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Briefly



On Tuesday, University students will have the chance to help determine the fate of Eugene's 4-J school district.

Ballot measure 20-08 asks voters to approve a new tax base for the school district that would raise property taxes an average of \$142 for a \$60,000 home.

An increase in the tax base will balance 4-J's 1990-91 general fund budget of \$97.9 million. See story, Page 4

Sports



Oregon women's track coach Tom Heinonen now has half of his predicted six NCAA automatic qualifiers thanks to a fast-paced 5,000-meter race Saturday at the Oregon Twilight Meet.

Junior Stephanie Wessell and senior Liz Wilson took advantage of a blistering pace by former Duck and 1988 NCAA champion Annette Peters. See story, Page 9

On Campus

"Romancing the Empire: Popular American Fiction of the 1890s" is a lecture to be given today at 4 p.m. by Amy Kaplan of Holyoke College in Room 110 Willamette. See Et als, Page 3

Weather

Cloudy today with a 40 percent chance of showers. Low in the mid-40s. High near 60.

More toxic dumps alleged

By Chris Bouneff
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A local freelance writer and a former Physical Plant employee disclosed Friday that chemical dumping on the Riverfront Research Park site may be more extensive than originally thought.

Writer Robert Wolfe and environmental attorney Mary Scurlock are also asking state and federal agencies to investigate whether University officials violated statutes requiring immediate disclosure of information about chemical dumping.

Wolfe claims that University Vice President Dan Williams violated the statutes by concealing knowledge of chemical dumping on the research park site.

Penalties for violating the statutes include heavy fines and possible jail sen-

tences.

"While we are satisfied that the investigation of this site is proceeding as it should from a technical standpoint ... we are not so sure that the University's conduct is being, or will ever be, rigorously scrutinized from a legal standpoint," Wolfe and Scurlock wrote to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials.

Moreover, Wolfe continued his accusations that Williams deliberately concealed the information on the dumping since its discovery in 1985 to ensure the research park's success.

Ralph Gerrals, who said he worked for the Physical Plant in the late 1960s and early '70s when the dumping occurred, said he disposed wastes on sites not being investigated by the University.

All the dumping took place before state and federal statutes were in place

to regulate chemical disposal.

Gerrals said he dumped 55-gallon drums in two areas, which contradicts the University's information that only 1-gallon containers were buried.

Also, Gerrals said he dumped barrels at the former Day Island Landfill on the north side of the Willamette River — an area not being investigated by the University.

However, Gerrals said he doesn't know what materials were in the drums.

Moreover, he said the disposal holes were deeper than those being dug by L.R. Squier Associates, the environmental assessment consultants hired to study the area.

"It's probably 30, 40, 50 feet deep," Gerrals said. "It's pretty deep."

L.R. Squier drilled holes about 30 feet deep to collect soil samples.

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Monday
In-Depth

The spirit of sisterhood



Photo by Mark Ylen

Kappa Delta pledges Cathy Flynn (left) and Debbie Weisman attend a rush education meeting on Sunday. KD is the newest sorority on campus.

KD pledges help establish new sorority

By Thomas Prowell
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It is Saturday afternoon and 114 women are packed into sweltering Room 110 Willamette Hall. They wear green and white sweatshirts and sing energetically, fueling the heat in the room.

K-A-P-P-A D-E-L-T-A! Kappa! Delta! Kappa Delta A-O-T! Loyal we will always be to the best sorority! Kappa Delta, Kappa Delta Hey! they sing.

Meet the members of Kappa Delta, the University greek system's newest sorority. "They're so excited," says Leta Labatte, KD national collegiate adviser, "they bleed green."

The new KD pledges have learned, of course, that green is their sorority's color. The song Labatte has taught them will be used to pick up their spirits at rush next fall.

The KD pledges have a lot to learn because much work goes into establishing a sorority. The process is often intense, moreso because Oregon KDs will be receiving nine weeks of pledge education in four weeks to get the sorority ready for fall rush.

Pledge education

Labatte, a recent University of Washington graduate and one of three advisers sent by the national sorority to build the Alpha-Lambda chapter of Kappa Delta at the University, is teaching KD members how to rush new recruits.

Another adviser, Michelle Williams (Southern Mississippi '89), will be training the sorority officers. Debbie Leppek (Michigan State '89) is putting the KDs through pledge education programs.

Like most fraternities and sororities, KD has its public works and private traditions. The A-O-T reference in the

above song is a ritual secret; its meaning is still unknown to the 114 new pledges.

The new KD members will learn KD traditions and history, the sorority's national organization and officers, the University Panhellenic system and the Greek alphabet. They will not become fully initiated sisters until October.

The training is not mind-numbing indoctrination, however. One thing that has impressed Labatte, Leppek and Williams is the enthusiasm of the new KDs.

"Their heads are really swimming with ideas," Williams said. "Rather than us giving them the idea, 'well, why don't you do this,' they're coming up with ideas on their own."

"They all want to do something. It's like if they don't get an appointive office or an accounting office, it's like

'we want to be on committee, we want to do this, we want to be involved,'" Leppek said.

Leppek said the education program is designed "to start the loyalty and commitment to Kappa Delta and to start those friendships growing right now ... because that is the base, that is what makes the chapter the strongest it can be."

"Most of the things I did in officer training this past week, I gave them a foundation and said 'This is what you need to be looking into,'" Williams said.

KD's sorority president is Stacy Temple, a leisure studies major from Helix, a small town near Pendleton in Eastern Oregon. Temple said she is excited about starting new traditions and new friendships in her sorority, but she

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Kappa
Delta
facts

Founded: Oct. 23, 1897, at Longwood College in Farmville, Va.

Membership: More than 125,000 nationally.

Chapters: KD has chartered 178 chapters.

Open motto: *Ta Kala Diokomen*. Translated from the Greek, it means "Let us strive for that which is honorable, beautiful and highest."