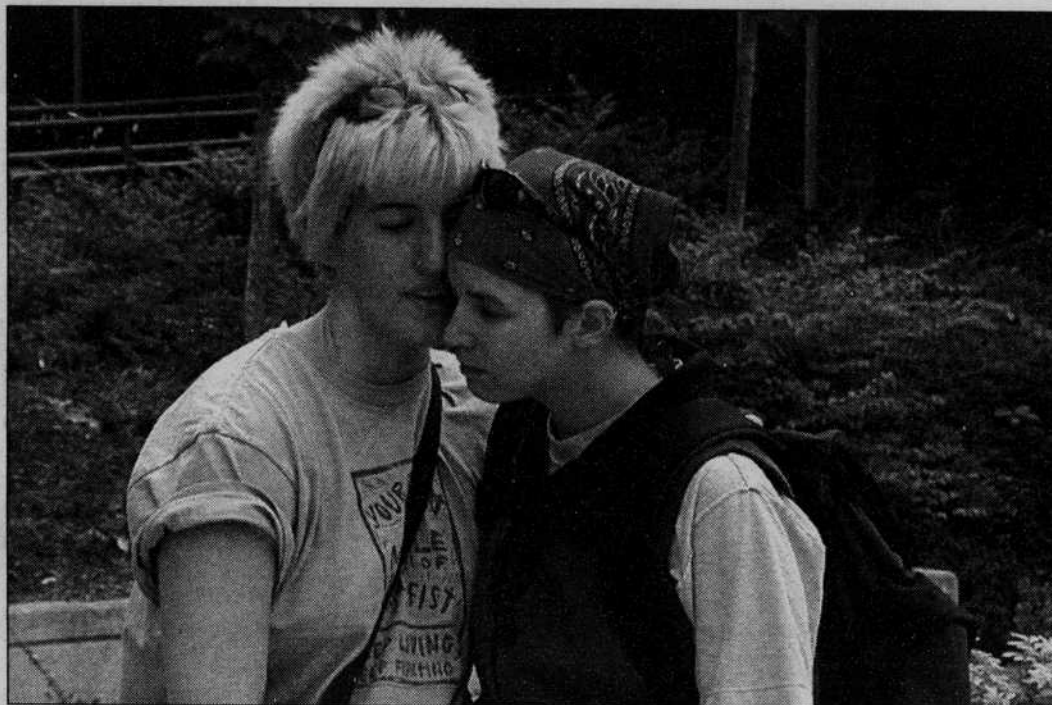




### Loving away discrimination



Seniors Kerstin Meyers (left) and Kelly Hoff share a hug during the Love-In at the EMU Amphitheater on Wednesday (right). Love-In participants come together for a group hug (bottom right).  
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## Tenants find fewer options for recycling

Some tenants are frustrated by a reduction in recycling services; however, ASUO is working to create a housing code that could improve landlord-tenant communication

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For many students living in Eugene, recycling is just another way of life. However, some students living in off-campus housing have had their recycling privileges taken away or haven't been given the option of recycling at all.

University student Tamera, who prefers to be referred to by her first name only, lives in an apartment owned by von Klein Property Management, and said von Klein recently changed garbage services to a company that does not offer recycling. Although Tamera has other complaints about her apartment, she said the lack of recycling really frustrated her because it was once offered.

"Now, we don't have that option," she said. She added that while she could go to the management and complain, she didn't want to because she was afraid of getting a reputation as a "bad renter."

Owner Carmen von Klein said the reason recycling options were removed was because tenants would use the recycling bins for garbage, resulting in an extra charge from the garbage company. She said the only reason for the change in garbage companies was to give better service to tenants and to be more cost effective, and that no complaints had been filed from tenants about the change in garbage services.

Bell Real Estate also does not offer recycling to its tenants. Instead, it expects the tenants to find their own means of recycling, such as transporting it to the Lane County Waste Disposal site in Glenwood.

"It's usually the responsibility of the tenant," Bell Real Estate's Tommy Shrewsbury said. "By and large, that is the rule."

