people associate him only with nonviolent civil

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Mayor criticizes city's approach to business

■ Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey's state of the city address focused on luring companies to the area, transportation and the tax base

By Marty Toohey
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The City Council "lost track" of economic issues over the last three years and some policies resulted in "unintended consequences," Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey said during his sixth annual state of the city address Wednesday.

He said that Eugene has developed a reputation "as a city that is not open for business," and that he is working with a consulting firm to create a questionnaire for prospective businesses to determine what it will take to bring businesses into Eugene and keep them here.

"Business as usual in Eugene just won't get it done," he said.

City Councilor David Kelly, whose district includes the University, said Torrey should have mentioned specific incidents before talking about unintended consequences.

"To me, his comments go back to an old dichotomy," Kelly said. "I don't believe there is a dichotomy of jobs versus regulation or the environment."

Kelly said problems lie not in the regulations the city has passed, but in the city staff's implementation of the regulation.

Torrey addressed University President Dave Frohnmayer directly during the speech and proposed a new park-and-ride site in the Autzen Stadium parking lot. His plan would also include widening and reinforcing the Autzen

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