

Review board postpones decision on Amazon

Demolition: Review Board will meet Thursday to announce decision

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The Eugene Historic Review Board decided Thursday to delay its decision regarding approval or postponement of the University's application for demolishing Amazon.

Thursday's public hearing

spilled over into more than two hours before a decision to postpone deliberations to next Thursday was made. A final decision regarding the status of Amazon is expected to be announced at that time.

Eleven Amazon supporters spoke to the board Thursday in efforts to persuade its members to postpone the demolition permit. Several speakers mentioned that they believed the board should delay the permit because

the University has not made "a good faith effort" to protect Amazon as an historic, low-income housing unit for its students.

"The University is acting as if they own this property," said Michelle Summers-Thompson, chairwoman of the Amazon Community Tenants Council. "They certainly do control it at this point. And unless we citizens stand up for our own rights, they might be able to get away with this economic violence against

the very students this University was established for."

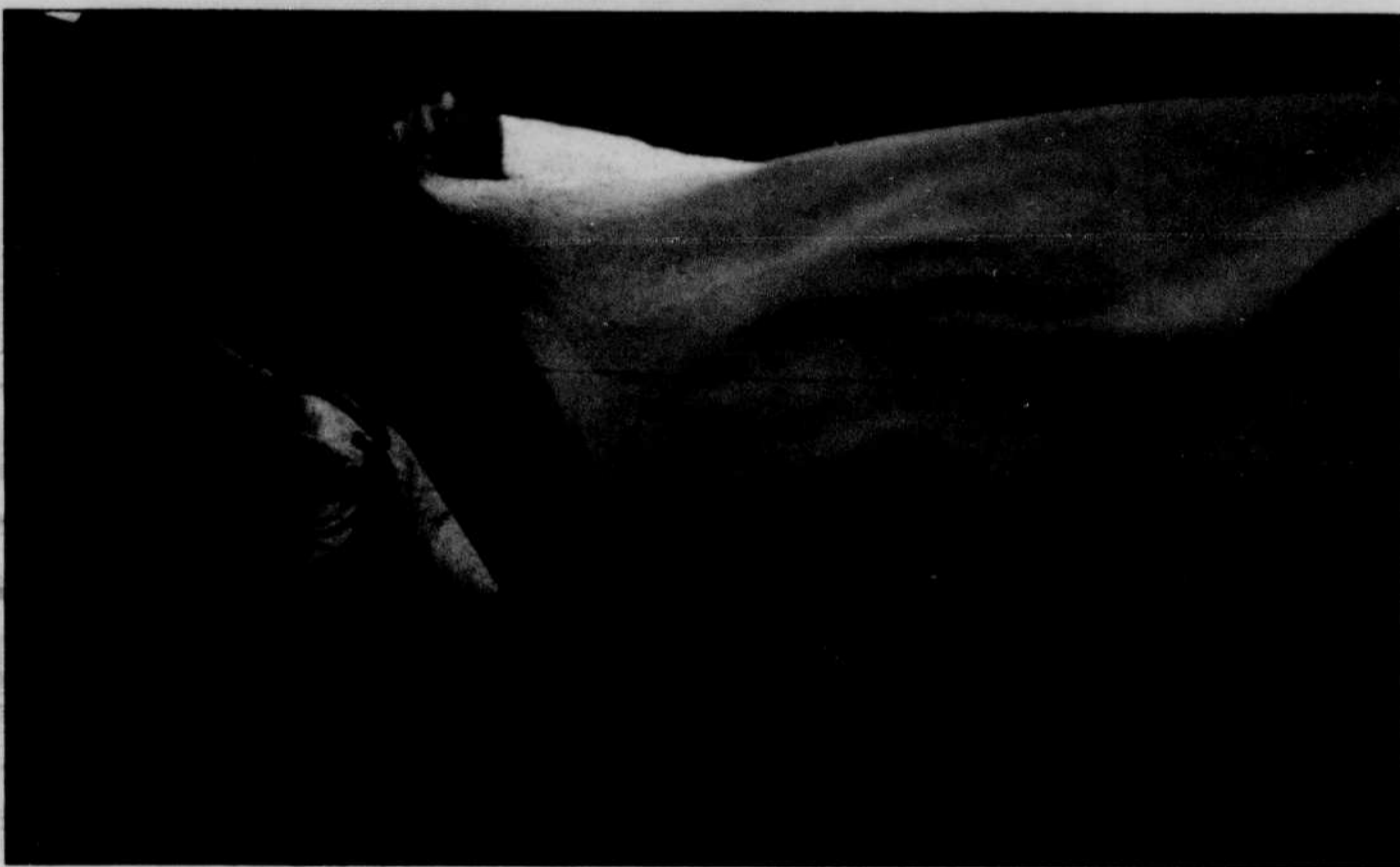
Wayne Ford, co-chairman of the Eugene-Springfield Homeless Action Coalition, said he agreed with Summers-Thompson and believes the Historic Review Board is now in a position to stop the University's plan.

