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humans but also by other organisms in nature. He said that humans themselves have been subject to genetic manipulation carried out by viruses that insert their own strains into DNA.

"We have always been transgenic and did not know," Kac said. "It is a process that happens in the wild."

Kac has also created displays that

break down the traditional roles of the observer and the object. He created an aviary where the observer is transported by a virtual reality headset into the viewpoint of a robotic parrot inside the aviary.

"I'm using a technology ... to show that things could be different," Kac said. "(Technology is) at the service of imagination."

Chris Potter is a freelance reporter for the Emerald.

NEWS BRIEFS

University installs individual bike lockers

Individual bike lockers have been installed at key locations on campus to prevent theft and to offer a permanent and more secure space for people to park their bikes.

Department of Public Safety Interim Director Tom Hicks said the new lockers will be an improvement for bike parking on campus.

"It provides bike users an option if they are particularly concerned about bike theft on campus," he said, adding that it is a good option for people with expensive bikes.

Hicks also said a lack of available bike parking is becoming an issue on campus, and he hopes the new lockers will help.

Each locker costs \$50 to rent per year plus a refundable key deposit of \$15, and renters get their own key to the locker.

Thirty new bike lockers are being installed at Oregon Hall to replace the old lockers.

The campus has about 66 bike lockers right now, including 30 lockers that were just installed that serve the Computing Center, McKenzie Hall and the Lillis Business Complex. A Eugene ordinance requires that the new building has sufficient bike parking.

As new construction happens on campus, more bike lockers will be added.

Almost half of the lockers are currently occupied, but the remainder can be rented through DPS.

The lockers were paid for with the

University's parking budget, a self-supporting auxiliary fund. Money in the fund comes from the sale of parking permits, ticket citations and parking meters.

Each locker costs \$1,000 plus an installation cost of \$150 to \$200.

— Lisa Catto

Religious studies professor to speak about Islamic Hajj

University religious studies Assistant Professor Timothy Gianotti will be in the EMU International Lounge Saturday to speak about the significance and history of the annual Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca, in current-day Saudi Arabia.

Every year, millions of Muslims from around the world make the trek to Mecca, and the Hajj itself is one of the five pillars of Islam.

The discussion will begin at 6 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

— Jared Paben

Indian Subcontinent students to hold UTSAV tonight

The Students of the Indian Subcontinent will host an annual cultural event called UTSAV at 5:30 tonight in the EMU Ballroom.

UTSAV, a Sanskrit word meaning "festival," will include a dinner provided by the Indo-Pak food association, a cultural fashion show and a skit.

Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. with stage performances starting at 8 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$5 and include dinner and entertainment. They can be purchased at the EMU Ticket Office.

— Jared Paben

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