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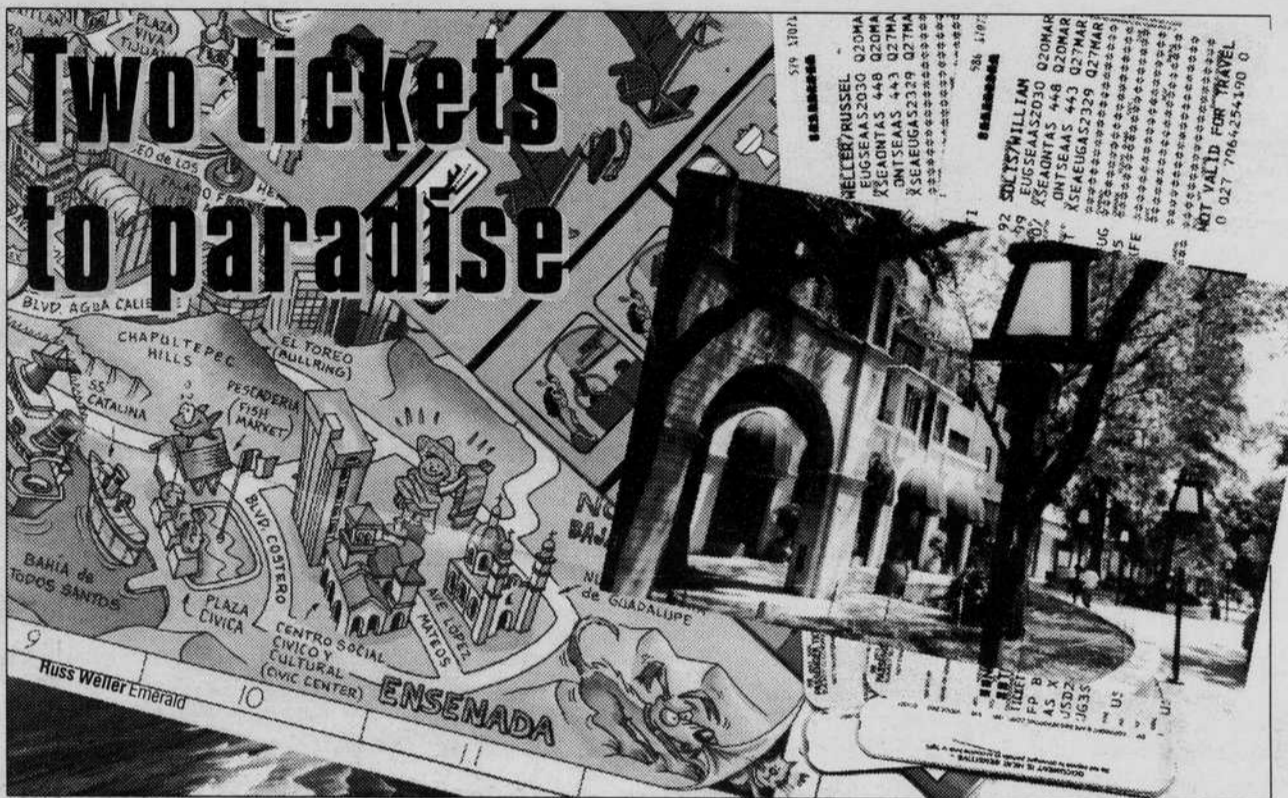
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Two tickets to paradise



Students who have not made their spring break travel plans are not out of luck — there are options

By Robin Weber
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The last rounds of midterms are winding to a close. Unused text books are being dusted off in preparation for buyback days. The sun is even making a guest appearance on campus — sometimes. This can only mean one thing: spring break is coming.

For students who have yet to plan where they're going the last week of March, there is still hope.

While this weeklong break from stud-

ies between winter and spring terms is notorious for parties in tropical getaways, not all students are headed for the sun.

Freshman Kelly Carpenter and her family are heading abroad to meet up with her sister studying in Italy. Even with booking the reservations in December, her family still had to foot a bill of between \$700 and \$800. This is not uncommon.

