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Governor signs HB 3143 in Eugene

Kulongoski also made stops in Bend and Medford to sign bills on land use and transportation funds

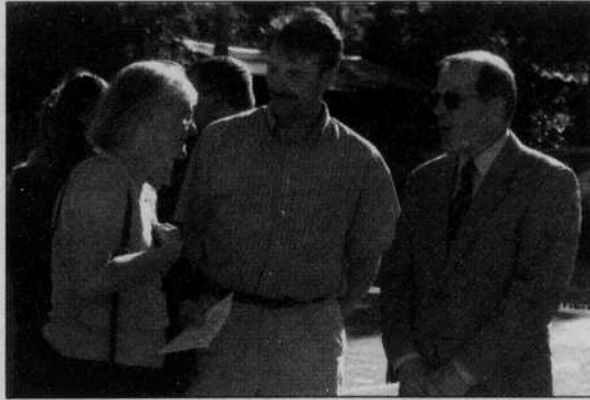
BY TYLER GRAF
FREELANCE REPORTER

Governor Kulongoski made a stop in Eugene on Tuesday to sign House Bill 3143, which expands Oregon's enterprise zone program by authorizing the Department of Economic Community Development to approve 10 additional enterprise zones.

"Eugene has effectively used

enterprise zones to revitalize its economy, representing approximately 40 percent of the state's economic growth related to the economic zone program," Kulongoski said in a press release. "This program encourages innovative community-based approaches to creating jobs and economic opportunities."

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Mayor Kitty Piercy, left, Augie Sick, general manager of Molecular Probes, center, and Gov. Ted Kulongoski chat before Kulongoski signs HB 3143 to create additional enterprise zones at a ceremony held Tuesday.

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Students' spouses no longer get free tickets

The ASUO Executive says only fee-paying students can receive sports tickets at no charge

BY NICHOLAS WILBUR
NEWS REPORTER

The ASUO Executive recently decided that spouses of University students are no longer eligible for free tickets to football and men's basketball games. The new policy change will not affect those receiving a discounted rate at the University Student Recreation Center, but restrictions on eligibility will be tightened to eliminate past abuses of the Spousal Equivalency Card program.

The previous program stated: "(An) incidental fee-paying student may obtain student tickets for his or her spouse, domestic partner and/or child(ren), in addition to obtaining tickets for him or herself, by showing the appropriate certification card provided by the ASUO office," according to the terms and conditions of the Spouse/Domestic Partner/Child Certification program.

Due to past reports of students abusing the policy, the Executive has decided to maintain consistency within student government and revoke the program's privileges.

ASUO President Adam Walsh said the Executive initially wanted to restrict eligibility to make it harder to find loopholes, but then realized that the main problem remained.

"Student tickets are being given to non-students," Walsh said. "They're receiving the benefits without paying the incidental fees," which pay for the football and basketball tickets.

In a letter that will be posted outside the ASUO office, Walsh states that student athletic tickets "are one of the most widely used resources that the fee provides." The letter later states, "We want to maintain fairness throughout the process and programs of the incidental fee. In order to maintain that fairness ... only incidental fee paying students should receive the benefits of the incidental fee."

Walsh said the reason the Student Recreation Center discount rate for spouses is not being revoked is because spouses are still paying for the service, and although they are

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T-shirts with the winning slogan, "get inDUCKted," are now on sale in the University Bookstore.

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Decked out DUCKS

This year University staff members involved the community in designing the Spirit T-Shirt through a slogan-writing contest

BY GABE BRADLEY
NEWS EDITOR

GET inDUCKted!

This will be the slogan emblazoned on the

chest of thousands of fans at Autzen Stadium for the season's first home football game Sept. 10.

The slogan for this year's Spirit T-Shirt, which was unveiled July 22, is about teamwork, being

part of a larger group and showing support, according to Nita Nickell who works for the University's trademark and licensing department.

"Every year for the last three years we've tried to build fan support in the stadium," Nickell said.

From this effort came the idea of the Spirit T-Shirt, which hit the shelves two seasons ago with the slogan "Lighting Strikes!"

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Couple helps foreign exchange students buy furniture

Wayne and Rita Kingsbury have a history of helping foreign exchange students adapt to Eugene

BY GABE BRADLEY
NEWS EDITOR

After years of welcoming international students to the country, a local couple has found a new way to help with the transition.

"For the last 16 years we've been a friendship family for international students," Wayne Kingsbury said.

Since 1989, Kingsbury and his wife, Rita, have been a friendship family for 23 students from 15 different countries.

"It's really affected our lives," Mrs. Kingsbury said. "We've made some wonderful international friends

and family."

As a friendship family, the Kingsburys picked up students from the airport and spent time with them.

"We have at least eight or 10 that we really consider family," Mrs. Kingsbury said.

"In that time we've helped a lot of students ... get settled," Mr. Kingsbury said.

International students simply cannot bring their own furniture. Also, many students are not familiar with the concept of garage sales or used furniture, which often leads to a dilemma, Mrs.

Kingsbury said.

"We know how hard it is when someone comes from a different country," Mrs. Kingsbury said. "Students are really in need of furniture when they arrive."

However, because international students often have to select an apartment sight unseen, renting a furnished apartment is often not a good option.

"We went to some of the furnished apartments and we have been appalled at the ripped, smelly, used furniture," Mrs. Kingsbury said. "We thought, 'This is horrible,' and we thought, 'We can do this better.'"

Eventually, the Kingsburys decided to give it a try.



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Rita Kingsbury, left, and her husband Wayne load a sofa onto their truck to deliver to an international student.

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