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WISTEC announces fundraiser to fight closure

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A financial crisis could cause Willamette Science and Technology Center to close its doors by June if new sources of revenue are not quickly attained, WISTEC Executive Director Deborah Malchow-McCarty said Thursday.

WISTEC officials said a \$50,000 base needs to be raised before the museum can realistically apply for or receive any grant money. WISTEC currently operates on a \$150,000 minimum annual budget.

Admission charges account for 25 percent of total revenue for WISTEC, which attracts about 100,000 people annually. "That is healthy for a museum, but because we are non-profit and private, it isn't enough," McCarty said.

McCarty, who has been with

WISTEC since January, said private, non-profit standing has led to a lack of annual subsidizing in addition to administrative changes last year that caused internal financial problems.

WISTEC's dinosaur exhibit and kaleidoscope display last year also exceeded expected costs. The kaleidoscope exhibit had a budget of \$66,000, which was sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution. However, it ran about \$30,000 over budget. "The museum had to eat the production cost," said WISTEC board member Peter Swan.

Currently WISTEC has about \$20,000 outstanding liabilities. Attracting grant money at this point is not an option, McCarty said, because the financial crisis is severe and the museum doesn't have a large enough fi-

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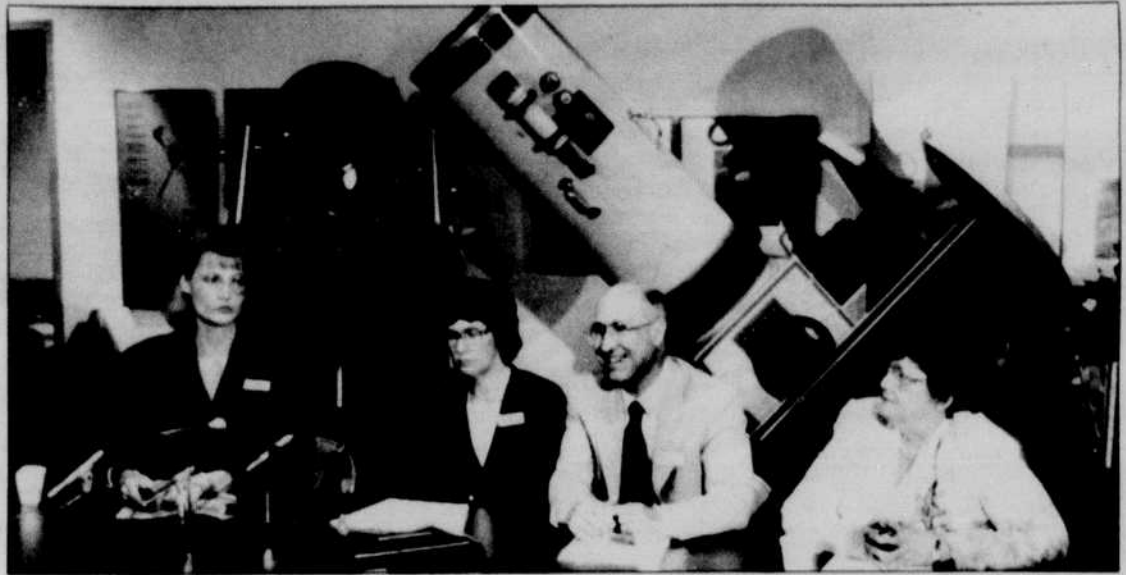


Photo by Mark Ylen

WISTEC Executive Director Deborah Malchow-McCarty and board members Mable Armstrong, Peter Swan and Edith Sorenson say it may have to close its doors in early June if a \$50,000 financial base is not established for the center.

Cockburn returns to Eugene, condemns Bush foreign policy

By Greg Hough
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Noted journalist Alexander Cockburn spoke in Eugene Thursday, expressing critical views on Bush Administration foreign policy and what he called the "symbolic nonsense" of the American "corporate press."

Speaking before a near-capacity audience at the downtown First Christian Church, Cockburn said society is now living in interesting times.

"If you would've said to someone five years ago, or even three years ago, that the main square of Beijing would be filled with a million Chinese students and workers hailing a Soviet leader as a symbol of de-

mocracy" Cockburn said, letting the comment trail off to sounds of laughter from the crowd.

Cockburn said he wondered how the United States could explain its current defense posture against the Soviet Union in light of economic and foreign policy reform measures taken by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

"How can you justify a \$300 billion dollar defense budget, so called, when your enemy says, 'I've given up?'" Cockburn asked.

"It's like a tug-of-war — the other guy's let go of the rope," Cockburn said. "And what happens when people let go of



Alexander Cockburn

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Marian Hall to be renamed for vets

By Stephanie Holland
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Marian Hall will soon be renamed to honor University students who fought and died in the armed forces.

The residence hall will be renamed Riley Hall at a dedication ceremony on May 20, Armed Forces Day, for a University student who was killed in action during World War II.

Although the renaming represents all University students who died in World War II and the Korean and Vietnam Wars, the hall will bear Harold Stevenson "Pat" Riley Jr.'s name because his was drawn from a hat containing names of about 200 University students who were also veterans.

"It will be named after somebody who was our age, who could probably relate to what college is about," said Chris Wilson, a Marian Hall resident assistant.

The name-changing process began about a year ago when Marian Hall residents and University Archivist Keith Richard requested that the hall be given a more secular name, said Steve Gadziola, University Housing area director and co-chairperson on the dedication ceremony committee.

Marian Hall, purchased from Northwest Christian College in 1987, is a derivative of Mary, which is a biblical name. Students and University administration thought a secular name would be more appropriate for a state school.

"I think it's great that college students today are taking time to honor and think about people who died in the wars," said Susan Otolski, University Inn resident assistant and co-chairperson of the committee.

Riley was a Army Air Corps 1st Lt. fighter pilot with the Eighth Air Force in England when he was shot down in his Thunderbolt P-47 over France in 1944.

Born March 12, 1921, Riley died one day before his 23rd birthday. He had completed more than 50 combat missions, shot down three enemy planes and wore the Distinguished Flying Cross and the air medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Riley graduated from Grant High School in Portland and attended the University for two years as a business major before joining the military. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He has no living relatives, the University News Bureau said.

In a letter from Joseph Gurley, Riley's room-

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Fiddling around

University linguistics professors Talmy Givon (left) and Hartmut Burmeister took advantage of an outbreak of sunshine to entertain passers-by and raise some cash during the Spring Street Faire Thursday.

The Spring Street Faire was sponsored by the ASUO and began Wednesday. It included informational tables, food and craft vendors.

For those who missed the fair, similar stalls can be found at the Willamette Valley Folk Festival which begins today.

Photo by James Marks