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Marketing director happy with number two slot

Simpson: Former reporter takes on executive assistant job

By Edward Klopfenstein
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Christopher Simpson speaks in paradoxes.

He loves staying at home with his two dogs, two kids and wife of 14 years but works 14- to 16-hour days.

He said he strives to be at the top but prefers the number two slot.

As director of the new Office of Communications and Marketing, he said the University was his ultimate career goal,

but now he's leaving for Indiana University and an \$87,000 job.

Christopher Simpson is leaving after only 11 months at the University.

"The job that I have is the quintessential, behind the scenes, number two person," Simpson said of his new slot in Indiana as the executive assistant to President Myles Brand, former University president.

"I want nothing out of it....The only thing that I ask is that I be allowed the opportunity to continue to work with him (Brand), and I'm very fortunate that I have that opportunity," he said.

The administration's decision to bring Simpson to the University was result of a school in Measure 5 chaos, trying to overcome the stigma of a \$42 million budget shortfall without discouraging prospective students.

He represents the University's bullhorn blasting the glass-half-full message.

"You've got hundreds of different messages going out, and they're very diffuse. There's no rhyme or reason," Simpson said in a recent interview. "So what you do is get everyone singing off the same sheet."

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Christopher Simpson will leave the University and follow Myles Brand to Indiana.

Still life with pheasant



Kevin Temple, 14, draws a stuffed pheasant at the Museum of Natural History Tuesday. "You usually don't get a chance to draw these because they're moving—and moving fast," Temple said.

UNIVERSITY

Public corporation plan could save \$20 million

OSSHE: Board wants more control over how schools can purchase goods, spend money

By Joe Harwood
For the Oregon Daily Emerald

The Oregon State Board of Higher Education is trying to gain more control over the state's colleges and universities by turning them into a public corporation.

Not to be confused with privatizing the state system, the proposal aims to eliminate some of the administrative rules that govern how colleges and universities purchase goods, hire personnel and otherwise spend money.

Under the proposal, the Legislature would retain its authority to set the budget and directly control all revenue transferred from the General Fund to the state system.

Currently, the Legislature only contributes about 20 percent, or \$575 million to a \$2.4 billion budget.

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Organization wants to run Amazon housing complex

Non-profit: Tenants say buildings should be run like a business

By Kaly Soto
Oregon Daily Emerald

It's been almost a year since the Amazon Family Housing complex became a battleground.

After a year, the struggle is a little less hectic. Before both sides can reach an amicable settlement they must first discuss demolition, reconstruction and whether or not a non-profit corporation should run the complex.

"We wanted to structure it as a non-profit corporation because we want accountability and we want it run like a business," said Michelle Summers-Thompson, chairwoman of the Amazon Tenants Council and vice president of Amazon Community Housing, a non-profit corporation.

Wednesday, the board of Amazon Community Housing toured vacant buildings in order to determine which of the buildings are habitable. The tour is only one of the steps the corporation is taking to show the University that the corporation should be considered the best candidate to manage the complex.

In addition, the members of the board have been talking to contractors to get bids on a demonstration building on the corner of 24th Avenue and Patterson Street.

The demonstration building would show what renovations the board would make, if they had the money.

Much of the work thus far has been done by the student residents at Amazon, a tradition they would like to continue.

One University architecture class was devoted entirely to the

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GOOD MORNING

HIGH
85°
LOW
50°



► Construction on the corner of 18th Avenue and University, part of on going improvements the University is making while school is out, should be completed today if everything goes according to the University's plan.