

UNIVERSITY UPDATE

Students win Antarctic architecture competition

University architecture students submitted six of the winning entries, including the first-place finisher, in a juried, nationwide competition to design a "new town for science" at McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

The winning entries consist of comprehensive master plans for a theoretical new research station in Antarctica at the site of the United States' largest antarctic science facility. The entries were on display last week at the American Institute of Architecture Convention in Boston, shortly after the competition, called "Environment 2 — A New Town For Science" and sponsored by the American Institute of Architecture Students.

First place in the competition was awarded to an interdisciplinary team headed by Robert Heaney, who graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in architecture earlier this month.

Other team members included Diana Oliver, a post-baccalaureate student in landscape architecture, and John Carper, a student at California State University, Sacramento.

The students will share a \$1,000 prize and travel to McMurdo in January to complete an intensive, week-long design session.

Tuition waived for two students

Two University students will benefit from a new program aimed at addressing the problem of underrepresentation of women pursuing graduate degrees in the physical sciences.

Senior Rachel DiNoto and junior Ceceli Duchki will each receive tuition waivers next year in order to work toward completion of their undergraduate studies in chemistry and physics, respectively.

The University's new tuition-waiver program for women in the physical sciences was developed by Steadman Upham, vice provost and dean of the Graduate School, to help encourage women to participate in a field still dominated by men.

Roberts bucks tradition by calling for session

NORTHWEST SALEM (AP) — Gov. Barbara Roberts seems to be standing conventional wisdom on its head as she prepares to call the Oregon Legislature into a special session to deal with taxes.

Past special sessions often have been plotted weeks or even months ahead of time, with consultation between the governor and House and Senate leaders every step of the way.

But Roberts' session might be less than two weeks away, and there's no specific agenda. The governor is constructing a tax package, but she hasn't set a meeting date.

Roberts' announcement some weeks ago that she definitely would call a session this summer to put a tax plan on the ballot caught some lawmakers by surprise.

Legislators in her own party, such as House Minority Leader Peter Courtney, D-Salem, were critical. He questioned whether the governor was allowing enough time for budget review of the state's budget problems and her plans to fix them.

A common routine in past special sessions was for legislative committees to work well ahead of the session to put bills in shape for quick action once all 90 lawmakers convene.

Senate and House party caucuses frequently have had an early chance to look at the

measures.

The scenario for the impending special session on taxes isn't following many of the rules, though.

The situation appears to be developing as one of a cursory review of the tax plan before it's sent along to the voters.

House Speaker Larry Campbell, R-Eugene, seems to be distancing himself and his Republican caucus from the Democratic governor.

Last week, Campbell publicly questioned her plans for a session "with such a short lead time" and said he doubted if voters supported the approach.

He said he would have the House Revenue Committee review whatever plan Roberts comes up with "for technical accuracy" to prepare it for an "up-or-down vote" in the House.

The House leader also wants the tax measure on the November general election ballot. Roberts says she will hold out for a Sept. 15 election.

The Senate, solidly controlled by the Democrats, is expected to be more sympathetic toward the governor's plan. But no one is making any bets. There's no measure yet.

There are potential advantages to the governor's fast-track approach and also to Campbell's simple up-or-down vote.

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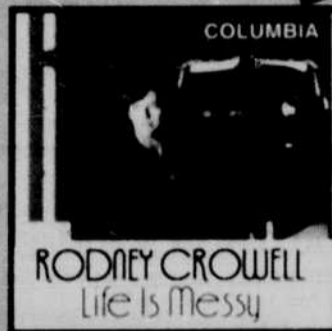


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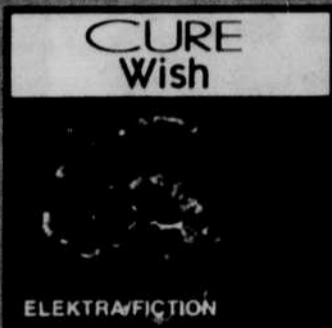
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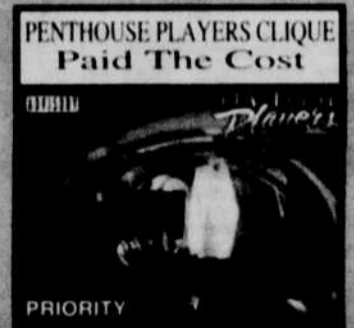
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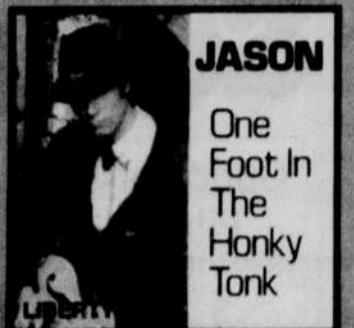
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