

Oregon State considers renaming of buildings

CORVALLIS (AP) — Oregon State University and Corvallis community members came together on campus to talk about race and reconciliation.

The discussions, which took place Monday, October 2, are part of a process to evaluate the names of four buildings on the Corvallis campus, whose namesakes may have held racist views, and determine if the buildings should be renamed.

“This isn’t about revising history or hiding history or taking something away,” said Scott Vignos, director of strategic initiatives in the Office of Institutional Diversity. “It’s about revealing history. It’s about learning about our past and drawing lessons from that past.”

The gathering, which was made up of students, faculty and staff, alumni and other residents, was the second of two general engagement sessions. The first took place Thursday, *The Corvallis Gazette-Times* reported.

“You can expect to be uncomfortable as we discuss issues of race and history and exclusion and really important topics that are so salient today and that we’re dealing with as a community just as they’re being dealt with and talked about nationally,” said Vignos, who is a member of the Building and Place Name Evaluation Workgroup.

The university next will hold four meetings, one for each of the building names being reconsidered. During those gatherings, the work group will present reports on the history of each building and its namesake. Participants will discuss whether the building should be renamed.

VETERAN: Sisters man served in Navy in Vietnam

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he was visiting an Army base on the river when it came under a nighttime harassment mortar attack. Sheltering from the incoming mortar rounds, he thought, “I’ve just got two weeks left! I don’t need this!”

Skupa and two other men, one a close friend named Dennis Warren, went to Saigon to ship back to the States.

“I kind of remember it like it was yesterday,” he recalled.

The three men were supposed to depart on Monday, but they checked in at the air base early on Friday and were told that there were three seats available on the “Freedom

Bird” that evening if they wanted them. They didn’t have to think twice.

“Of course, there was a little bit of a cheer when the wheels left the ground,” Skupa said.

Richard was glad he got out when he did. The Mekong Delta became a very dangerous place as 1967 rolled into 1968 and the war entered a more intense phase with the Tet Offensive.

“It started going to hell in a hand-basket about two months later,” Skupa said. “There was plenty of stuff going on around us then; I can’t imagine what was like later. Pretty scary.”

Skupa served four years in the Navy. He was a pilot and flew for a living for many years, then became a supervisor in a cast iron plant. His second wife has family ties

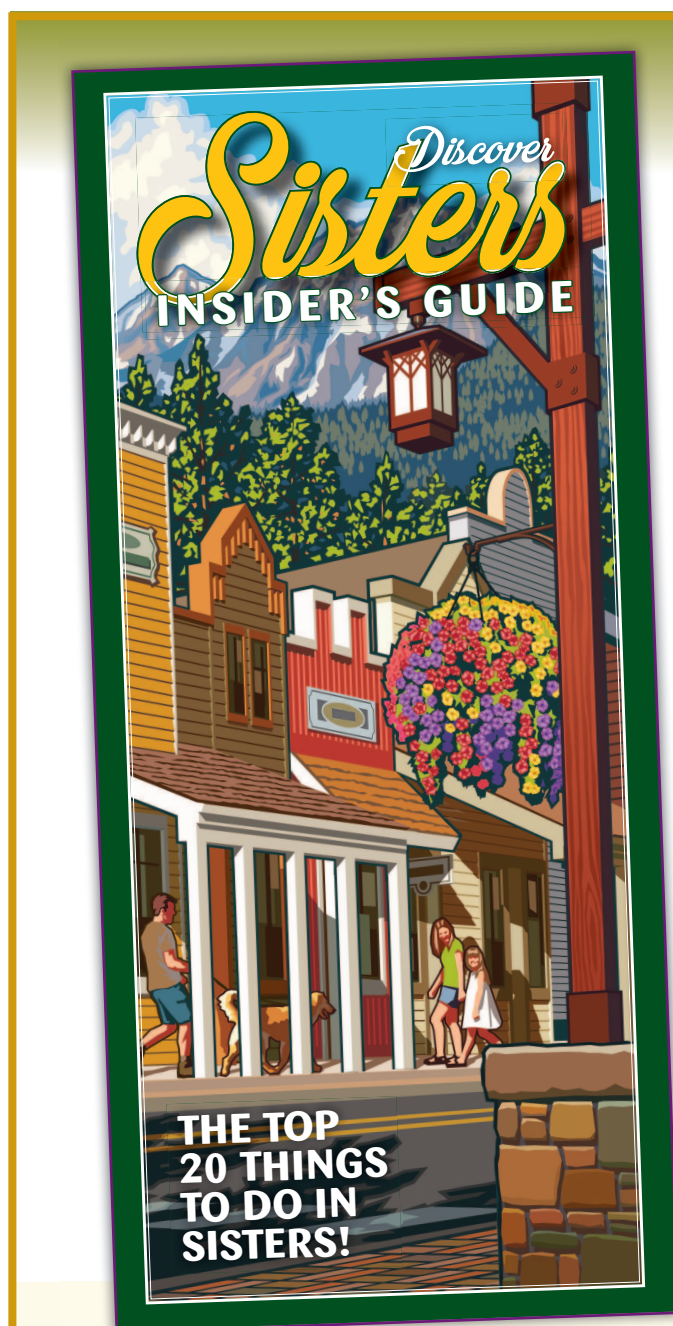


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Richard Skupa of Sisters has no problem with Friday the 13th.

to Camp Sherman, which brought them to Sisters Country. About 10 years ago, he reconnected with his friend Dennis Warren.

“We came (home) healthy in mind and body,” he reflected, 50 years on. “I have a special place in my heart for those that didn’t.”



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