## News briefs

### Children's Center has been approved

After months of appeals, the proposal for the East Campus Children's Center has cleared its final roadblocks and construction is under way.

Nov. 12, the Eugene Planning Commission approved the University's conditional use permit for the proposed center. Area residents had 21 days to appeal the decision to the Land Use Board of Appeals. No appeal was filed, and the plan received final clearance in mid-December.

Child care center proposals went through several drafts before being accepted by the community. Changes to the plan revolved around the University's desire to work with area neighbors in the creation of the center.

The construction of the center is the first step of the University's 20year plan for the East Campus neighborhood. The long term plan concerns the area east of campus, bordering East 19th Avenue and Villard Street. No immediate construction plans have been made for the area. Instead the plan seeks to outline future development goals and guiding principles for future

The University Planning Committee has been working with neighborhood groups and University personnel in the formation of the long-term plan. Two open houses were held in early December to gather input and comments from community members.

The Campus Planning Committee will meet in the EMU Fir Room at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 17, to discuss revisions to the long-term development policy of the East Campus area - Aimee Rudin

## EMU pumps cause temperature extremes

The buzz in The Buzz Coffeehouse on Wednesday was the balmy weather. Temperatures in The Buzz reached a high of 84 degrees, while other parts of the EMU experienced lows of 54

EMU facilities manager Dana Winitzky said the fluctuating temperatures were thanks to a faulty heating pump that pulls steam from the physical plant.

"Our system is 50 years old," Winitzky said. "We had to pull a few rabbits out of our hats to find some pumps to fix the problem."

The 50-year-old pumps failed shortly before winter break, forcing EMU employees to use electric space-heaters to warm their offices. Winitzky said the broken pumps were the biggest disaster to hit the EMU since flooding in 1996 submerged parts of the building in a foot of water.

"If we had lost our system, we'd be in trouble," Winitzky said. "We would have had to close down parts of the building.

Winitzky said the rejuvenated heating system was flooding the EMU with hot air, and the first place to receive the heat was lower levels of the building.

Patrons of The Buzz, located on the ground floor of the EMU, can expect tropical weather for the rest of the weekend while maintenance personnel bleed radiator lines in an effort to bring building temperatures back to a cost-effective 72 degrees.

Assistant Food Service Director Victoria Varble-Goss, who manages The Buzz, said the temperature hasn't affected sales.

"If it lasts for a while, I'll ask employees to wear grass skirts," Varble-Goss said. "We will have

tropical drinks."

- Andrew Black

# Sign-making in honor of MLK Jr.

Eugene residents are invited to make signs in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day as well as world peace from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Washington Park Community Center, located on Washington Street between 19th and 21st avenues.

International Studies major Kara Steffensen, one of the event's organizers, said she hopes people will come and create vard signs and posters on peace.

"It's our effort to create a more peaceful world, given the current situation," she said. Steffensen said the signs will be used during MLK Day demonstrations in Eugene and Portland.

"We are trying to link the values (Martin Luther King Jr.) talked about with our need to create peace in the world," Steffensen said. In line with Dr. King's teachings, Steffensen said she hopes people will judge Americans by the "content of our character and not the size of

There will also be a talk by Gayle Landt, Oregon director of the national organization Beyond War, on new community approaches to changing the way people think

Materials to make the signs will be provided, but Steffensen said attendees can bring more materials such as duet tape, old political signs and contact paper.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Steffensen at 344-4943

- Ayisha Yahya

### **New Car Expo returns**

The Assistance League of Eugene is hosting its fifth annual New Car Expo as a fundraising benefit for the Operation School Bell project, in conjunction with Eugene/Springfield New Car Dealers Association.

All money raised from the S3 admission fee will be donated to the Assistance League. Proceeds will help fund community services such as Operation School Bell, which provided new clothing for 800 children of low-income families last year, according to organizer Jan Callahan of the Assistance League.

The event will also help fund Assistance League projects such as Children's Dental Clinic, the Lane County Historical Museum's Oregon Heritage Program and the Hug A Bear project, which provides immediate support for traumatized youth, she said.

"The show benefits our projects and helps the community as well,' Callahan said.

No cars will be available for purchase at the expo in order to promote the event as a charity fundraiser.

"The dealers wanted it to be a non-selling show from the start so people would be more interested to come out," Callahan said. "It's a more relaxed atmosphere that way, and all under one warm roof."

One of many highlights of the New Car Expo will be a 1949 Ford Woody Wagon.

The first 500 children through the door will receive a free Hot Wheels car.

Jessica Richelderfer

### Ready for your close-up?

Students who want to "spring break" into acting careers won't even need to leave campus this winter. Universal Pictures will hold an open casting call for the upcoming reality movie, "Spring Break: The Movie," on Jan. 17. The company, which created the reality series "The Bachelor," said "Spring Break" will be the first ever reality movie.

Casting agents will select six to 10 University students to spend spring vacation being filmed in Cancun. Auditions will take place on or near campus, though the exact location has not been announced.

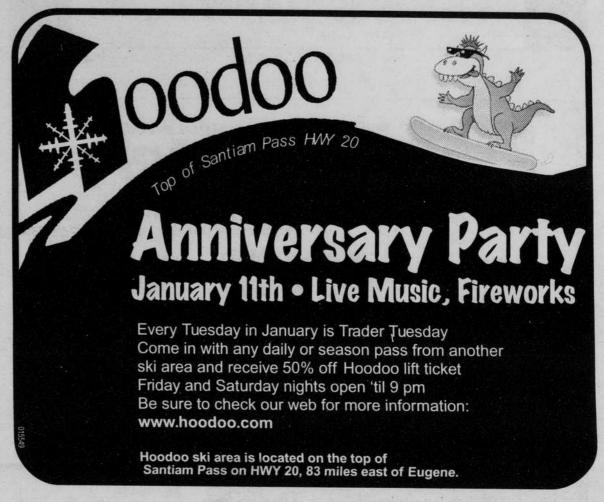
Students interested in auditioning must be at least 18 years old. Bring a valid student ID and a recent photograph. For more information, aspiring movie stars can call the Universal Pictures toll-free information line at (866) 804-0786.

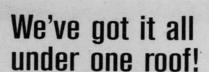
Look for more detailed information in Thursday's Emerald.

- Jacquelyn Lewis



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