

News briefs

Committee tackles Fairmount area future

The University Campus Planning Committee will hold a public hearing Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the EMU Fir Room to discuss revisions to the East Campus Area long-term plan.

University planners have tried to alleviate neighborhood concern about new development by hosting a series of public workshops and discussion forums. However, several neighbors and past residents still express discontent for the plan and implications it may have for the area.

The hearing will address revisions and amendments stemming from community input received at a Nov. 4 committee meeting.

The area, commonly called the Fairmount neighborhood, stretches from Agate Street to Villard Street and from East 19th Avenue to East 15th Avenue. It contains approximately 100 residential homes, two-thirds of which would be destroyed or removed after full implementa-

tion of the 20-year plan.

"This area has been a haven for low-income University students and their families," wrote University alumna M.L. Walden, in a letter to the editor published in the Emerald. "Without the low rent housing in this neighborhood, thousand of past University families could not have afforded the education they sought."

For more information, contact the University Planning Office at 346-5562.

— Aimee Rudin

Forum to explore looming Iraq war

The University Senate and ASUO will host a public forum Tuesday called "The University and the Iraq Crisis." The event will take place in the EMU Ballroom from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Overflow seating will be available at 180 PLC, which will have with a live video feed of the event.

Members of the University community will speak, including President Dave Frohnmayer, who will address "The Role of Universities in Times of National and International Crisis." Senate Vice President Low-

ell Bowditch and ASUO Campus Outreach Coordinator Hilary Araki will provide opening remarks.

Other scheduled speakers are geography Professor Alec Murphy on "Putting the Iraq Crisis in Geopolitical Perspective," history Professor Daniel Pope on "Historical Perspectives on Student Peace Activism" and sociology professor Greg McLauchlan on "U.S. Foreign Policy and Its Critics."

McLauchlan said the forum will offer the University community a chance to further discuss and learn about the potential war with Iraq.

"The purpose of the forum is to provide multiple perspectives on the causes, potential consequences and possible solutions to the international crisis regarding Iraq," McLauchlan explained. "We will also examine the constructive role the University and broader community can play in a time when we face a threat of major war."

— Jennifer Bear

The Break shoots for a 'break-even budget'

The EMU Board voted unanimously to approve The Break's

\$85,750 operating budget for the 2003-04 fiscal year. It was the only program covered in Thursday afternoon's budget hearing.

The Break, the pool hall located on the EMU's ground floor, is funded through student incidental fees and must meet annually with the EMU board budget committee to secure funding for the next year.

In the past, The Break has operated at a deficit. However, changes to the program's operation "have allowed it to be a break-even budget, as opposed to last year when The Break lost about \$45,000," Break Manager Debby Martin explained.

Board member Windy Borman agreed that the proposed budget was a step in the right direction.

"I feel that this budget definitely has the potential to break even this year," Borman said. "This has the potential for us to be fiscally responsible and I feel comfortable putting this forward."

The Break, a former bowling alley, features pool tables, video games, table tennis and a comfortable atmosphere for University students and faculty.

— Aimee Rudin

MLK

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starting the Racism-Free School campaign in Eugene, which has been implemented at several local schools during the past several years.

This event will also recognize K-12 student entries for MLK-related essays, poems and art.

The Eugene and Springfield branch of the NAACP is organizing its annual MLK Day March, which will begin at 9 a.m. and run from the MLK Park on West 10th Avenue and Grant Street to the Eugene Police and Fire Training Center on West Second Avenue and Chambers Street.

The march is meant to draw attention to civil rights and King's life. Marchers will carry signs and traffic will be stopped for the event. Afterward, KLCC commentator Alan Siporin will present the keynote address.

University groups are cosponsoring an entire week of celebration. Leadership workshops, a poetry slam, and hip-hop and gospel music are just a few of the events planned between Tuesday and Jan 29. For information, contact the Black Student Union at 346-4379.

Contact the reporter at romangokhman@dailymerald.com.

Martin Luther King Jr. events**Citywide events celebrating MLK Day**

Martin Luther King Day Celebration
Soreng Theater — Hult Center
Jan. 20 — 6 p.m.
Free

MLK Contest and Celebration
Springfield DoubleTree Hotel
— 3280 Gateway St., Springfield
Jan. 20 — 2 p.m.
Free

NAACP MLK Day March
Starting at MLK Park at West 10th Avenue and Grant Street
Ending at Eugene Police and Fire Training Center at West Second Avenue and Chambers Street
Jan. 20 — marchers should arrive at 8:45 a.m.; the march will begin at 9 a.m.
Free

University events for Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration: The Soul of the Movement

Effective Leadership (workshop)
Oak River Room — EMU
Jan. 21 — 4 p.m.
Free

A Leader's Legacy (workshop)
Oak River Room — EMU
Jan. 22 — 2 p.m.
Free

MLK Awards Luncheon
Gerlinger Lounge — Gerlinger Hall
Jan. 23 — noon
Free

MLK Poetry Celebration
Gerlinger Lounge — Gerlinger Hall

Jan. 24 — 5 p.m.
Admission: one non-perishable food item

Unity Celebration: It's Not Just a Black Thing
Fir Room — EMU
Jan. 27 — 6 p.m.
Free

Goal-setting and Impacting Democracy (workshop)
Location to be announced
Jan. 28 — 4 p.m.
Free

Beyond Black America (documentary)
Multicultural Center — EMU
Jan. 28 — 6:30 p.m.
Free

Sweet Soul Music with keynote speaker and musician Ron Paris
180 PLC
Jan. 29 — 6:30 p.m.
Free

SOURCE: Black Student Union

Make a difference!

Alicia Lindquist and James George taught elementary school children the meaning of sportsmanship during Civil War week.

Volunteer Fair!

Jan 22 & 23 • 10AM - 3PM • EMU Concourse

Volunteer agencies from Eugene will be giving you the opportunity to sign up and help out in the community!

All students welcome!

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