One reason why residents living in Eugene may not have the option of recycling is because of the lack of a housing code. Eugene used to have a housing code, but it was disbanded in 1983 because of a lack of funding. In other parts of Oregon — such as the Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas Tri-County area — a housing code exists that mandates recycling be available to all residents.

According to the Eugene city manager's office, recycling services must be provided on request to all commercial customers and all multi-family housing customers. However, in a multi-family housing complex like an apartment building, the request for recycling must be made by the owners of the complex, not the apartment dwellers.

Nancy Young, who works for the city, said if recycling is requested, the garbage company is required to offer it.

"If a property manager requests the service, they should get it," she said.

Many property managers around Eugene do offer recycling, however, including Talray Holdings, Keystone Management, Ducks Village and Chase Village.

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## Fighting HATE with LOVE

The LGBTQA organized the Love-In Against Hate on Wednesday to allow members of the LGBT community to speak out against discrimination

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They hugged and kissed. They held hands and shared stories. They took a stand against hate, with love.

Members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and their supporters gathered for the Love-In Against Hate on Wednesday to show their solidarity and speak out against discrimination. Kristina Armenakis, co-director of the LGBTQA, which helped organize the event, said the Love-In is a statement that the LGBT community is not going away.

"I hope this community will be a lot stronger," Armenakis said.

Many students expressed concern about the campus climate for the LGBT community. In recent weeks, these concerns have come to the forefront after the Emerald printed a guest commentary by University student Vincent Martorano, which included comments that many people felt were anti-gay.

"I think there are strong pockets of bigotry on campus that promote hate speech for a lot of minority demographics," junior James Tilford said. He said he has heard words like "faggot," "dyke" and "nigger" being used on campus.

A survey on the University's climate on diversity released in January 2002 reflects the campus environment in which LGBT students work and live. About 161 faculty, 227 staff, 257 graduate students and 595 undergraduates responded to the survey, conducted by Dr. Susan Rankin, a senior di-



versity planning analyst at Pennsylvania State University. Less than 40 percent of the respondents indicated that the campus climate was accepting of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

In a related study to assess campus climate specifically for the LGBT community, Rankin surveyed 60 students, faculty, staff and administrators, 94 percent of whom identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual. Fifty-nine percent of these respondents said they concealed their sexual orientation or gender identity to avoid intimidation on campus. Sixty-seven percent believed the overall campus climate was homophobic and 44 percent felt the University did not have visible

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## Dumpster divers refuse to let recyclables go to waste

Rummagers face many challenges when collecting cans and bottles, including locked Dumpsters

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Whether it's for food, drugs, beer or cigarettes, career and part-time can rummagers and Dumpster divers collect cans and bottles for the redemption value as well as the activity itself.

But what most University community members don't know about the craft is how much effort and energy is put into daily routes, how many obstacles dedicated collectors have increasingly encountered and how few people show them respect.

And although some individuals rummage messily and some dive without permission, local police and business owners say they aren't a huge problem as unyielding rummagers and divers continue to make their rounds.

"I still do it all day long 'cause of the money," 46-year old rummager Tommy, who prefers to be called by one name, said.

Tommy — as his friends call him — has been can rummaging in Eugene for about a decade. He said the local Dumpster diving life has been getting harder because of locks, cops and increasing competition.

In spite of varying daily profits, Tommy said he once earned \$70 from a day's worth of collected cans and bottles. And although

he has never been stopped by property owners or police officers for diving, Tommy said locked Dumpsters are always a sad sight.

"That's where all the good stuff is," he said, still wearing the paratrooper hat and camouflage shirt from his service days.

Despite increasing obstacles, Tommy said the activity can yield some unexpectedly rewarding benefits, including a \$150 shotgun and a \$1,600 diamond ring he once found in an apartment building Dumpster. All of these treasures earned pawn shop money toward what Tommy says is his main purpose for rummaging — to buy 211 Steel Reserve and Jim Beam.

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Rummagers search for recyclables in bins and Dumpsters.