

Preservation project saving Deady Hall

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The autograph near the windowsill in the east tower of Deady Hall is etched in ghostly gray pencil and dated 1886.

The tower, now covered with scaffolding and tarps, was threatened by chronic leaks and deterioration, but a preservation project is saving it.

"I feel pretty attached to it," said project manager James Wentworth, who began preliminary work on the building in 1992.

Work on the east tower, which began in July, could be done within a month and students will help restore the west tower as part of a class offered spring term. When that is completed, work on the roof will begin.

The project is moving slowly because of budget constraints

and Wentworth was unable to predict when it would be finished.

Deady Hall was listed as a national historic landmark in 1977 and the State Historic Preservation Office granted \$20,000 toward the \$100,000 restoration project.

Wentworth said public attitude during the 1950s and 1960s damaged some historical buildings.

"They didn't care how accurate or historical it was," he said of repair work done in that period. "There was a different public sentiment then. Now we realize historical value."

William Piper, one of the first professional architects in Oregon, designed Deady Hall. It was completed in 1876. He claimed the building would last 1,000 years. Piper eventually commit-

ted suicide.

For 10 years, Deady Hall was the University and housed all departments. For many years, heating came from wood stoves in each room and students were required to bring a piece of wood to class each morning.

The building was named after Matthew Deady just days following his death in 1893. Deady played a vital role in the history of Oregon and the University. He wrote the first volume of laws published in the Oregon Territory, was president of the Board of Regents for more than 20 years and penned the University's charter.

Deady was born in Maryland in 1824. He worked as a blacksmith for four years in Ohio and taught school there for a salary of \$22 a month. He trekked to Oregon in 1849 where he soon

began work as a legislator.

In an early legislative session, Deady opposed a bill to establish a state university saying such an institution would be of "little utility." Deady, like many at that time, favored church-administered schools and thought general taxpayers should not finance higher education.

Deady changed his mind and the charter he wrote for the University specifically forbids discrimination on the basis of sex or religion.

Deady became a judge and though he kept wealthy company, Deady was never affluent himself.

"He was always in debt because he lived beyond his means," said Keith Richard, University archivist.



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The scaffolding and tarps on Deady Hall are part of a preservation project aimed at saving the east tower, which has been threatened by chronic leaks.

POLICE BEAT

The following incidents were reported to the University Office of Public Safety and the Eugene police department Jan. 5-12.

- A chair and coffee table were reported stolen from the Hamilton Complex Jan. 5. The property amounted to \$190.
- A \$263 vacuum cleaner was reported stolen from the Hamilton Complex Jan. 5.
- A 20-year-old male student was cited for reckless driving on Oak Street and 12th Avenue Jan. 6. According to police reports, an officer observed the student on a bicycle not stopping at a stop sign. The officer then chased after him when the student did not show signs of slowing down. The student led the officer through alleys and parking lots, but the chase came to an end on Willamette Street, where the student explained he did not have money to pay the \$40 fine for violating the stop sign. The bail issued for the reckless driving was \$3,500.
- A \$450 bicycle was reported stolen on the 1600 block of East 15th Avenue Jan. 6.
- A 27-year-old male was arrested for theft and second-degree criminal mischief on the 1400 block of Columbia

Street Jan. 7. According to police reports, the suspect was charged for stealing bicycle parts on campus in December.

- An 18-year-old male was arrested for selling drugs on 13th Avenue and Kincaid Street Jan. 7.
- A \$400 bike was reported stolen on the 1000 block of Patterson Street Jan. 7.
- A student from the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity reported a television and video stolen Jan. 7. According to police reports, the property was worth \$650.
- Another student from the SAE fraternity reported an \$800 bicycle, a \$1,900 stereo system and more than 100 compact discs stolen Jan. 7. According to police reports, the property was stolen sometime during the winter vacation.
- Three male transients were cited for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana and drinking in public in West University Park Jan. 7.
- First-degree arson was reported at the Bean Complex Jan. 7. According to police reports, sheets of paper were burnt off of the walls, causing \$100 worth of damage.
- A \$390 small sofa was reported stolen from University Housing Jan. 7.

- Two male students were cited for disorderly conduct on the 1400 block of Alder Street Jan. 8. According to police reports, the two suspects started a physical dispute outside the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, where several people had gathered. The police stopped the fight and both suspects were fined \$255 in bail.
- A 28-year-old male was arrested for trespassing outside Fenton Hall Jan. 8.
- A 19-year-old male student reported \$8,400 worth of property stolen from his car on the 1100 block of Kincaid Street Jan. 8. According to police reports, the victim was about to move into the Kappa Sigma fraternity and had his computer, software, compact discs, clothes and compact disc player in the car.
- Two male transients were cited for unlawful possession of controlled substance on the 300 block of East 13th Avenue Jan. 9.
- The police stopped a four-way party at the Phi Delta Theta fraternity Jan. 9. According to police reports, the police got a call from a woman who was concerned about the amount of alcohol that was offered to minors at fraternity parties,

including the one taking place at Phi Delta Theta. When the police arrived, more than 400 people were attending the party. Outside the main door, a group of minors told the officers that they had been drinking beer inside. The party was between two fraternities and sororities.

- First-degree arson was reported at the Asian/Pacific American Student Union Jan. 9. According to police reports, somebody lit a bulletin board on fire and scratched a swastika on the burned portion.
- Second-degree burglary was reported at The Taste of Germany Jan. 10. According to police reports, somebody entered through an unknown entrance and consumed a substantial amount of alcohol. Two kegs of Henry Weinhard's Beer had been emptied and new kegs had been attached from the inventory. Numerous Marlboro cigarettes were lying in ashtrays on several tables. A coffee cup filled with what appeared to be urine was on the top of the bar. About \$745 worth of damage was estimated, including property that the suspects had taken with them, a bar sign picture, bottles of German wine and 46 ounces of beer.



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