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University marine biology institute gets facelift

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The scent of sawdust and the sound of pounding hammers that wuffed through the University's Oregon Institute of Marine Biology last Thursday stood as tangible proof that the Institute's dream of renovation has become reality.

Sen. Mark Hatfield, civic leaders, University officials and visitors gathered at the campus in Charleston to help dedicate the Institute's newly rebuilt facilities. Hatfield was instrumental in obtaining \$3.75 million from the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that funded the bulk of the construction.

The Institute now boasts 14 new buildings, which includes research laboratories, dorms, storage areas and a boat dock.

Prior to the official dedication ceremony, Marine Institute director Paul Rudy, a 20-year entity to the campus, offered Hatfield and the visiting dignitaries received a guided tour of the new buildings. Rudy pointed excitedly to the improved research facilities and laboratories.

Hatfield and others were treated to demonstrations of marine bird dissections, up-close inspection of a dead harbor porpoise that had been at-

tacked by a great white shark, and a glimpse of a frozen baby grey whale, which Rudy explained they have been born prematurely.

Before the renovation the Institute operated within the confines of "temporary" Civilian Conservation Corps buildings built in the 1930s. The buildings were last renovated in the mid-1950s; however, they originally were not constructed well and heavy usage brought the buildings to such a state of disrepair that renovation was necessary.

The University offered its first classes in marine biology at Charleston in 1925. For the first nine years of its existence classes were held in tents at the site in Charleston.

In 1935 and 1940 the Institute blossomed when the U.S. government gave 87 acres to the University for education and research. The University later acquired an additional 20 acres, and the campus now stands on 107 acres of what Rudy termed as "a superb place for marine study."

The Institute's humble beginnings also are reflected in the number of undergraduate and graduate students the campus has been able to enroll over the years. Twenty years ago the Institute handled 20 students annually. That number currently

rests at 160, and University officials estimate the school eventually will handle nearly 240 students per year.

Rudy officially opened the dedication ceremony after giving visitors a guided tour and a chance for Hatfield and others to dine with marine biology students in the brand new dining hall.

Speaking to a crowd of more than 100, Rudy began by thanking the rich marine and estuarine environment the Coos Bay/Charleston area provides for research and study. He then heaped a bountiful amount of praise on Hatfield, without whose help the renovation would not have been possible, he said.

Hatfield's speech highlighted the dedication ceremony, and he lauded his address by alluding to the \$8.2 billion the federal government spends on construction of military hardware each year. He compared that figure to the \$3.7 million it took to rebuild the Institute and said "this (the renovation) was one of the most cost effective ways to spend tax dollars because of what it will bring to future generations."

Hatfield said the research and learning that will occur at the Institute will "contribute to the

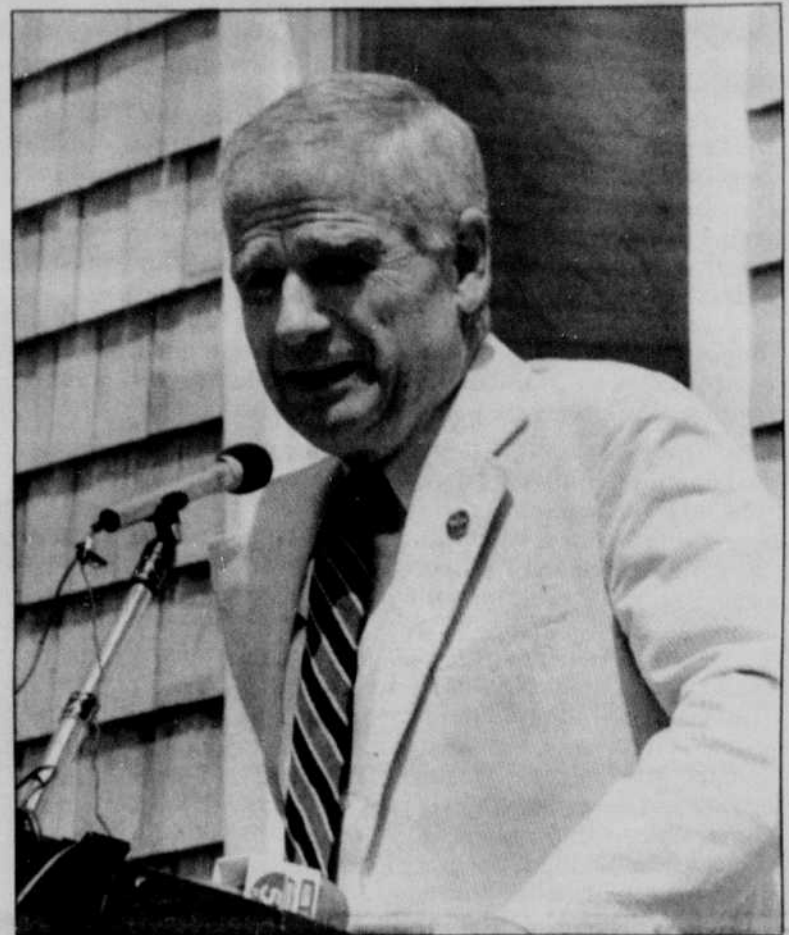


Photo by Angie Muniz

Sen. Mark Hatfield speaks to a crowd of more than 100 at a dedication ceremony last Thursday for the newly renovated Oregon Institute of Marine Biology in Charleston.

