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## Towering over hunger

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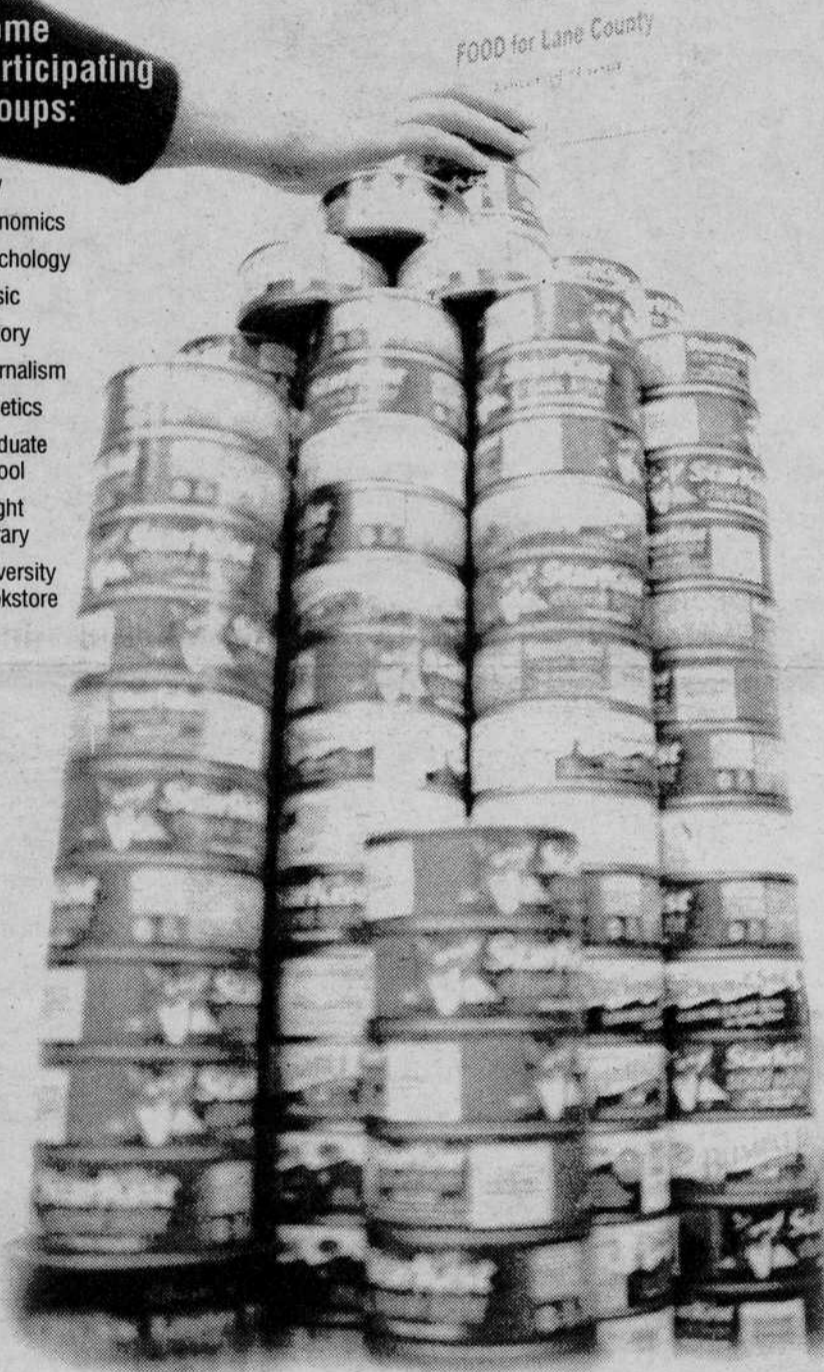


Photo illustration by Adam Amato and Heather Gee-Pape Emerald

■ Various departments on campus are collecting canned food donations to donate to Food for Lane County

By Katie Franz  
for the Emerald

There's something fishy going on at the law school.

Construction is under way to create a "Tower of Tuna" in the Knight Law Center reception office on the first floor. Currently, almost 150 cans of tuna are forming the base of the tower, which so far is only about ten cans high. According to Norma Allensworth, the development officer of the law school and instigator of the tuna tower, more tuna is needed.

