

Leading history

Black History Month person of the day

Daisy Bates was born on Nov. 11, 1914, in Huttig, Ark. Friends of her parents raised her after her mother was murdered for resisting the advances of white men. She met L. C. Bates, an insurance salesman, in 1939 and the two married in 1942. They started their own newspaper, the Arkansas State Press.

The newspaper was a voice for an emerging civil rights movement. They reported on police brutality against blacks and trumpeted the cause of World War II black veterans, who faced discrimination upon return from the war. The veterans' return boosted membership in the NAACP, and Bates became a leader.

After the 1954 Supreme Court decision ruling school segregation illegal, Bates became advisor to the "Little Rock Nine," nine black students slated to attend Little Rock's Central High against the violent efforts of segregationists. Bates and other activists suffered arrest and constant harassment, but the students did attend school in what became a major moment in the civil rights movement.

Bates later worked for the Democratic National Committee and President Lyndon Johnson's administration. She remained a tireless activist until her death Nov. 4, 1999.

— Michael J. Kleckner

News briefs

City Council selects top city manager candidate

The Eugene City Council announced Wednesday that Dennis Taylor of Billings, Mont., is the top candidate for the next city manager.

Taylor, the current city manager of Billings and the former city manager of Missoula and Helena, Mont., was one of two semi-finalists chosen last weekend. Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey joined the City Council to interview five potential candidates, narrowing the field down to two after about 17 hours of interviewing. City officials acknowledged that both semi-finalists would be a good choice for the position, but Taylor emerged as the chief candidate.

City department heads, city union representatives and community organization representatives also participated in the interviewing process.

Taylor held positions as deputy director and chief of staff for the Montana Department of Justice, and served as chief administrative officer for Missoula.

Ward 3 City Councilor David Kelly said Taylor's experience in government impressed him, along with Taylor's dedication to teamwork between the city council and the city manager.

"He's very bright," Kelly said. "I took it as a very good sign that he had done his homework before coming here."

A small group of City Councilors and city staff will visit Montana to complete a thorough background check on Taylor, and a final decision is expected in late February pending "positive results" of the background check.

— Jan Montry

'Weavings' encourages diverse relationships

Weaving New Beginnings, an event designed to bring together students and faculty of color to foster new relationships, will take place in the EMU Ballroom at 6 p.m. tonight. This is the eighth year of the annual

free event, sponsored by The President's Fund, Enrollment Services, Office of Student Affairs, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Multicultural Center, University Housing and the ASUO.

"The point of the reception is to bring people together," ASUO Multicultural Advocate Eddy Morales said. "We're really stressing the interaction."

University President Dave Frohn-mayer will provide the opening address for the event.

"This annual gathering is an important opportunity for us to make individual connections and to celebrate the significance of diversity to our institutional mission," Frohn-mayer said in a statement. "Diversity, in all of its aspects, is essential to effective teaching and learning."

There will also be open mic sessions, where students and faculty can showcase talent in poetry and music.

English Professor Emeritus Edwin Coleman, whose three-member jazz band is scheduled to perform, said the event is a great opportunity for people who usually do not come in contact with each other to interact.

"This is a tremendous opportunity, and I am hoping there will be a large outpouring of not just faculty, but students," Coleman said.

Student and faculty art will be on display, and food and beverages will be served.

— Roman Gokhman

University continues East Campus review

The University Planning Committee will meet Friday in the EMU Coquille Room from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. to continue its review of the 2003 Development Policy for the East Campus Area.

The 20-year development plan includes several suggested projects for the Fairmount Neighborhood. Among these suggestions is a plan for the destruction of two-thirds of the homes in the area. These homes are primarily occupied by low-income University students with families.

This is the third meeting of the planning committee since January. Unlike earlier meetings, there will not be an opportunity for public questions or comments Friday.

After the development plan is finalized and the changes noted in the Fairmount Neighborhood refinement plan, the policy will be sent to the City of Eugene for approval.

Call the University Planning Office at 346-5562 for further information.

— Aimee Rudin

Senate releases IRC funds for poetry event

The Student Senate heard updates from committees, granted a special request for the International Resource Center and debated how to publicize the senate to the student population at its weekly meeting Wednesday night.

A representative from the ASUO Programs Finance Committee said PFC has given 11 groups budget increases, decreased eight groups' budgets and zero-funded three more. A representative for the EMU Board said the entire board has approved the 2003-04 budget for the EMU.

The senate released \$100 from the International Resource Center's food holding account. A representative for IRC said the group is planning to organize a poetry event for students and faculty members to present poems in their original languages.

Senate members debated how to draw attention to the senate before elections in the spring. While some members lobbied for the creation of Student Senate T-shirts, others advocated sponsoring debates to inform students about the senate. By a vote of 12-2, the senate decided to use funding to purchase T-shirts.

ASUO President Rachel Pilliod appeared at the senate meeting to inform the group about the legislative priorities of the Oregon Student Association — tuition, the Oregon Opportunity Grant and the Child Care Block Grant.

— Jennifer Bear

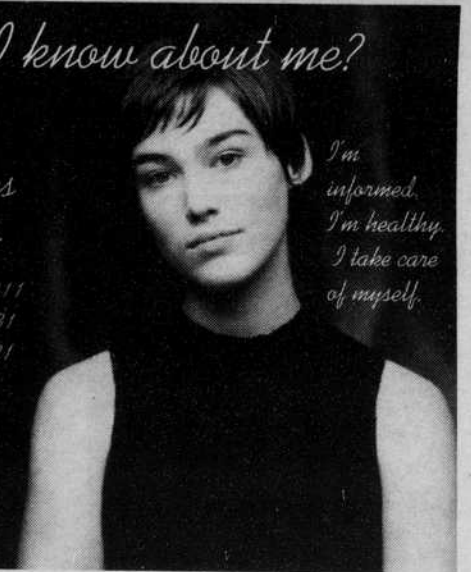
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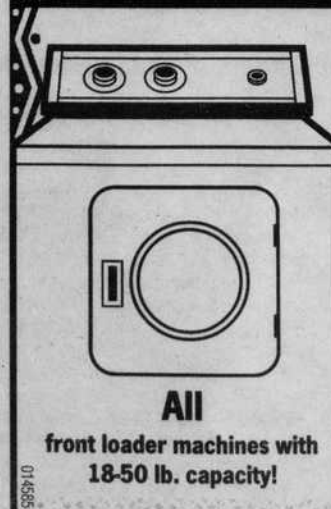
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