"The demolition of Amazon Family Housing would be regrettable enough, if it was being done legally," Ford said. "But if you (the board) allow the University

of Oregon to defy every legal requirement, including administrative regulations, land use laws, historic preservation laws and the Oregon Public Records Act, you will say to the public that historic preservation laws are meaningless, if you have the power and the will to defy them."

The University demolition application was considered complete on Dec. 9, but was halted

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Chinese Cultural Night begins at 7:00pm in the EMU Ballroom. Food, dancing, a martial arts performance are just some of the activities.

Culture of China focus of celebration tonight

The festivities, which begin at 7 p.m., include a traditional lion dance, a Chinese fashion show as well as Tai Chi and martial arts performances.

The evening's events celebrate the upcoming Chinese New Year and the ethnic diversity of mainland China. Dances, folklore, films and fashion will reveal ancient legends and traditions of the world's most populous country.

Tickets are for sale in the EMU foyer today. They are \$7 for student and general audiences and \$3 for children under the age of 10.

The second annual Chinese cultural night is sponsored by the Chinese Student and Scholar Association at the University.

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A fashion show of traditional and contemporary Chinese clothing styles will be among the highlights.

Students introduced to college life

Opportunity: High school kids have a chance to ask questions about campus activities

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Between 180 to 200 Oregon high school students came to the University campus Thurs-

day to participate in the eighth annual "Gateway to the Future" conference to give students of color an introduction to college life.

During an afternoon session a panel of University students answered questions about the campus and University life. The size of dorm rooms, lecture classes and the necessity of hav-

ing a personal computer arose during the discussion, but more questions were asked about issues such as racism, crime and available cultural activities.

"Yeah, there's racism on campus but there's racism everywhere in the world," said Josh Norris, co-director of the Native American Student Union. "So please don't let that discourage

you from coming to college."

The goal of the conference is to educate students about the admissions process, scholarships, financial aid and campus and community resources.

"Part of this experience includes spending the day with other high school students, current University students and fac-

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Fee Committee sticks to plans

Budget: YWCA, Ad Club and Rideshare Services ask for increased funding

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Keeping in mind their zero-increase bench mark and student incidental fees, the ASUO Programs Finance Committee did not grant any substantial budget increases at last night's hearing.

The committee heard three budget requests, allocating two slight increases, and one decrease.

The YWCA, which is run by students, received a .07 percent increase, giving them a \$2,190 budget for the 1995-96 school year. The organization had asked for a 47 percent budget increase. Director Nicole Sabourin and member Vikki Michalios said that the YWCA wanted the money to increase director and assistant director salaries.

They said that the surplus budget was also needed to cover costs for legal services. According to Sabourin and Michalios, the University has unlawfully taken their former office, on 19th Avenue near Alder Street. The YMCA has had to pay a large amount of money for legal services defending a contract, which states the YMCA office could not be taken away by the University, Sabourin and Michalios said.

The YMCA offers presentations, films, meeting space, workshops and scholarships to female students and community members.

The Rideshare Services info line program, run by the Whitebird clinic, received a .9 percent budget increase.

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■ GOOD MORNING

► LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge ruled in favor of Rodney Dangerfield's libel lawsuit — but the comedian still isn't getting any you-know-what.

U.S. District Judge Robert S.W. Lew ruled Wednesday that the Star magazine fabricated parts of a 1990 story portraying Dangerfield as a vodka-guzzling, pot-smoking womanizer.

Then the judge awarded Dangerfield only \$45,002 in damages, including \$1 apiece for emotional distress and defamation. Dangerfield had sought \$4 million.

Dangerfield's lawyer, Barry Langberg, called the ruling "ridiculous" and said he planned to appeal.

Star lawyer Vincent Cox said the decision was "severe."