

# Site of college shooting set to be demolished

## Outlaws race through Drake Park

ROSEBURG (AP) — A college hall in Oregon where a mass shooting took place last year is set to be demolished in October.

The demolition of Umpqua Community College’s Snyder Hall is scheduled to begin the week of Oct. 17, *The Oregonian*/OregonLive reported. A new building is to be ready for classes next fall.

The college closed the building after Chris Harper Mercer killed nine people and injured nine others before dying in a shootout with police Oct. 1, 2015.

On Friday the college held a moment of silence for the anniversary of the shooting.

Anne Marie Levis, a college spokeswoman, said the college had decided to hire Andersen Construction to build the new Snyder Hall.

Lawmakers have approved \$6 million to replace Snyder Hall and improve security across campus. The rebuild is estimated at \$4.2 million.

Part of that funding will go to create a meditative garden, which will occupy the ground of classrooms 15 and 16 where the shooting happened.

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The Sisters Outlaws cross-country teams finished the month of September with solid performances at the 16-team Oxford Classic, hosted by Bend High School at Drake Park, Friday, September 30.

The girls team, ranked third in the latest 4A poll, is working on running in as close of a pack as possible, and met with some success in that effort, according to Coach Josh Nordell.

“Anna Bartlett and Sophie Borders ran most of the rest together and finished just six seconds apart,” he said. “Tate Ricker sort of ran solo in our third slot, but Engracia Diez, Molly Winter, and Zidane Galant-LaPorte were within 24 seconds of each other as our fourth through sixth places.”

Bartlett led the team in 25th place (21:46), followed by Borders (21:52). Ricker was timed in 22:43; Diez, 23:38; Winter, 23:56; and La Porte, 24:02. Hannah Tobiason of Summit won the individual title in 19:30 among a total of 117 finishers.

“For some reason, this course looks like it would be fast, but it is actually quite slow, so the times are not very meaningful compared to

other 5,000-meter courses,” said Nordell.

Summit won the team title with 38 points, and Sisters placed ninth with 224, two points ahead of fellow 4A team Klamath Union. The majority of the schools in the meet, which included teams from Idaho, come from larger classifications than Sisters.

The girls will get a real taste of how they compare to other 4A teams at next Saturday’s Paul Merriman Invitational hosted by Philomath High School. Twenty-one 4A teams, along with a smattering of smaller schools, will toe the line at the meet, making it the closest replication of the state meet of the season. The host Warriors are the number-one-ranked 4A team, and many of the other top teams will be on hand as well.

The boys team ran as incomplete Friday after star runner Jordan Pollard had to pull out late in the race with a leg cramp. Josh Liddell, a freshman, continued his strong first season with a 56th-place finish in 18:53.

“Certainly he is establishing himself as one of the best 4A runners in his grade level,” said Nordell.

Peyton Myhre (20:35), Jackson Bowe (21:10) and



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Josh Liddell pushes through the middle of Friday’s meet at Drake Park.

Jack Berg (21:12) all ran their best races of the season as the team looks to become more competitive as the season enters what Nordell terms “the racing” part of the season. Number-three runner, Cole Pade, was forced to sit out the meet due to ongoing shin pain.

“We are the defending district champions and are in a rebuilding year, so every week that we are faster puts

pressure on those teams in our league that are thinking they are going to beat us this year,” said Nordell.

The Sky-Em conference has no clear favorite among boys teams at the mid-way point of the season, but the Outlaws will face all of the league schools, other than Elmira, at the Philomath meet.

“I can’t wait to see how we do in the week ahead,” said Nordell.



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