

Two grads to open eatery; one to dress in chili pepper suit

Graduation: Business majors find use for their educations with CJ Peppers

By Kim Challis-Roth
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With graduation only two weeks away, most students are asking themselves one question: "What am I gonna do with all this newfound knowledge?"

Business major Craig Leadon knows exactly what he's going to do. He's going to dress in a giant chili pepper costume and flag down customers on West 11th Street to attract business for his new restaurant, CJ Peppers.

His partner, Dan Vishny, doesn't have to wear the chili costume, though.

"I don't look good in red," he said with a laugh. "My dad thinks I'm nuts. I'm a CPA with an MBA and I'm going to be flipping garden burgers."

It all started two years ago, when Vishny picked

up Leadon, who was waiting at a University bus stop. They began discussing business school and discovered they had a common goal. They both wanted to open their own business.

"At first we talked about starting a mail order business," Leadon said, "but one day we got a better idea. We were driving around looking for something to eat and couldn't find a fast food restaurant that served truly healthy foods."

CJ Peppers was on its way.

Leadon, 28, and Vishny, 27, decided to do some research into the restaurant business and discovered there was a need for what they call "fit and fast food" in Eugene. Both men took classes in everything from Market Research to Employee Law, Recruitment and Selection, and came up with a comprehensive 60-page business plan. The next step was finding investors.

"We talked to 30 or 40 people before we came

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Craig Leadon (right) and Dan Vishny discuss the menu for their restaurant CJ Peppers, which will open in the middle of July.



Michael Shindler, Eric Bowen, Caitlin Twain (all on left), Brian Psiropoulos, Joey Lyons and Erika Armsbury share food and memories of life in their house at the dining room table during a rare evening together.

UNIVERSITY

Four University student leaders all call the same place their home

Home: Bowen, advocate, IFC members and photographer live under same roof

By Daniel West
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It's just one house. But in that house live five prominent University students.

Former ASUO President Eric Bowen, IFC members Caitlin Twain and Joey Lyons, Multicultural Advocate Erika Armsbury, *Emerald* photographer and photo editor Michael Shindler, and Lane Community College student Brian Psiropoulos all manage to live together in this house. They invited *Emerald* readers to join them as they reminisced for an evening.

"We played a game of late night croquet in the backyard and the police came over to tell us that we were too loud," said Bowen, fondly remembering the night. Laughter filled the kitchen as everyone lounged in their chairs. "I found it absurd that that they even came by."

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State board to name new higher ed chancellor today



Thomas Bartlett

Retirement: Thomas Bartlett remains as chancellor emeritus

By Lori Bettineski
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Before Oregon loses \$103 million more in state support for higher education, Chancellor of Higher Education Thomas Bartlett will do something different: He'll leave the perplexing problem of dealing with the effects of Ballot Measure 5 to someone else for a change.

At 10:00 a.m. Friday, Southern Oregon State College President Joseph Cox is expected to be named the lucky man who takes on this fiscal challenge. Bartlett steps down to pursue a less challenging lifestyle: retirement.

"I have decided that this is the most

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GOOD MORNING

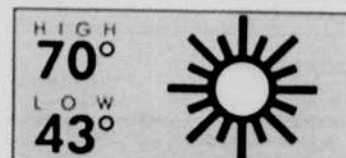
► (AP) — Two plywood buffaloes have returned to a Eugene art center as mysteriously as they disappeared.

The two buffaloes were rustled from the front yard of the Maude Kerns Art Center last week. But they were returned sometime Wednesday under circumstances just as mysterious as those surrounding their disappearance.

"No one actually saw them come back," said Vivian Pridgeon, the art center's operations manager. "They were just there."

The art center says the sculptures are valued at \$450 a head.

► (AP) — Grass seed fields from Eugene to Portland are bursting into bloom, so the Willamette Valley air is filled with



nose-clogging, throat-scratching, eye-stinging pollen.

For the 32 million Americans who suffer from hay fever, Lane County could be one of the worst places on the planet to be from now until about the end of June.

At the height of the typical allergy season, Jones said, it's not unusual for pollen counts to exceed 1,000 particles per cubic meter. By national standards, anything above 200 constitutes an allergy red alert.

While trees shed pollen and trigger allergy attacks in March

and April, the grass seed fields that pollinate in May and June send the area into a sneezing frenzy.

The Willamette Valley is the world's largest producer of cool season grass seed used on lawns and golf courses. Prevailing breezes blow pollen southward, with Eugene and Springfield at the end of the wind tunnel created by the nearby mountains.

But local allergists say you can limit the suffering. First, try to avoid exposure to pollen. Stay indoors, in an air-conditioned room if possible, when the pollen counts are high. Wear a filter mask and sunglasses when outdoors, especially when exercising.