

# 'Waterfall,' drilling disrupt classes

## Construction on Columbia roof causes classroom revolt

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Fed up with the sounds of roof construction reverberating through the classroom, Geology Professor Harve Waff and students from his 9:30 a.m. Dynamic Earth class decided to express their frustration Wednesday.

The group marched down the street to Johnson Hall to tell the administration that they had had enough.

This mass complaint was the first indication that the construction on the roof over Room 150 Columbia was creating a problem for students and faculty scheduled to that room, said Paul Holbo, vice provost for academic affairs.

"They stopped the construction within a few moments, but by that time the class was lost, and that is very unfortunate," he said.

Although the construction crews need to finish the roof repair before rainy weather sets in, they agreed to schedule around classes.

"There is no alternative," Holbo said. "It is impossi-

ble to hold a class in that room with all the external noise."

The noise was likened to the sound of jackhammers, but was actually drilling that is being done to secure new insulation to the roof, said Physical Plant Director George Hecht.

Hecht said a rotary drill is used to anchor new insulation to the cement roof deck, a process that will no longer be used while 150 Columbia is in use.

The construction crew, from Umpqua Roofing Company, has rearranged its schedule so that the noise will be limited to early mornings and weekends.

Other roof work is still going on while the classroom is in use, and has created no problems — except one.

Hecht said that on Thursday the construction crew came across some pockets of water in the old roof, sending some of the water down onto the class below.

Finding a good time of the year to do the construction is almost impossible, because of heavy class use

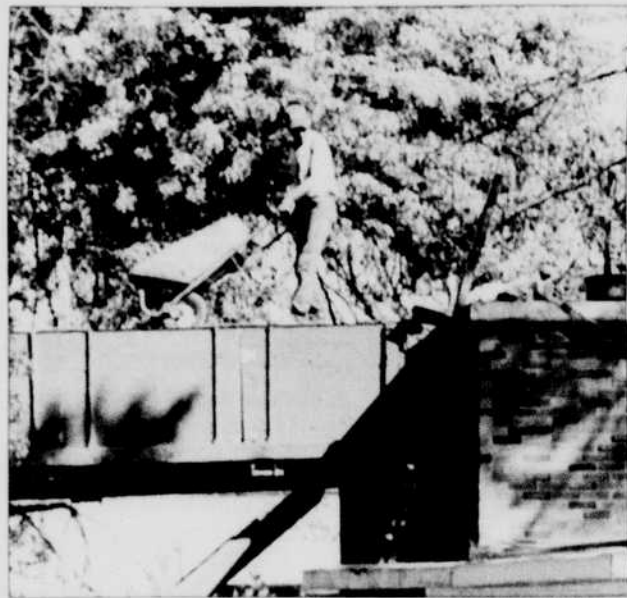


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Construction workers from Umpqua Roofing Company finish securing insulation to the roof of Columbia Hall. The company recently agreed not to work during classes because of noise factors even though they must complete the project before any rain hits.

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**MEETINGS**

ASUO Women's Center-Vista Project Forum has been postponed. The forum was scheduled for Saturday. Call 346-4095 for more information.

The Gamers' Society will have a strategy games regular meeting featuring Pax Britannia today at noon in EMU Cedar Room E.

Council for Exceptional Children is having its yearly planning meeting today from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in 152 Education. Call 346-5521 for more information.

**OPPORTUNITIES**

Career Planning and Placement Orientation Session will take place today from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in 238 Hendricks. Call 346-3235 for more information.

Eugene Concert Choir will be having auditions Sunday, Oct. 6, at Grace Lutheran Church, 710 E. 17th Ave. Call 343-1082 to schedule an audition time or for more information.

**RELIGION**

Baptist Student Union will present Friday focus tonight at 7 at 2520 Harris St. Mark Howard, a local soloist and music director, will lead a praise/worship program. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. Call 345-3393 or 747-5090 for more information.

Hillel Shabbat Gathering is at Mitch Rothman's, 1425 E. 20th Ave. Vegetarian potluck will start at 7 tonight. Call 343-8920 for more information.

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship is sponsoring a praise and worship tonight from 7 to 9 in the EMU Ben Linder Room.

Meeting for anyone interested in becoming a Catholic Christian, will take place Sunday night at 6:15 at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St. Call 346-4468 for more information.

Weekend Masses will take place Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. The Masses, taking place at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St., will be followed by Blessing of Animals at 12:15 and Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Genesis and other Creation Stories will be the topic of a round table discussion taking place today at 12:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room E.

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