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## Disaster preparedness

### 72-hour emergency supply kit

Disaster kits provide supplies while city authorities restore water and other services



## Anticipating the aftermath

*In the event of an emergency, campus could become a center of relief for Eugene community*

BY KATY GAGNON  
NEWS REPORTER

In late August the world watched as residents of the Gulf Coast scrambled to escape the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina.

In New Orleans, the Superdome and the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, designated to provide relief from a violent storm, became shelters for people in need of supplies. Local and federal governments could not communicate. External aid didn't arrive in the region for days.

A hurricane is unlikely to hit Eugene, but the city is still susceptible to other disasters that may leave the area in need of aid.

A major subduction zone earthquake could affect regions from northern California to British Columbia and it could be difficult for affected areas to get outside aid, said Ray Weldon, a University geology professor.

"Once a natural disaster exceeds a particular size its impact on society changes dramatically," Weldon said. "This is what we saw in Katrina."

Hurricane Katrina affected such a huge area that "making decisions about who to help and where to go and what to do became a real challenge for the emergency managers," he said.

The University campus could become the center of a relief effort locally because a large disaster would likely send people to shelters built on the University's open spaces.

The city and University do have plans for an emergency response. These plans come in the form of the Incident Command System and the National Incident Management System, both nationally recognized models that establish who is in charge during an emergency.

But as shown in New Orleans, a city familiar with ICS and NIMS procedures, these programs may not always be completely sufficient.

Because of this, people are encouraged to take proper precautions and prepare for a disaster, said Jenny Carrick, American Red Cross community relations director for the Oregon Pacific Chapter.

Carrick said every household should assemble an emergency kit equipped with enough critical supplies to last 72 hours.

"You can not rely on the government to serve the needs of every human being," she said. "That's just a fact of life."

### Shelters on campus

In the event of disaster, rather than students evacuating from campus, people will likely come to campus in need of shelter, said Andre LeDuc, program director for Oregon Natural Hazards Workgroup.

Abundant open space is one of the greatest assets the University could offer in emergency situation, LeDuc said.

In the event of a major earthquake, more than 10,000 people in Lane County could need shelter, according to the Eugene Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

According to ONHW, the University has about

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## Senate votes to adopt new model for stipends

*The financial outline, which decreases the number of paid student leaders, was accepted*

BY NICHOLAS WILBUR  
NEWS REPORTER

The Student Senate voted on Wednesday to approve a new stipend model that decreases the number of paid student group leaders after the Programs Finance Committee tried to table the proposal for one week because some groups were dissatisfied with the model.

Senate Ombudsman and Programs Finance Committee Chairman Jared Axelrod's motion to delay the issue failed after an extended debate between the Senate, Executive and PFC members.

"I know for sure that the President's office won't approve of it," he said. "Even this model is a little higher than what they'd like to see."

Axelrod said the model proposed Wednesday night was unfair because it was an amendment to the one he'd been working with for the past several weeks.

He said the new stipend model not only contained many errors that should be fixed before implementing it, but also did not generally win support from programs leaders and PFC members.

"This is a grave issue that we're dealing with, and it's going to affect a lot of groups," he said. "I think PFC can come up with something different after crunching the numbers on their own."

Because the benchmark isn't due until Nov. 9, Multicultural Center co-Director Khanh Le asked

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## Walsh new chairman of neighbor association

*West University Neighbors, with new chairman, passes resolution opposing sale of Westmoreland*

BY CHRIS HAGAN  
NEWS REPORTER

A new era began at the West University Neighbors meeting Thursday night as ASUO President Adam Walsh was elected chairman and received a gift from outgoing chairman Drix Rixmann.

"I pass this apple on to you," Rixmann said, as he passed an apple with leaves rubber-banded to it to Walsh. "God bless you, buddy."

Walsh, a former WUN board member, was the only candidate for the position. Eight other board members also ran unopposed and were elected unanimously by the roughly 30 people, including many students, who attended the meeting in downtown Eugene.

The WUN unanimously passed a resolution

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### WHAT WOULD YOU DO DURING A DISASTER?



"We have a drawer in our apartment dedicated to things we might need, like matches and flashlights."

KATRINA STEARNS  
sophomore



"I'd look for people. I wouldn't want to stay at home."

PAUL SKORNIAK  
junior



"I'd see family because they have all the stuff."

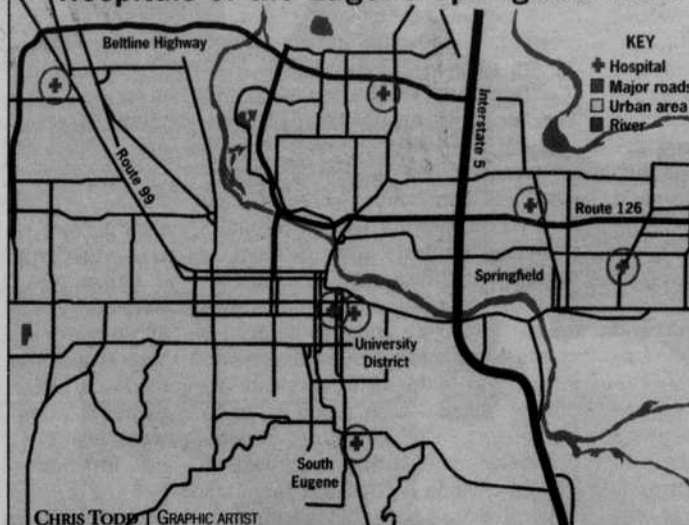
JUSTIN PEARCH  
junior



"I never think about that. I think maybe the school would take care of us, like maybe what we should do. I'm not afraid."

TONG SHEN  
senior

### Hospitals of the Eugene-Springfield area



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