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## Entertainment

Thomas Mapfumo was the first artist in his native Zimbabwe to write and sing about social injustice and racial oppression. In the process, his music helped bring the people of Zimbabwe back to their own identity.

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## Sports



Stephanie Wessell

The Oregon men's and women's track teams will meet Washington State, Alabama and Indiana in Saturday's Pepsi Invitational.

Both Duck teams have been undefeated in the past four Pepsi meets.

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After 30 consecutive road games, the Oregon softball team will host three doubleheaders this weekend against Stanford, Arizona and Arizona State.

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## Inside

"I was awoken in the middle of the night. I saw a UFO in my backyard. It went to my back window, so I went that way. The next thing I remember I was on the craft.

"I felt it was a dream, but when I woke up the next morning, the light was on and my pants were on, and that's not something I do — go to sleep with my pants on. I was very disturbed about that."

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Frank Wilkinson has dedicated most of his life toward working for civil rights in Los Angeles and the Southeast, and what does he get? More than 50 years of surveillance by the FBI.

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The Eugene police department's bomb disposal unit fired a water cannon at a suspicious package in Johnson Hall Thursday. The box (left), which was addressed to "Myles Bland" was found to be filled with rocks.

President Brand was not in the building when three people reportedly delivered the box at about 1:45 p.m.

Photos by Mark Ylen and Sean Poston



## Commissioner's plan sparks ethical debate

By Chris Bouneff  
Emerald News Editor

Opponents of reopening the Downtown Mall to motorized traffic are charging Lane County Board of Commissioners Chairman Jack Roberts with trying to use county funds for his own financial and political gains.

Roberts proposed Wednesday that the county use road improvement funds to pay for more than half of the estimated \$3.2 million it would cost to reopen the mall.

Voters will decide the mall's future on May 21 when they vote on a measure that would reopen parts of East Broadway and Willamette and Olive streets.

The pre-election move set off a political battle that will culminate when commissioners

consider the proposal next Wednesday.

Roberts' proposal would take more than \$2 million from the county's \$40 million road surplus fund to pay for opening the streets if voters approve the ballot measure.

In making the proposal, Roberts disclosed that he owned less than a 10 percent interest in buildings housing the Downtown Athletic Club, which is partially located along the mall.

The Athletic Club is located along a portion of south Willamette Street that would be opened if voters approve the measure.

Disclosing the conflict of interest allows him to legally vote on the proposal, Roberts said Thursday.

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## Johnson Hall bomb threat causes panic

By Dan Eisler  
Emerald Contributor

Eugene police blasted a suspicious package addressed to University President Myles Brand that was delivered to Johnson Hall Thursday afternoon.

EPD's bomb disposal unit sandbagged and fired a water cannon at a rock-filled box. The box was left on a chair outside the president's office, prompting the building's evacuation.

Brand was at the dedication of the new Yamada Language Center in Pacific Hall when the package arrived at about 1:45 p.m., said John Crosiar, associate director of the University News Bureau.

At that time, Jan Madrono, who works in Johnson Hall, was on the porch and saw three people deliver the package, said Gaye Vandermyn, news bureau director.

While one person on a skateboard stayed outside, two young men carried the box into Johnson Hall, according to Office of Public Safety reports. One of the two was described as a 5-foot-7-inch young white male. A description was not available for the others.

The package, a large white cardboard box wrapped with gray masking tape, was addressed to "Myles Bland, Carrie, FBI, and the rest of the administration. Observe Happy Earth Day."

"The president of a university attracts a lot of mail from strange people," Vandermyn said.

If a suspicious piece of mail is small enough, it is put in an evidence bag and sent to OPS for examination, she said. This package was unusual enough to contact OPS, who in turn contacted the bomb unit, she said.

The police failed to detect anything in the package with an X-ray machine, so they fired the water cannon, said EPD Sgt. Mike Cline. An explosive device would have detonated when hit with the cannon. No injuries were reported.

## IFC meets tonight

By Daralyn Trappe  
Emerald Reporter

The Incidental Fee Committee will meet tonight in an effort to resolve the conflict that has held up budget hearings for more than a week.

The public meeting will be at 5 p.m. in EMU Century Room A.

Hearings were suspended April 4 when ASUO President Kirk Bailey announced he had found IFC Chairman Mike Colson responsible for altering the minutes of the Jan. 31 IFC meeting. Bailey based the finding on a five-week ASUO investigation.

Colson has stated that he was not responsible for any alteration, and he filed a complaint with the Constitution Court Thursday questioning the legality of the investigation.

On April 4, Bailey recommended that IFC members vote to remove Colson from office. The members instead decided to indefinitely postpone budget hearings until Colson resigns or the matter is resolved another way. At that time, Colson said he would not resign.

Because IFC member Armando Morales made the motion to postpone hearings, it has been up to him to call for another meeting.

Colson said he hopes the meeting will be "pleasant and we can get on with the budgets."