

Officials scrap column plan

Sensing a storm of bad publicity on the way, University administrators last week scrapped a \$20,000 plan to erect two concrete columns on the south side of campus.

The two 10-foot columns would have stood at the intersection of University Street and 18th Avenue, delineating the campus boundary. Vice President Dan Williams said he worried the project would appear a lavish expenditure at a time when the University's budget is tightening.

University architect Chris Ramey said the columns may eventually be built when the University gets through the current state budget crunch.

High court at law school

The Oregon Supreme Court will hear cases in the law school's Orlando J. Hollis Courtroom today, giving the public a chance to see the state's highest court in

action, said law Professor Mary Lawrence.

The court will likely rule on the cases within the next year, Lawrence said.

After each session, the court will answer the public's questions, except questions about the cases they are hearing, Lawrence said.

Law students get first priority for seating, she said.

The court's visit is part of the law school's legal research and writing program.

Assistant director gets award

Mary Hudzikiewicz, assistant director of the University Student Development Office, received the highest honor bestowed by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education for District VIII Feb. 22.

Associated with the University since she began her education here in 1959, Hudzikiewicz received the honor for her success in both University relations and

student affairs.

"Mary has truly dedicated her life to serving others," CASE Chairman Mike Goodwin said. "She has touched the lives of so many people. Especially noteworthy has been her guidance and support of students at the University. In their own careers, they continue her legacy of leadership, giving and dedication."

Students win fellowships

Five University graduate students received the 1993-94 Oregon Humanities Center Graduate Fellowships last week.

The students will receive a \$250 travel allowance for attending professional conferences, office space and use of computers in the Oregon Humanities Center. The purpose of the fellowship is to stimulate humanistic research and support graduate education by providing doctoral degree students necessary time, space and other resources, said center Director John Stuhr.

The fellowship proposals were judged

for the quality of topic and their relationship to humanities, the significance of the research in the student's field, and the feasibility of the planned research.

The recipients are Jennifer Cole-Small, romance languages; Abby Ferber, sociology; Jamie Pauline Ross, philosophy; Roark Mulligan, English; and Christina Kreps, anthropology. All are graduate teaching fellows except Ross.

Brand deadline approaches

Students who want to trade places for a day with University President Myles Brand must turn in their applications to Room 130 Hendricks by March 8.

Applications are available at the president's office in Johnson Hall, the Student University Relations Council in Room 140 Hendricks and at tables in the EMU.

The drawing for the winner will be in Room 130 Hendricks, March 11 at 12:20 p.m.. Applicants must be at the drawing to win.

Reporter finds sailing is not for the weak of stomach

By Hope Nealon
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MARINA DEL REY, Calif. — It's a tough job, but someone has to do it.

When I caught wind that members of the Oregon Club Sports sailing team were heading for sunny California to race in the 64th annual Midwinters Sailing Regatta, I reluctantly consented to cover the story.

Resentfully, I threw my suntan oil, shorts and sunglasses in a bag and caught a 15-hour drive down to Marina del Rey, near downtown Los Angeles.

We left the clouds and rain of Eugene and pulled into the largest marina of its kind in the world with nary a cloud in the sky.

Watching University sailing team members Julie Sparlin and Nicholi Lenn work throughout the day setting up the rig, oiling the blocks, and raising the mast gave this outsider an insight into the world of sailboat racing.

Sparlin and Lenn showed me that what happens before and after the races is just as important as the race itself.

Sparlin's boat would be racing in the Santana 20 class. Boats in the Santana class have different types of sails and equipment and require three crew members.

Sparlin would be racing against 13 other Santanas.

Boats from as far away as Colorado were parked in the lot of the California Yacht Club, which sponsored the regatta. A friendly attitude all around was evident, with sailors working and talking while preparing their boats for the next day's race.

The bonding overflowed into the yacht club's bar that night, where just about everyone involved in two of the boat classes, the J-24s and Santana 20s, congregated.

Bonding between sailors is a peculiar experience to witness, and "bench racing" is the most popular activity, where storytelling is elevated to an art form, and sailors trade dubious accounts of past victories over many beers.

I discovered there would be about 55 sailboats racing the next day, with six different classes of boats racing each other in a procession of heats.

I also found out I would be riding on the committee boat.

The committee boat is the pivotal boat of the regatta. Anchored in the middle of the race course, it is both the start and the finish of the races.

Each boat entered in the race must sail by and be acknowledged by the crew of the committee boat.

With my head swimming with more information than I could possibly absorb, I boarded the committee boat.

I had the lingo, the technical terms, and the racing techniques down. I knew what to expect from start to finish and was prepared in every way. Nothing could stop me.

Well, almost nothing.

I first noticed the rumbling in my stomach when I was helping the committee boat's crew check in boats about 11 a.m.

As I sat at the stern by the sputtering diesel engine, I looked at my watch and realized I had almost six more hours to go. Best to just ignore that queasy feeling, I decided.

An hour later I frantically scanned the sides of the boat for a discreet, somewhat hidden, area ... just in case.

But the search was fruitless. More than 50 boats surrounded the committee boat, their crews sailing close enough for Sparlin to hand me a bottle of Evian for my hangover.

Ten minutes later I was pleading with myself, making pacts with the devil. If only I could hold on until I reached dry land.

In a last-ditch effort, I asked the captain if the boat had a bathroom.

Running in the direction he pointed, I felt that sickening motion work its way up higher and higher.

That night, when I reached dry land, I soothed my troubled tummy with a home remedy from the bar, as recommended by the sailing team. I soon felt better, especially because Sparlin and Lenn took 6th place in the race, and two other Oregon boats took 4th and 5th.

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University Proposes
New Rules on
Sexual Harassment
Public Information Meeting
To Be Held March 4

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to a meeting at 3:30 pm in 110 Willamette Hall, Thursday, March 4, to learn about new proposals regarding the University's administrative rules on sexual harassment and other forms of illegal discrimination. Copies of the proposals will be available at the meeting, and University administrators will describe the changes, discuss their implications, and answer questions.

The University's administration wants people to be fully informed about these important issues and hopes to have as much advice and comment as possible before adopting new rules.

A formal rule-making hearing will not take place until April 21, so there will be plenty of time for concerned individuals and groups to comment on the proposals after this informational meeting.

Please plan on attending the meeting on March 4.

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