

## ■ GOOD MORNING

## ► Travel panel

The Women's Center will present a panel discussion Thursday on women who have traveled abroad and the associated issues.

Devra O'Gara, a senior majoring in communication studies, developed the idea to organize the event after her travels in Eastern Europe. She said many women are intimidated to travel abroad on their own. Her idea was to present a panel of women who could give first-hand accounts of their travel experiences.

Members of the panel have traveled all over the world. One woman has been to 40 countries.

The discussion will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room. For more information, call the Women's Center at 346-4095.

## ► Awarded title

John E. Jaqua, retired attorney, was named Eugene's First Citizen for 1994 by the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce.

Jaqua was a senior partner in the law practice of Jaqua and Wheatly when he retired in 1992. During his career, he held over 16 professional affiliations with various legal and government associations. He was admitted into the Oregon State Bar in 1950 and served as its president in 1967. He was a major in the United States Marine Corps and received a distinguished flyer cross in 1943.

He served on several University and Sacred Heart General Hospital boards and committees as well as community organizations, including Eugene 4J Advisory Committee, Marist Foundation, American/Lane County Heart Association, Eugene YMCA, Eugene Arts Commission and American Red Cross.

## ► Path to be extended

Eugene is planning to extend the Fern Ridge bicycle and pedestrian path and enhance the Amazon Creek during the summer of 1996.

Currently, the path parallels the Amazon Creek from the Lane County Fairgrounds to Bailey Hill Road. The new section of path will run along the north bank of Amazon Creek, continuing from Bailey Hill Road and extending west to Terry Street.

During the construction of the path, the Amazon Creek also will be enhanced. The stream bed will be altered and the banks replanted with native wetland plants that will improve water quality. Funding for the \$2.25 million project will be provided by both the city of Eugene and a federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act grant.

An open house will be offered today from 2 to 7 p.m. at the offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

## Amazon vigil seeks to raise awareness



A lighted sign put up during the holidays remains at the Amazon Family Housing on Patterson Drive.

**Housing:** Joint effort focuses on importance of board decision

Lori Bettineski

Oregon Daily Emerald

A candlelight vigil aimed at drawing public attention to the preservation of Amazon Family Housing will be held Wednesday night at the housing site.

The vigil is a collaborative effort by OSPIRG, the Eugene Homeless Action Coalition, Citizens for Low Income Housing and Amazon Community Tenants Inc., to make the public more aware of the threatened site, as well as the importance of the decision that will be announced Thursday morning at the Eugene Historic Review Board meeting.

University President Dave Frohnmayer announced last fall that the most productive and long-term beneficial action for Amazon Housing would be to demolish and rebuild the complex. The Eugene Historic

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## JSU granted a 60 percent budget increase

**Senate:** Jewish Student Union awarded more money despite the zero increase benchmark set

Pat Daly

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Members of the Jewish Student Union filled an EMU conference room for Tuesday night's ASUO Programs Finance Committee hearing, hoping their numbers would bolster their request for funding.

It worked.

The committee voted JSU \$6,230, a 60 percent increase over last year, despite a previous zero increase benchmark set for the student incidental fee budget.

JSU Director Zach Hochstadt asked for more than a 300 percent increase in their total budget, but said he was pleased with what the committee allotted.

The committee focused on the cultural

events JSU supports. Shoah week, a time for remembering the Holocaust, received a line item allotment of \$1,500.

Sarah Keech, student senator and committee member, backed the increase.

"I think it's reasonable," Keech said, "This is their big event and we do fund every other group's big event."

Keech also cited a disparity between the JSU's size and longevity on campus, compared to the amount other smaller student unions receive.

"This group has been around a long time, and they do a lot of visible things on this campus," Keech said.

Hochstadt said JSU has been on the University campus for 17 years. According to B'nai B'rith, a Jewish cultural organization, there are 1,200 Jewish students at the University.

The committee heard from four separate

student law groups as well last night, budgeting \$5,421 among them.

The Black Law Student Association received \$1,705, a 5.7 percent decrease over last year. BLSA co-directors Kellie Johnson and Shawn Burnett lobbied for a small budget increase, asking for money to increase their recruitment and retention of all minority students.

"We don't limit ourselves to black students," Johnson said. "We're constantly pulling in Latino, Asian and white students to participate in our programs."

The International Law Student Association, a group of students studying international law, received \$690, 7.4 percent less than last year.

Committee members attached a stipula-

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This is the third story in a five-part series on the Oregon State Education System of Higher Education and the people who make the decisions that shape Oregon's universities and colleges.

■ **MONDAY:** OSSHE overview and recap of the last meeting

■ **TUESDAY:** A look at the Higher Education Efficiency Act

■ **TODAY:** A look at the chancellor of OSSHE

■ **THURSDAY:** A look at the Oregon State Board of Higher Education

■ **FRIDAY:** Student understanding of OSSHE

## OSSHE chancellor has accessible goals

**Choice:** Joseph Cox has made a large life of his small start

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Oregon Daily Emerald

The choice was simple. After graduating from high school in Joseph Cox's small Appalachian town in the 1950s, one either went into agriculture or the mines.

But for Cox, the new chancellor for the Oregon State System of Higher Education, he realized the only way out was to further his education.

The first person in his family to ever go to college, Cox said he owes everything he has accomplished to an affordable public university.

An honest, confident, down-home kind of person, Cox said he did think of rejecting former



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Chancellor Thomas Bartlett's offer last year to replace him in the wake of budget cuts and a general decline in state support for higher education.

Why would Cox leave a successful career as president of Southern Oregon State College since 1987, not to mention his family's home in Ashland, to take on a huge challenge?

"The one thing that drives me," he said, "is a very personal commitment — an almost evangelical commitment to access [to higher education]."

For generations, Cox said, public higher education has been the

gateway or the social mobility ladder to the middle class and beyond — no matter what one's background is.

And now more than ever is not the time to be restricting access to qualified Oregon students for a couple of reasons, he said. From 1990 to 1994, enrollment in OSSHE's public institutions has declined by 6.6 percent. But at the same time, the state's high school graduation rate is up 7.9 percent.

Additionally, for the first time in the state's history, in this biennium employment in science and technology is expected to surpass the wood products industry, according to Paul Warner's state economic forecast.

"I will do everything I can to maintain the coming generations of young Oregonians the same

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