

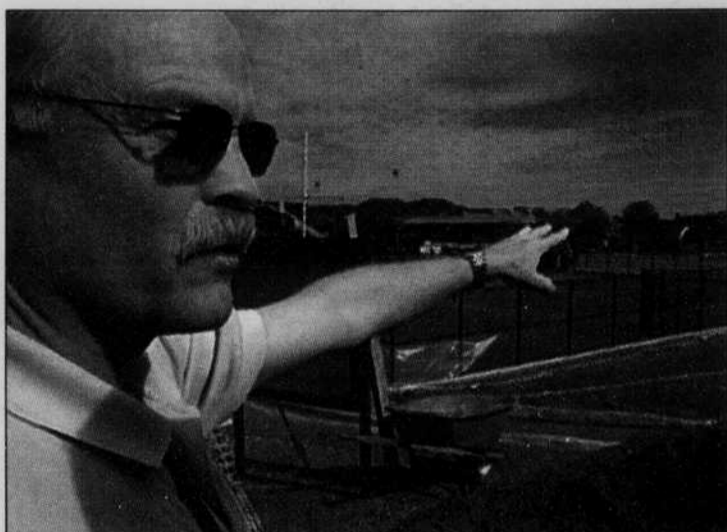
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## Recreation facilities nearly complete



TIM BOBOSKY | PHOTO EDITOR

Dennis Munroe, the director of Physical Activity and Recreation Services, talks about the tennis courts under construction near East 18th Avenue.

*New, improved sports spaces are in the works, including a track and outdoor tennis courts*

BY JOE BAILEY  
NEWS REPORTER

Construction of new tennis courts, grass fields and a jogging track is nearing completion, a project that University officials hope will significantly upgrade campus recreational facilities.

Depending on the weather, construction could be complete by mid-November, Physical Activity and Recreation Services Director Dennis Munroe said. The facilities will be available for limited use only until spring 2006.

The project began after construction of the Living Learning Center displaced the old tennis courts in summer 2004. University

policy dictates that because Housing was building on top of the tennis courts, Housing was responsible for replacing them.

Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of University Housing Mike Eyster said he saw the relocation of the tennis courts as an opportunity.

"We could have placed those tennis courts any number of places," he said. "We actually got together as a group to figure out where we could get the most value for students."

The new facilities cost approximately \$1.8 million, half of which was paid by Housing. The athletic

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## Campus celebrates indigenous solidarity

*Crowds gather at the EMU Amphitheater to welcome and celebrate cultural diversity*

BY JARED PABEN  
NEWS EDITOR

Mark Franco, headman of the Winnemem Wintu Native American tribe, spoke during Indigenous Solidarity Day on Monday, telling stories and relaying his tribe's struggles with the federal government.

But the man didn't know until he got here that Monday was Indigenous Solidarity Day, otherwise known as Columbus Day or Anti-Columbus Day.

To him, it didn't matter. Franco came hoping to persuade people here to protect water and fight for social justice, he said.

"I'm quite hopeful that this generation will really be able to make a change," he said.

Monday's celebrations drew speakers and audiences to the EMU Amphitheater for about 11 hours. Groups circulated petitions, sold T-shirts, played music, displayed art and donned red bandanas to show support for oppressed indigenous people worldwide.

Highlights included a performance by nationally known musician and spoken-word poet John Trudell and a conversation between Trudell and Wayne Morse Chair of Law and Politics Wilma Mankiller, the first female chief of the Cherokee Nation. The two-hour talk drew a nearly full EMU Ballroom crowd.

But the day had different meanings for speakers, organizers and a student participant.

Franco said the day wasn't about condemning Christopher Columbus. Miners who came west in the mid-1800s and government actions since then have hurt his people, not Columbus.

"I don't know him; he's not related to me," Franco said.

For University sophomore Shalan Ryan, co-director at the Native American Student Union, the event meant showing people that "indigenous peoples aren't just surviving. We're thriving."

The events also showed native people that there are role models for them, she said.

For Ryan, who is one-quarter Santa Clara Pueblo Native American and three-quarters Irish and Italian, the day meant supporting indigenous people, not condemning Columbus.

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## SANE provides help for rape victims

*Some Health Center nurses are now certified to provide services to sexually assaulted women*

BY KATY GAGNON  
NEWS REPORTER

The University Health Center is now able to examine men and women who have been sexually assaulted and can collect evidence to be used in prosecution.

