

AMAZON WILL IT END?



A bulldozer tears down one of three buildings Thursday as contractors worked to clear the site before a stay halted demolition.

Blocked: Demolition of Amazon remains at a standstill as controversy continues

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With buildings crashing, police making arrests and activists screaming to stop the demolition, it was a loud and eventful day Thursday as efforts to rescue Amazon Family Housing succeeded once again.

Three buildings were bulldozed to the ground when an emergency stay was issued by the state Land Use Board of Appeals Thursday morning.

A supporter of Amazon delivered the official stay to the site at 11:30 a.m. After reviewing the stay, Amazon area manager Frank Gaddini told the contractors to stop the bulldozing immediately.

Despite angry protests from Amazon supporters, the bulldozer continued to tear down the third building after the stay was issued because contractors said it was not safe to leave it halfway demolished.

"Stop now!" yelled supporter Carole Bruhl. "This is illegal and we are going to sue you bastards for every damn dime you've got."

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Activists arrested attempting to halt Amazon demolition

Protest: Twelve people band together to block a bulldozer from entering the site

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When the bulldozer arrived at the Amazon Family Housing site Thursday morning, so did a dozen angry activists — including Eugene City Councilor Kevin

Hornbuckle.

Hornbuckle, 32, and eight others were arrested after they joined hands to block the contractors and bulldozer from entering the site at around 8:30 a.m. When police officers arrived, the protesters told them they wanted to be arrested to "make a statement."

"We will do all we can to punish the University who is acting like gangsters," Hornbuckle said. "Our plan was to

enforce the law, and the police saw to it that the University could act illegally."

Controversy was swarming over whether University officials could legally demolish the buildings. According to Hornbuckle, the state Land Use Board of Appeals's stay, which halts the demolition, is still in effect. As such, he said, the University's actions are illegal.

Despite the controversy, the board issued an additional emergency stay later

Thursday, stopping the demolition. At that time, three buildings had already been destroyed.

Tim Birr, Eugene Public Safety spokesman, said the 12 protesters were each informed that if they did not disperse, they would be arrested. Nine of them refused and were subsequently handcuffed, taken into custody.

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OSSHE bill exits Senate, enters House

Education: Budget passes — \$55 million less than in 1993-94

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The state higher education budget was pushed to the Oregon House floor Thursday after state Senate members passed it, cutting 1995-97's funding by about

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GOOD MORNING

► The Beaux Arts Ball — a University tradition on and off since 1923 — will happen Saturday night and features dinner, a full bar, prizes, live music and a DJ.

The theme of this year's ball is "Art-D-Eco." Costumes will likely range from the flappers of the 1920s to human aluminum cans and other recyclable materials.

The ball, a fund raiser for the University's American Institute of Architecture Students chapter, starts at 8 p.m. in the Lawrence Hall courtyard and is open to the public. Ticket prices vary. For more information, call 346-4543.

OPEU strike drags into fifth day

University: Confidential memo states desperate situation from shortages

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Today marks the fifth consecutive day the Oregon Public Employees Union statewide strike has been in effect.

No negotiations between the state and the OPEU occurred Thursday, as the state negotiator called state mediators to reconvene bargaining at 9 a.m. today.

As the University deals with the prolonged strike, the current status

of how the University is operating under such conditions appears to be ambivalent.

A confidential memo sent to management service employees from the University's office of human resources stated that the "Housing department desperately needs help in the kitchens of both Carson dining hall and the University Inn."

The memo, which was sent by Chris Lonigan in human resources, also stated that "the situation in these kitchens is critical," and asked for "individuals willing to be deployed to work in food services" during the "critical hours to cover

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