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Class brings farm to urban jungle

Knowledge: Professor says program prepares students for jobs.

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After a three-year slumber, the small plot of land across the Millrace has awakened this spring.

Students under the leadership of Anne Bettman, a University landscape architecture professor, are working to grow flowers and organic vegetables on the Urban Farm.

The organic farm uses basic principles of sustainable agriculture and urban land use. Its closed organic system can work anywhere that neglected urban land exists.

Working on the farm, students from a wide variety of disciplines can gain knowledge and leadership skills to become organic farmers in their own communities.

Richard Britz, a landscape architecture professor, designed the farm to be a catalyst for community action, to unite city gardeners with students. "The trick is to get different disciplines to integrate, especially in the city," Britz said.

Last term, Britz taught the classroom version of the Urban Farm. He introduced students to principles of urban farming and showed them examples of successful organic farming methods from around the world.

University recognition is the

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Simona LaMorticella pulls weeds from a bed in the University's Urban Farm near the Millrace during a class on Thursday.

UNIVERSITY

Union faces complaints of insensitivity

Policy: Some GTFs say they weren't notified of insurance refund deadline

By Edward Klopfenstein
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With shouts of insensitivity, 17 GTFs are joining in an unfair labor practices complaint against the Graduate Teaching Fellow Federation to be filed this month.

The students charge that the union improperly notified them about a refund deadline on the union's new health insurance plan.

Now, many of the members have double insurance coverage, said James Britt, a student defender with the ASUO Office of Student Advocacy.

The union notified members that they could opt out of the insurance if they filed a waiver by Jan. 31.

But many GTFs were unaware of the refund deadline because notice of the deadline was given in the fourth paragraph of the union's December newsletter, *The GTF Voice*, Britt said.

A complaint will be filed with the state's Employment Relations Board, Britt said, which can force the union to extend the deadline.

The union's position is that tax laws don't allow them to extend the deadline.

"We can't jeopardize the non-taxable status of the plan just for 10 or so members that didn't read the newsletter," said Diane Rau, the union's representative, adding that there are more than 1,000 GTFs currently at the University.

Many students did not receive the newsletter until January because it was delayed by late negotiations and wasn't mailed until late December, Rau said.

Several of the GTFs said they should have been notified with a formal letter, not a newsletter.

"I'm not obliged to read the union newsletter," said

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Assistant AD pleads guilty to harassment

Sentence: Includes probation; restitution

By Scott Simonson
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Assistant athletic director Steve Hellyer pleaded guilty Thursday to one count of harassment and was sentenced by a Lane County District Court judge to two years' probation, 40 hours of community service and payment of restitution.

Hellyer was arrested March 19 and charged with fourth-degree assault and harassment after an argument with his girlfriend. He entered a plea of not guilty to both charges.

Hellyer is in charge of media relations and sports information for the athletic department.

"I am extremely sorry this

matter has had to come before the court. I have brought a lot of shame upon my friends. I hope I haven't destroyed the reputation of the university I work for," Hellyer said in a statement read before the court.

Hellyer struck the woman in the face during an argument at Hellyer's residence, according to police reports. Under a plea agreement, the state agreed to dismiss the assault charge in exchange for a guilty plea to the harassment charge.

A charge of harassment means that the defendant annoyed or harmed the victim with offensive physical contact. The charge is a Class B misdemeanor with a potential maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

His penalty, two years of unsupervised probation, requires him to notify the court in writing if he violates any laws or changes his address during that time.

Hellyer's former girlfriend asked the court for the maximum sentence against Hellyer.

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GOOD MORNING

► A free forum designed to demystify the law will be presented by several local attorneys and University School of Law professors Monday evening.

The forum, "Everything you wanted to know about law but were afraid to ask," is designed to help nonlaw students understand aspects of the legal system such as working with a lawyer, going to court, solving problems without going to court and how laws work.

The event will take place between 7 and 9 p.m. in Room 221 of the Law Center.

► (AP) — A \$10 million gift that would be the largest in the University history is expected to be announced next week.

Southern California developer Charles Lundquist, a 1942 Oregon graduate, reportedly plans to give the money to the University's business school.

Lundquist could not be reached for comment Wednesday night, but two



Oregon newspapers and a television station were reporting their sources had confirmed the gift.

► ELLENSBURG, Wash. (AP) — A pygmy goat named David that wore a disposable diaper to his City Council hearing convinced a unanimous council to let him live within city limits.

City regulations ban farm animals within city limits, and city animal-control officers ordered Millie and Glen Lewis last month to remove the goat from their home.

The council mulled its decision Monday night while the goat munched a piece of paper and paced the aisles in his diaper.

The council voted 6-0 to allow the goat over protests from Jennifer Seibel, a city animal control officer.

Gathering to examine time's effects on Eugene

Celebration: Five longtime residents to address community

By Rebecca Merritt
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Clare Igoo Kincaid, a 1938 University graduate, remembers when Eugene residents didn't lock doors, downtown was the heart of the community and her home on 20th Avenue and Charnelton Street was considered "the edge of the city."

"I always thought Eugene was one of the prettiest cities to grow up in," Kincaid said. "It's a wonderful place for kids."

But Kincaid also recalls having to leave Eugene, which then had a population of 20,000, after graduation because there were no job opportunities for women.

"Almost all of us had to go elsewhere to find a job," Kincaid said. "I really would have pre-

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