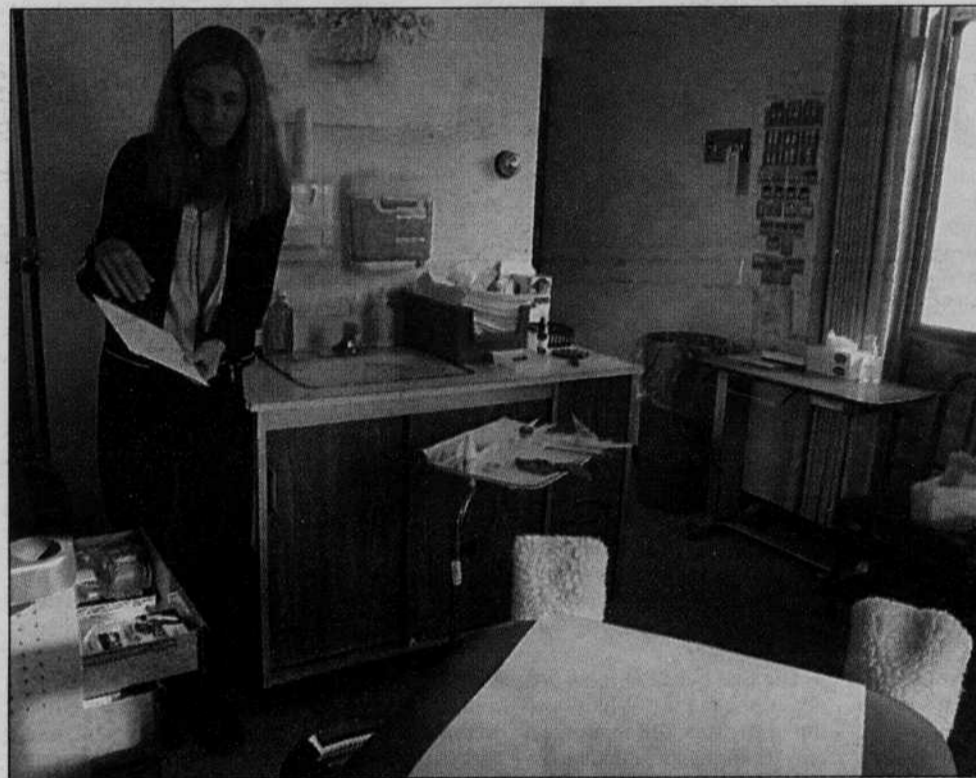
In the past, students who were sexually assaulted could receive a follow-up medical exam, sexually transmitted-infections screening and emergency contraception from the Health Center, but they would have to go to the hospital emergency room to have evidence collected.

Now, Health Center nurses with specialized training and clinical experience in assault examinations can collect evidence after a sexual assault.

The Health Center's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners give students the option of having evidence collected in an environment where they feel more comfortable, said Cindy Smith, a SANE certified nurse practitioner.

Smith is currently the only nurse certified to perform the exams, but two more nurse practitioners at the Health Center will soon be able to perform them, Health Center Director Tom Ryan said.

A typical exam in which evidence is collected may last about two hours, Smith said. The exam may include collecting DNA by using swabs, documenting injuries or bruises, collecting a urine sample or preserving clothing worn during the assault.



KATE HORTON | PHOTOGRAPHER

University Health Center nurse practitioner Cindy Smith describes the new procedure for collecting evidence from sexual assault victims. She has specialized training through the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners program.

All collected evidence will be kept in a locked refrigerator or closet until submitted to police, Smith said.

"Students can report to law enforcement,

but at our level, the goal is to give students the option and not lose evidence," she said.

If evidence is collected during the

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## University expands transportation options online

*With UO's subscription to AlterNetRides, students and faculty have access to carpooling without the regular scheduling hassles*

BY KATY GAGNON  
NEWS REPORTER

Students, faculty and staff looking for a carpool to campus can now use an online carpool database to connect with others.

The University has started subscribing to AlterNetRides, a Web service launched in January 2002 designed to "provide the most innovative and inexpensive carpool/ride share service possible," according to the San Francisco company's Web site.

This is one of several attempts University has made to reduce the amount of people

driving to campus. Other efforts include using student incidental fees to buy bus passes in bulk and creating a biking infrastructure on campus.

Currently, the Department of Public Safety issues carpool parking permits, but few have taken advantage of the permit, said Steve Mital, sustainability coordinator for the Environmental Health and Safety department.

In the past 10 years, DPS only issued about 33 carpool parking permits, Mital said.

Mital hopes the database will encourage more people to carpool to campus.

"It's hard to find people who live in your neighborhood and go to school at the same time and come home at the same time," he said.

The carpool program is "designed to organize that stuff for you," Mital said.

On the Web site, a driver can type in his or her neighborhood and input when they go to and leave from campus. The Web site can also be used to find rides for other occasions and destinations, such as a ride to another city.

So far, two University riders are listed through the database.

Several universities throughout the country are registered with the Web site. Participating universities are charged an annual fee of \$200. DPS will fund the program here.

A university's success with the program de-

pends on how well the Web site is promoted, said Mark Evanoff, founder of AlterNetRides.

Mital said he will hire a student as carpool coordinator this week. The coordinator will work with individuals and help them navigate the new database. He or she will also to promote the new program on campus and track the program's success, he said.

A carpool consists of three or more people. A carpool parking permit costs \$82 for a year. Carpoolers can purchase a reserved parking permit for an additional \$214.

Annual parking permits are \$167 for faculty and \$94 for students.

When split between riders, the cost of a permit is minimal, Mital said.

Mital said increased carpooling to campus

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