"Most students bought their tickets in November or December because the airline space sells so soon," Eugene Tour and Travel agent Cheri Smith said. While her office is not offering any special student rates, they are working with the Student Travel Network, a private travel wholesaler that provides students age 25

and younger international trips at a fraction of the cost they would normally pay.

Smith's office has seen more patronage from older students who are looking to step out and try something new.

"This year, I see the younger students are tending to stick around or go home," she said.

For students who are taking trips, however, distance is no object. Many of Smith's student customers are hitting Cancun and Europe — especially France and Italy — this year.

Online travel service Expedia.com recently listed spring hot spots as Hawaii, Miami, Las Vegas, New York, Mexico and ski resorts across the map. Although

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Student runs for city council in May primary

Former ASUO vice president candidate Maco Stewart says he will campaign on student issues and stay in Eugene four years if elected

By Brook Reinhard
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University political science major Maco Stewart, who lost a bid for ASUO vice president two weeks ago, is running again — this time to represent Eugene City Council Ward 3.

Stewart will face a tough May 21 primary election opponent in incumbent City Council President David Kelly. Ward 3 encompasses the campus and much of the surrounding University neighborhoods.

Stewart's ASUO Executive running mate, Greg McNeil, said Stewart has shown interest in the city council for some time but wanted to follow through on his promise to run for executive first.

"He's not doing this because we lost," McNeil said.

Stewart, a junior, said he's ready to represent students at the city level.



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"I've been living here for a couple years," he said. "It doesn't seem that anyone cares about students at all."

Stewart said he believes that students often are the victim of negative attention from city officials and the Eugene Police Department.

"They single us out for abuse but don't do anything to help us," he said. Kelly said the council does care about students, and voters should consider his track record with the city since 1999.

"I'm going to continue working hard, as I have these past four years, for Eugene's long-term viability," he said.

Kelly recently came to represent the University when the council redrew ward districts in November. Ward 3 has

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University ranks high on national green-friendly study

A national federation recognized outstanding efforts in recycling and environmental consciousness

By Katie Ellis
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The University received national recognition for its efforts to develop and maintain a sustainable campus when the National Wildlife Federation ranked the University as one of the top schools in four of 17 categories in its recent "State of the Campus Environment: National Report Card on Environmental Performance and Sustainability in Higher Education."

The University was recognized for employing environmental administrators and coordinators, for recycling efforts and for maintaining an environmentally friendly campus.

Jo Voss, campus organizer for the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group, moved to Eugene from Massachusetts. Voss said she is impressed with the University's recycling program, and it is worthy

of this national recognition.

"I'm impressed with the recycling program," Voss said. "It is definitely better here. I applaud the recycling program."

The report focuses on environmental performance and sustainability in higher education. The NWF asked colleges and universities in the United States to describe their environmental practices, including recycling, landscaping, transportation, campus environmental policies, curriculum and energy use. Approximately 891 schools participated in the survey — 22 percent of all the higher education institutions in the country.

"It was the first comprehensive study of campus environmental sustainability," said Kathy Cacciola, coordinator in the NWF campus ecology program. "The study wanted to get a baseline reading on the environmental performances of colleges and universities. It's really important to know where we are now."

The project was designed to gather information on what colleges and universities were doing

to create and model solutions to environmental problems. While there is extensive information available regarding enrollment and costs, there is little information on environmental practices at colleges and universities. Cacciola said environmental aspects should be another element of higher education, and the study was designed to gauge how U.S. colleges and universities develop and maintain a sustainable campus.

Karyn Kaplan, recycling program manager, said the University has an incredibly strong recycling and grounds management program but there are other environmental programs that were not recognized in the report.

"It's exciting to be recognized," Kaplan said. "But there are other areas that they didn't rank us on. The University is one of the first schools to implement campus environmental policies that many schools modeled themselves after. We are on the cutting edge of campus sustainability."

Staying on that edge is the focus of the University's sustainable de-



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Jessica Sims (right) and Joey Smith-Howard gather paper and cardboard for the University's recycling program, which has won national acclaim.

velopment plan, which went into effect Feb. 15. The plan focuses on existing and future landscaping and building development.

The report also recognized the efforts of Central Oregon Community College, Lane Community College,

Lewis and Clark College, Portland Community College, Portland State University, Willamette University and University of Portland.

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