The reason for building this new structure is the campuswide food drive that started at the end of January and will continue until March 4. "There are 650 people in the building, students and faculty combined, so our goal is for each person to bring in at least one can of tuna to add to the tower," Allensworth said. "But, of course, everybody is welcome to bring in tuna for this great cause."

Allensworth heard about the tower of tuna concept at the initial campus employee food drive meeting and thought it would be a good idea, especially as protein foods are in high demand this year, she said. The law school is working on a "Bastion of Beans" to accompany its tuna tower.

The University has been holding food drives in cooperation with Food for Lane County for more than 10 years. The adoption of this annual practice

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## Governor says budget deal moves closer

■ Despite continued disagreement over the budget, some cuts and revenue sources are already approved

By Leon Tovey  
Oregon Daily Emerald

In his latest proposal to balance the state's 2001-03 budget, Gov. John Kitzhaber on Tuesday vetoed six bills from the special legislative session that concluded Feb. 11 and threatened to veto more before he calls the Legislature back into session on Feb. 25.

While Kitzhaber and the Legislature continue to spar over what cuts and additional sources of revenue are needed to patch the \$830 million hole in the state's biennial budget, the governor pointed to \$295 million in agreed-upon cuts and \$284 million in agreed-upon revenue sources as a sign that they're getting close to an agreement.

For higher education, that agreement may have already been made. While Kitzhaber vetoed bills that would have cut money from the Oregon Health Plan and borrowed money from the Common School Fund, he made no mention of bills which would cut \$48 million from the Oregon University System.



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could live with.

"If the numbers stay with what's been predicted, it's highly unlikely that the kinds of cuts we will have to make will be cuts to academic programs," he said.

Moseley said cost-cutting measures the University had already made, combined with revenue from an expected enrollment increase next year will allow the University to meet the proposed cuts. But the debate is still far from over, and Moseley said he wouldn't declare victory until after the budget was finalized.

"We're still biting our fingernails," he said.

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## Housing code faces road blocks

By Marty Toohey  
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Like in years past, the ASUO and candidates running for next year's student government are pushing hard for Eugene to implement a code to regulate housing conditions across the city.

Previous executives, just like current ASUO President Nilda Brooklyn and Vice President Joy Nair, have advocated for the city to regulate rent control, minimum standards for energy efficiency and number of bathrooms per resident, among other elements of student living.

But city administrators said Eugene simply can't afford to enforce a code. Sunna Murray, a city development planner, said a recent budget report indicates funding a regulatory agency to monitor housing conditions isn't possible.

"There just wasn't any money available for something like this last time we

took a look at the number," Murray said.

Eugene maintained its own code from 1966-1983 but also had to cut it due to lacking funds. More recently, the city created a nine-member advisory board, which studied housing issues in Eugene from 1995-1997 and created several recommendations for the implementation of a code.

Again, the city council nixed the proposal because it couldn't find enough money.

"Basically, what it came down to was that all the work done by that committee couldn't be put to use because of a lack of money," Murray said.

The state of Oregon has its own housing code, but student government members said the state version is only a vague blueprint from which cities or counties could draft their own codes.

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## Online voting starts today

The ASUO primary election begins today. Students can vote online on DuckWeb — [duckweb.uoregon.edu](http://duckweb.uoregon.edu) — from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today through Friday. The ballot is under the DuckWeb student menu. Unless one ASUO Executive candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote, the primary will determine which two tickets face off in the general election Feb. 27 to March 1.

Ten Executive tickets are on the primary ballot. Twenty-two candidates are running for 18 ASUO Student Senate seats. The primary will determine who wins senate seats that have one or two candidates running. For senate Seat 7 and senate Seat 14, which each have three candidates running, the two who receive the most votes will advance to the general election, unless one candidate wins more than 50 percent of the vote.

Other positions on the ballot include two member at-large seats on the ASUO Programs Finance Committee, at-large senate seats and one EMU Board member at-large position. One candidate is running for the Associated Students Presidential Advisory Council. No

candidates are running for the Athletic Department Finance Committee member at-large position or the Student Recreation and Fitness Advisory Board.

Information about the candidates and their platforms is included in the ASUO Voter's Guide, which was printed in Tuesday's Emerald. The Voter's Guide will also be available on DuckWeb. Primary election results will be posted Friday at [www.dailyemerald.com](http://www.dailyemerald.com).

— Kara Cogswell



A lack of funds is making it difficult to develop citywide housing regulation