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Plans begin for EMU remodel

The University Core Team and MHTN Architects performed a study to gauge University members' wants and needs concerning a remodeled EMU

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The days of the aging EMU are numbered. A \$28.7 million remodeling plan will completely change the facility, according to plans presented at Wednesday's EMU Board meeting.

"There has been a tremendous student growth in the last 10 years," EMU Director Dusty Miller said. "The EMU has become more active as a hub."

The problem is that a large portion of the building is still stuck in 70s. The EMU is designed to be the central area where students congregate, so the EMU Board decided to form the University Core Team to decide how to change the structure. The team, a group of 12 students, three faculty members and one member of the EMU staff, has been responsible for designing a mission

statement that will guide future development of the EMU. The team hired MHTN Architects, a Salt Lake City firm that specializes in the design of university student unions, and together, MHTN and the Core Team performed a three-phase study which has become the EMU Master Plan.

"We want this to be the most inclusive master plan ever," Miller said.

To make sure the plan was inclusive and students had a say in the process, the team began conducting an Internet survey of University
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Venus Festival honors women

ASUO is kicking off the first-ever Venus Festival, which will address women's issues in 26 workshops throughout the weekend

Chelsea Duncan
Freelance Reporter

The first-ever ASUO Venus Festival begins today, giving students and community members a chance to explore issues concerning women and have some fun as well.

"We have everything from belly dancing to yoga," ASUO Health and Women's Advocate Diana Aguilar said.

The festival begins in the EMU Amphitheater at 10 a.m. with information tables from various groups and a chance for students to register for any of the 26 workshops that will take place throughout the weekend. Various musical performers will also be featured during the day.

The workshops, which focus on topics such as women's health care activism and gender diversity, run Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. in the EMU River Rooms. Students and members from several organizations will lead the workshops.

"It's really going to be great to see some students our age putting on these workshops," Aguilar said. "It's really empowering."

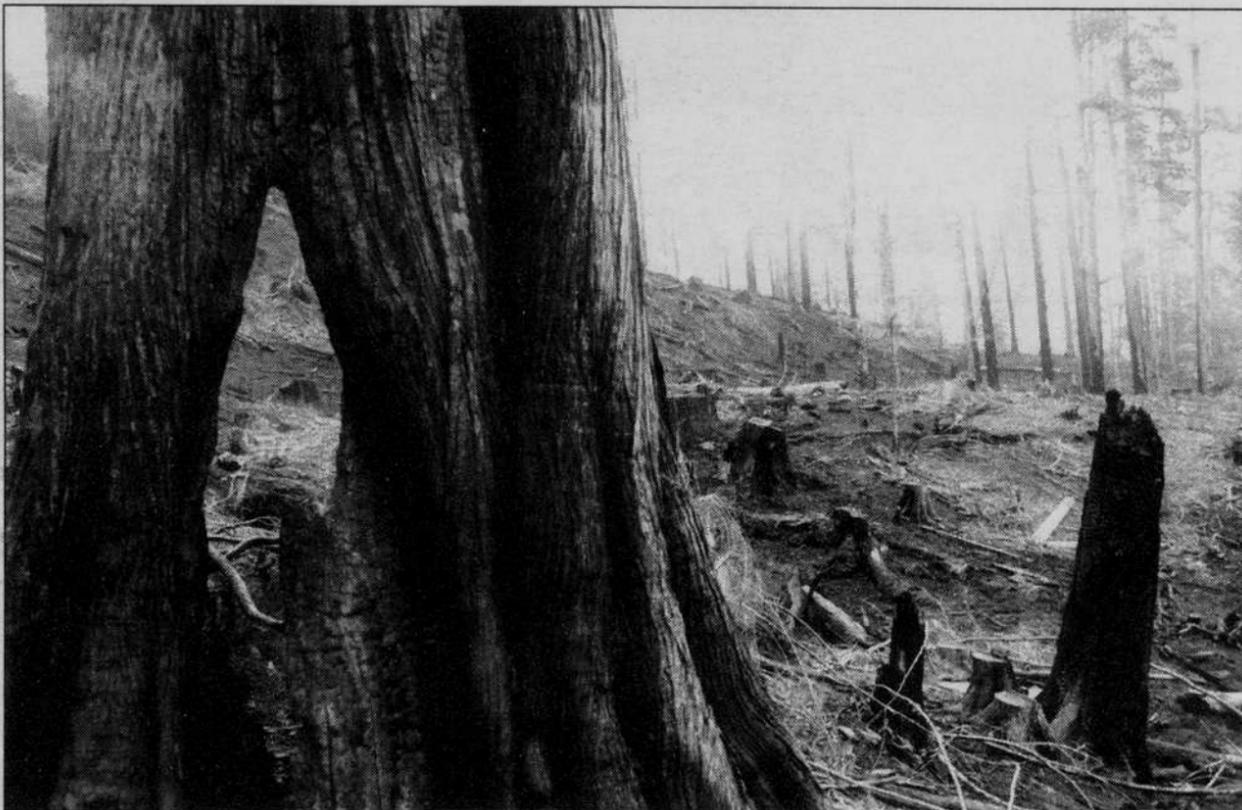
ASUO President Rachel Pilliod said the workshops will provide an atmosphere to discuss topics that aren't normally addressed at home or in class, such as reproductive rights and sexual assault.

