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outer lanes should be used for walking and jogging.

During winter term, Heinonen said, crews repaired the older east grandstands, and the vertical highbeams of the grandstands were repainted as of Thursday. Tom Jordan, meet director of the 2002 Prefontaine Classic, said water had seeped into the top of the 70-yearold grandstands, and dry rot had formed, which painters discovered last year.

Jordan said this year's 28th annual Prefontaine Classic event, featuring some of the greatest athletes in the world, is set for May 26.

The 1,000 bleacher seats at the corner of 15th Avenue and Agate Street were removed fall term. There are no plans to replace the condemned bleachers because they are only used for seating at the Prefontaine Classic. But Jordan said recent repairs to 1,200 seats in the east grandstands — a more than \$300,000 project - will open up seating for the upcoming meet. Heinonen said Hayward Field is a place that holds pride and character.

People have been doing victory laps here for decades - spontaneously," he said.

The loss of the bleacher seats at the corner of 15th and Agate will serve as an opportunity to maintain that unique history, Heinonen said. The area will be transformed to feature monuments to past athletes and coaches, while acting as a gathering space outside the stadium for receptions and offering a permanent concession stand.

Steve McBride, assistant director of internal operations with the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, said upgrading that corner will create an entrance plaza or "front door to the facility."

We made a decision to take (the bleachers) out because it was not cost effective to leave them there in terms of the repairs that were needed," McBride said. From three U.S. Olympic Trials to numerous National Collegiate Athletic Association championships, the long list of achievements of coaches and athletes will be recognized in this space, McBride said. While he said specifics haven't been defined as to who will be acknowledged or when the project will be completed, an architect has done sketches of potential uses for that space.

McBride added that the "mystique of Hayward Field" has evolved through the series of "Bills" who have coached men's track and field - Bill Hayward (for whom the field is named), Bill Bowerman, Bill Dellinger and now the present men's track and field head coach, Martin Smith.

High jumper Rachael Kriz said compared to other track stadiums at colleges she has traveled to so far this season, Hayward Field is best around.

"The overall quality of maintenance at Hayward is superior," she said.

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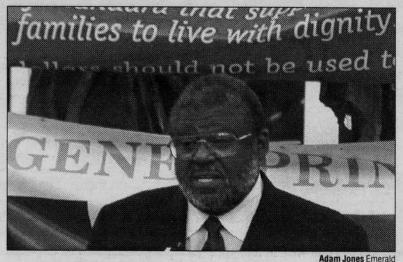
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in a speech in 1967. According to Dalton, King said:

The curse of poverty has no justification in our age. It is socially as cruel and blind as the practice of cannibalism at the dawn of civilization; when men ate each other, when they had not yet learned to take food from the soil or to consume the abundant animal life around them. The time has come for us to civilize ourselves by the total, direct and immediate abolition of poverty.'

Dalton added that we, as a society, have confused human rights with property rights, given that Oregon's poverty rate is the highest in the nation. According to ESSN, 70 percent of those in poverty are working full time.

The Eugene living wage ordinance will require the city of Eugene, large city contractors that have bids larger than \$10,000 and private businesses that receive subsidies of \$25,000 or more,



Charles Dalton, speaking on behalf of the Eugene Living Wage Campaign, quotes Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., 'The curse of poverty has no justification in our age.

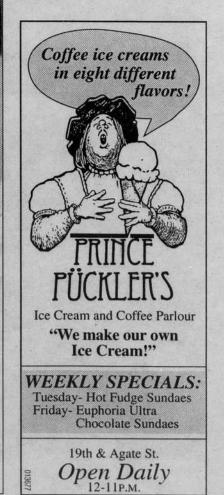
to pay their workers a wage of \$11.42 per hour plus health insurance. Businesses that do not provide health insurance will have to provide wages equaling \$14.28 per hour.

The ordinance, if passed, will

cost \$360,000 in the first year and \$829,000 in its final phase three vears from now.

Businesses such as Hynix will be directly affected by the ordinance because of the subsidies they receive. According to a survey by the Lane Workforce Board, the average pay at Hynix is \$9.00 an hour, which is far below the wage proposed by the ordinance.

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