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Students Athena Sappe, Cori Galloway, Earl Logan, Jaime Grimaldo and Tyler Winn pack Room 106 of Bean Complex's Caswell Hall.

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Airport to screen checked baggage

■ Eugene Airport officials have questions about new security rules that take effect Friday

By Brook Reinhard
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Federal aviation officials have yet to contact the Eugene Airport regarding new baggage screening that goes into effect Friday.

Starting in just two days, security officials must screen every checked bag before it's placed on a plane, and the process must be overseen by federal officials.

But airport operations director Mike Coontz said that the Transportation Security Administration hasn't contacted anyone at the airport to discuss procedures.

"Until we see this federal oversight, we'll have a lot of questions that remain unanswered," Coontz said.

Officials have questioned whether the 450 U.S. airports can have the system in place by Friday. Almost two months ago, Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta asked if the Jan. 18 deadline was premature. However, transportation officials now say they are on track to meet the Friday requirement.

"We fully intend to meet the deadline," said Hank Price, spokesman for
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Hoping to build more than just a 'residence'

University Housing has proposed building a bigger and better residence hall

By Diane Huber
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University residence halls are bursting at the seams — or, rather, at the cement walls — that define each 147 square foot cubicle in the Bean complex. With the number of incoming freshmen higher than ever this winter term, University Housing Director Mike Eyster said the residence halls can barely hold any more students.

But he said the University is also losing prospective students to schools with more spacious accommodations, and older students are moving to off-campus housing.

Overcrowded and unappealing rooms prompted University Housing and the Honors College to submit a proposal to construct a new residence hall. Construction would begin no earlier than 2005 and would cost approximately \$27 million, Eyster said. Kashe

Brooks, a sophomore theater design major, is one of about 17 percent of University students who return to the residence halls for a second year, a number Eyster said is low compared to other universities. Brooks said she thinks of her residence hall room as separate from her school life.

"The first impression I got is that the dorms are on this side, and the campus

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King celebration should focus on civil rights history, panelists say



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■ 'What Would MLK Say?' speakers criticize attention given to 'great men and wars'

By Leon Tovey
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While Tuesday night's "What Would MLK Say?" event was billed as a discussion of Martin Luther King Jr.'s impact on the civil rights movement, the five-person panel quickly shifted the focus from the late civil rights leader to the need for a more complete understanding of the history behind the movement.

"History gets boiled down," Assistant English Professor Jayna Brown said. "The story comes to us that one day there was a woman named Rosa Parks on a bus and she was too tired to give up her seat, and then all of a sudden things started happening and Martin Luther King came and helped."

Brown, who works in the Ethnic Studies Program, told the nearly 50 people in attendance that the reality of the civil rights movement has been condensed by mainstream historians who have canonized King.

"We have to rethink history" she said. "Not of great men and wars, but of collective movements."

Brown's statement was echoed by the panel's moderator, Assistant History Professor Martin Summers, who said the civil rights movement was "a movement of grassroots activism."

The reason the movement was successful,

Brown said, was because it had been built up over a period of years by a variety of groups, ranging from church congregations to tenants' leagues with ties to the Communist Party.

Henry Alley, a professor in the Robert Donald Clark Honors College, drew parallels between the black civil rights movement and the gay rights movement — both of which are ongoing. Alley recalled seeing King give a speech in Seattle when he was in high school and being impressed by the non-violent, but direct, action that was King's trademark.

"Like Martin Luther King, I have a dream," Alley said. "That anyone could walk down the street and not feel threatened."

Audience members responded positively to the panel. Haden Woldu, co-director of the Black Student Union, addressed the issue of the ongoing struggle for equality and ended by asking "As a student of color, what can I do?"

Rebecca Roebig, a former University student and member of the group Justice Network Coalition, said that while she enjoyed the event, she thought the panel was mostly "preaching to the choir."

"I liked it, but I would've liked to see more dialogue," she said. "The panel was agreeing about everything."

Panel member Henry Alley (center) fields a question from the audience at Tuesday night's "What Would MLK Say" event. The event, which also included panelists Jayna Brown (right) and Tim McMahon, drew a crowd of nearly 50 people to the International Student Lounge.

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