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Lookin' for the right angle



Photo by Michael Shinder

Tom Boldon, Greg Wilson, Mike Heather, Jamie Horne, Craig Howard and Brett Woodyard play ball and enjoy Wednesday's sunshine

Bank to fund research park

□ The University, the city of Eugene and a private developer now have the money to begin construction of the Riverfront Research Park next month

By Tammy Batey
Emerald Reporter

University President Myles Brand said he's "pleased as punch" with U.S. Bank's announcement Wednesday to finance the first building in the Riverfront Research Park.

"This is a historic occasion," Brand said, "not only because so many people worked on this project, but also local government was working with state government, and the University was working with the community. This is the way all sectors work together to get projects like this going."

The Riverfront Research Park will house research firms and some University programs, including the Advanced Science and Technology Institute. The University, the city of Eugene, and Institutional Development Associates, a private developer, are jointly developing the research park.

U.S. Bank will provide approximately \$3.7 million in construction financing and \$4.3 million in permanent financing, said Larry Hedberg, vice president and manager of U.S. Bank's Eugene district.

The \$3.7-million loan will pay for the building construction, and the \$4.3-million loan will pay for expenses after the construction of the first building is completed in about 10 months.

Hedberg announced U.S. Bank's financial support of

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Students for disarmament take their campaign to Nevada

□ Members of ASUO-funded group leaving on a week-long trip to protest nuclear testing and support American Indian landrights

By Kirsten Lucas
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Fifteen University students are on their way to Nevada this week to show support for American Indian landrights and to protest nuclear testing on land that is claimed by both the Western Shoshone Nation and the federal government.

Members of the Student Campaign for Disarmament say they hope to become more enlightened through their activism, which will lead them hundreds of miles from their classrooms and involve them in a historical land dispute that spans decades.

In 1951 the federal government established the Nevada Test Site on a piece of land the Western Shoshone have been living and herding their cattle on for years. Since then, nuclear radiation has reportedly caused the Shoshone to suffer an increase in birth defects, mental retardation and cancer.

In addition to the Shoshone's fight against nuclear testing, they also face a battle to keep their native land.

In 1863 the U.S. government signed the Treaty of Ruby Valley — a treaty of "peace and friendship" — with the Western Shoshone, recognizing the nation's title to its ancestral land.

The Dann Band (an extended family) are traditional Western Shoshone who live off the land, relying on raising livestock, hunting and gardening.

In 1973, the Bureau of Land Management charged the Dann sisters with trespassing for grazing their cattle and horses on land claimed by the federal government.

Since then, the Dann's battle with the BLM and the U.S. government has been to the Supreme Court and three times to the U.S. Court of Appeals.

The Supreme Court ruled against the tribe because its members have supposedly been paid for the land. The United States' interior secretary, who serves as spokesman for the Western Shoshone, accepted \$26 million and deposited it into a U.S. Treasury Department trust fund.

However, the Western Shoshone have refused to accept the secretary as a guardian and haven't received any of the money.

The Danns and their supporters are committed to nonviolent resistance against any attempts to drive them from their land and confiscate their

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State van reservations for protesters canceled

By Carrie Dennett
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When trip organizer Patrick Ring called the Eugene motor pool office Friday to confirm the Student Campaign for Disarmament's van reservations, he was in for a surprise — the vans had been canceled.

Unbeknownst to Ring or SCD, University Vice President Dan Williams and higher-ups in the state's Department of General Services had decided not to allow use of the vans for the Nevada trip.

"This was as much a political judgment as it was a judgment based on the rules

of regulation," said Cameron Birnie, state motor pool administrator. General Services operates the state motor pool as one of its several duties.

Birnie said General Services has some discretion over who uses the motor pool vans, courtesy of Oregon Revised Statutes 283.310, 283.330 and 283.340.

The decision was influenced by "outrage" from state legislators over student use of state vans, a feeling that grew last April when University student Susan Winn was killed en route to a protest of a Nevada nucle-

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IFC CANDIDATES

Nine profiles of the 19 total candidates for the four open IFC positions are included in today's Emerald.

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ROLLIN', ROLLIN', ROLLIN'

The Oregon men's and women's basketball teams will face off against two local wheelchair hoops squads tonight in the Ducks on a Roll contest.

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TIMBER!

Rep. Peter DeFazio unveiled a new forest management plan Wednesday.

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