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Weekend fires investigated by Eugene officials

Six fires which were sparked Sunday night around MacArthur Court and the Main University Library are being investigated as arson by the Eugene Fire Department, according to the Office of Public Safety.

Officials said the fires, which were started in a dumpster at MacArthur Court and in smaller plastic trash cans at Gerlinger Annex and in front of the library, appeared to happen "one right after the other," at around 11:30 p.m. and caused some destruction, but there was no significant damage to the buildings.

Campus officials declined further comment until the investigation into the cause of the blazes was complete, but O.B. Cogburn of the Eugene Fire Department said on Monday that one suspect had been questioned about the incident and cleared.

The flames burned some ivy on Mac Court, a bush in front of the library, and destroyed the trash cans, according to Cogburn, who added that he did not believe the fires were the result of a post-Fourth of July prank.

Cogburn urged anyone who may have seen suspicious activity around Mac Court or the library at around 11:30 p.m. Sunday contact him immediately, at 687-5100.

Man held in connection with OSU bombing

By Jackie Barry

Of the Emerald

A preliminary hearing will be held in U.S. District Court on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. for a Turner man charged in connection with an attempted bombing at OSU Feb. 6.

Robert Ray Buker, 49, was arraigned Thursday, July 2 on failure to register, as well as unlawful possession and receipt of a destructive device. Authorities arrested him that morning at Holladay Park Medical Center in Portland.

U.S. Magistrate Michael Hogan ordered Buker jailed and held without bail as a potential threat to the community even though Buker's attorney, Howard Collins of Salem, reportedly argued Buker should be returned to the medical center for psychiatric

evaluation.

OSU security officers arrested William A. Myers, 43, Feb. 6 for the bombing attempt after Myers admitted carrying a bomb laden briefcase into OSU's Milne Computer Center, where he works as a scientific instrument technician. Benton County law enforcement agencies reported receiving several anonymous phone calls directing them to the bomb and to Myers as the alleged bomber.

Myers claimed he had been framed in the bombing attempt. The Benton County District Attorney's office never officially charged Myers and said he was no longer a suspect more than two months after the February arrest.

In February, the district attorney subpoenaed Buker to testify at a Benton County grand jury hearing after linking

him to one of the anonymous phone calls.

Buker denied the attempted bombing and said he had not been subpoenaed as the anonymous caller.

A five-page affidavit filed by Jerry Tate, resident agent in Portland for the U.S. Treasury Department's Division of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms linked Buker to Myers' wife, Donna, quoting a witness as saying Buker admitted he loved Donna Myers.

The Corvallis-Gazette Times reported Donna Myers saying she lent emotional support to Buker to prevent him from committing suicide.

Buker worked as a part-time farrier for horses belonging to William and Donna Myers on their Albany farm.

DeFazio views Bork as 'radical ideologue'

By Stephen Maher

Of the Emerald

U.S. Supreme Court nominee Robert H. Bork is a radical ideologue who weighs all his decisions with his own personal viewpoints, Rep. Peter DeFazio said.

The 4th District congressman offered his assessment during a wide-ranging interview on Monday.

"He's not my idea of a judge," DeFazio said. "He's not the kind of guy we want sitting on the Supreme Court."

Although the House of Representatives will have no official role in the confirmation hearings, DeFazio said he would try to influence the Senate.

The 60-year-old Bork, a member of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, was a perfect choice for President Reagan to make considering Bork's ultra-conservative leanings, DeFazio said.

"The only surprise is that they didn't pick anybody younger," he said.

According to DeFazio, Reagan has been damaged by the Iran/Contra affair, his health, and the questionable ethics of administration officials in recent months.

"There's great power in the presidency. But there's little credibility in this president," he said.

However, Reagan still is powerful

enough to meddle in the Persian Gulf, manipulate federal funds and veto legislation, DeFazio said.

"He's greatly weakened but still dangerous," he added.

DeFazio challenged the Reagan Administration's Persian Gulf policy of reflagging Kuwaiti oil tankers when he introduced a War Powers Resolution in May. Forty members of Congress cosponsored the resolution. Rep. Mike Lowry (D-Wash.) has since introduced an amendment to an authorization act delaying the reflagging for 90 days. No formal action has been taken on either.

"The question is what will happen

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