Other workshops will feature dancing and folk music performances.

"It's a weekend of both education and fun," ASUO Greek Advocate Clarissa Chan said. "You get the best of both worlds."

While the festival may seem geared toward women, Chan said participation by men is just as important because
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Healthy forest?



In the wake of last summer's fire devastation, President George W. Bush introduced the four-part Healthy Forest Initiative to Congress in August.
Adam Amato
Emerald

A fiery initiative

President Bush's Healthy Forest Initiative would allow agencies more freedom in logging practices in the name of reducing fire-starting fuel

Aimee Rudin
City/State Politics Reporter

Last summer, fire tore through the Pacific Northwest.

In southern Oregon and northern California, the Biscuit fire burned for weeks and ultimately spread over 449,965 acres. Other fires throughout the region polluted the air, contaminated ground water and threatened homes and businesses.

Nationally, burns covered more than 7.1 million acres of what had once been forest and rangeland. Hundreds of communities
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Thursday: Northwest forest management policies prove controversial

Today: The Bush administration seeks increased logging to prevent wildfires

Monday: Cascadia Summer works to ensure future forest sustainability

'Patriot Act II' bill raises concerns over civil liberties

The bill's purpose is to protect safety and freedom, but some constitutional rights advocates believe it will deny them privacy and freedom of speech

Jennifer Bear
Campus/Federal Politics Reporter

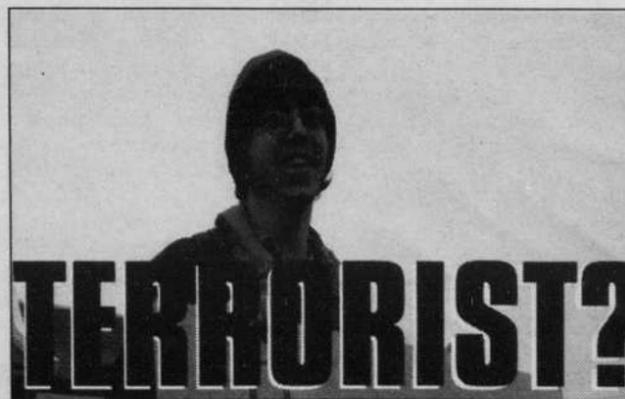
While the world has recoiled in fear from the threat of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, a fear of a different kind has haunted people on American soil — the deterioration of civil liberties.

The Lane County Bill of Rights Defense Committee and the American Civil Liberties Union have spent the past several months raising a ruckus over

the Justice Department's draft legislation called the Domestic Security Enhancement Act of 2003, also known as "Patriot Act II."

The Justice Department has not officially released the legislation, but "Patriot II" captured public attention after the Center for Public Integrity obtained a draft of the undisclosed legislation and provided a full text of the document on its Web site earlier this year.

The bill would expand the current anti-terrorism legislation known as the USA PATRIOT Act, and contains more than 500 provisions to endow the government with mightier muscles for curbing terrorism, or according to constitutional rights
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Under 'Patriot Act II,' domestic protest organizations such as People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, could be targeted as terrorist organizations.
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