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Watchless workers to blame for repeat protest

By Lisa Millegan
Emerald Reporter

After Geology Prof. Harve Waff led about 200 students to Johnson Hall Wednesday to protest noisy roof construction above his 9:30 Dynamic Earth class, he thought he had the problem solved.

But when the banging began again Friday morning, Waff soon learned that once is sometimes not enough.

After waiting five minutes for the noise to stop, the professor decided to march the students to the administration building to protest again and find a quieter place to conduct class.

"We were sure Wednesday that everything was fine and then we returned Friday and it started up again," he said. "We just want to get on with the business of teaching."

A student in Waff's class said the professor wasn't worried

about the possible consequences of repeating the protest.

"He said, 'Tenure is so nice because they can't kick me out and I can say what I want,'" said Jennifer Coats, quoting her professor.

When the students arrived, they listened to apologies from University President Myles Brand and Physical Plant Director George Hecht, and learned that the officials had indeed told the roofers the day before to stop work before the class began. The workers just didn't know what time it was.

Hecht, who was embarrassed about the mix-up, immediately went to 150 Columbia to find out what went wrong when he learned students were again crowding Johnson Hall.

When he got up on the roof,

Construction noise resumes, class of 200 protests again

he asked one of the crew why they were still working.

"The guy said, 'We can work until 9:30.' I asked him what time it was and he said he didn't have a watch and he yelled to another guy 'Hey, Joe, what time is it?' It was five minutes to 10," Hecht said.

After Hecht told them they would have to stop working, one worker asked him if the crew could continue for 10 more minutes.

"I said, 'Absolutely not,'" Hecht said. "They're just not sensitive to it at all. They're good roofers but they just don't understand what it's like for the classes."

The Columbia Hall workers' apparent lack of respect for the University's wishes didn't go unnoticed by Brand.

"I'm not pleased with their

performance," he said. "We're going to station someone up there and make sure that doesn't happen again."

However Hecht said the workers have told him they may be done with the building this weekend.

The classroom is just one of about 30 that has been repaired or renovated recently, but until Wednesday, Hecht said he hadn't heard any complaints.

Hecht said he hopes noise complaints won't be a problem with Waff and didn't blame him for his actions.

"If I were in his place, I would have done the same thing," he said.

Waff said he has no plans to retake Johnson Hall today even if the banging should continue.

"I have a good feeling that the problem's resolved," he said. "If the contractor doesn't have a watch, we'll go up there and tell him."

HIGHER EDUCATION UPDATE

Brand begins office hours

University President Myles Brand last week began holding open office hours for students, faculty and staff.

Brand plans to hold these sessions once a week when he is in town. Each week's schedule will vary by day and time to accommodate student, faculty and staff schedules.

Members of the campus community can find out the president's schedule and make appointments by calling 346-3036. The 15- to 20-minute appointments will be made in advance on a first-come, first-served basis.

Brand can also be reached by electronic mail at his E-mail address, PRES@oregon. Interested students and others who do not have access to E-mail may apply for a free, limited-use account on the VAX mainframe computing system in Room 104 of the University Computing Center at 1225 Kincaid St.

Public access terminals are located in Computing Center Room 104. Access is also possible by modem from personal computers, departmental terminals on the campus computing network UONet, or other computer work stations that can access UONet.

Recycling wins award

The University's recycling program has received an award as the Education/Promotion Recycler of the Year from the Association of Oregon Recyclers.

The Association found that through the efforts of Karyn Kaplan, University recycling coordinator, and John Baldwin's Environmental Studies student internship program, the University has enhanced its campus-wide recycling promotion program so much that it can be used as a model for other colleges and universities across the country.

The award was based on several of the program's high points: A recycling resolution for the University Constitution, a student/faculty committee, campus displays and promotional flyers, monitored recycling bins and the elimination of disposable cups in the dorms, and 50 cents a student per term in incidental fees to fund recycling programs.

University kicks off recycling week

In other recycling news, Gov. Barbara Roberts declared Oct. 5-12, 1991 as the sixth annual Oregon Recycling Awareness Week.

In conjunction with this, the University will be staging recycling awareness activities for the second year.

Today's activities are:

- A week-long display in the EMU lobby.
- Tables and contests in the residence halls.
- Informational activities at Kinko's, 860 E. 13th Ave.

TUESDAY:

- 10 a.m.-3 p.m. — information tables on the EMU terrace with representatives from Campus Recycling, OSPIRG, Save Our Ecosystems, Weyerhaeuser and EMU Food Service.

WEDNESDAY:

- 10 a.m.-3 p.m. — University trash audit in the EMU Courtyard.
- Noon-1 p.m.: Kids parade from EMU Child Care Center. The kids will wear recycled costumes and bring a bag of garbage to sort.
- 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — University Housing is offering tours of Goodwill Plastics Recycling Plant and Weyerhaeuser Secondary Fibers. For more information contact the Carson Hall Area Desk at 346-4217.
- 4 p.m. — The Outdoor Program is offering an afternoon hike to Spencer Butte to enjoy the day and collect trash on the trails. Garbage bags will be provided. Contact the Outdoor Program at 346-4365 for more information.



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