

## UNIVERSITY

# Fire damages Straub basement

By Matt Bender  
Emerald Reporter

An electrical fire in the basement of Straub Hall filled the building with smoke and caused about \$250 worth of damage Tuesday morning, authorities said.

Tim Birr, Eugene fire department spokesman, said the cause of the fire originated in a motor in the basement's mechanical room, which he believed may have been a heating ventilation room. Two University Office of Public Safety officers put out the fire with a portable extinguisher, he said.

OPS Officer Manny Goldsmith said he went into the basement of the building and saw some insulation burning

on the floor. He said the insulation had fallen from some overhead electrical wires where the fire had started.

He said the wires were among the various pipes and insulation that run along the ceiling of the basement of Straub.

Goldsmith said the flames were about six to eight inches tall and he used a fire extinguisher to put them out. He said the smoke was the major problem and the flames were easy to extinguish.

Eugene police department Sgt. Dennis Baker, whose office is in Straub, said he left a meeting at about 11:45 a.m., and found the building full of thick smoke. He said he and the rest of the OPS staff had to leave the

building until the smoke in the building was cleared out.

Birr said three engines and one truck arrived on the scene at 11:51 a.m. Firefighters arrived with "nothing showing" — meaning there was no smoke coming outside, Birr said.

Birr said firefighters observed that the south end of the basement was filled with "a lot of smoke, but not a lot of fire."

"Most of the work involved blowing smoke out of the basement with fans," Birr said.

The fire department vehicles left the scene at 12:28 p.m., after blowing the smoke out and cleaning up the basement.

Baker said the building still smelled of smoke long after the fire department left.

## ET ALS

### MEETINGS

**Korean Student Association** will have an important meeting tonight from 6 to 7 in the EMU Oak Room. For more information, call 346-9595.

**Hawaii Club** will meet tonight at 7 in EMU Cedar Room E. For more information, call 683-6235.

**Japanese Student Organization** will meet today at 4:30 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room B.

**College Republicans** will meet tonight at 7 in EMU Century Room A. For more information, call 747-3679.

**Students for Choice** will meet tonight at 7 in Room 276 Education. For more information, call 346-0649.

**Men Against Rape** will meet tonight at 6 in EMU Cedar Room B. For more information, call 346-4206.

**Vietnamese Student Association** will meet tonight at 7 in Smith Lounge. Students interested in participating in the Tet New Year Celebration are encouraged to attend. Executives meet at 6:30. For more information, call 686-8224 or 346-8490.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Students of Objectivism** will have discussions on objectivism tonight at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room E. For more information, call 744-0349.

**Women in Transition Coffee Hour** provides a chance to meet, interact and network with others on campus today from 11 a.m.

to noon in the Women's Center Lobby, EMU Suite 3. For more information, call 346-4099.

**Student Employment** will hold a summer employment workshop today from 4 to 5 p.m. in Room 12 Hendricks. For more information, call 346-3214.

**Center for the Study of Women in Society** will have an evening of remembrance of Audre Lorde, 1934-1992, tonight at 7:30 in Gerlinger Lounge. Participants may bring flowers, selected readings and poetry to share. For more information, call 346-5015.

**Pre-law Society** will have a discussion titled "Attorney for the City of Eugene" today at 4:30 p.m. in Room 164 Oregon Hall. For more information, call 686-8699.

**Rubicon Society** will meet and have a presentation on EWEB's McKenzie River projects today at noon at DeFrisco's in the Atrium, 99 W. 10th Ave. Admission is free and lunch is optional. For more information, call 683-2194.

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