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Black History Month's opening reception begins series of activities



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■ **SPEAKER:** Millner will discuss Reconstruction-era history in tonight's speech

Don Reynolds
Freelance Reporter

The Black Student Union will kick off Black History Month with a reception featuring poetry, music and a speech and discussion tonight from 6 to 8 in the Gumwood Room of the EMU.

Darrell Millner, chairman of the Black Studies Department at Portland State University, will give the keynote address on African-American experiences during the Reconstruction era, the period following the Civil War. Following the speech, Millner will field questions from the audience.

Millner, a PSU faculty member since 1974, served as multicultural director for the Portland public schools from 1983 to 1985. He is a

member of the editorial board of the *Oregon Historical Society Journal* and of the board of referees of the *National Social Science Journal*.

The reception is the first of a series of University programs focusing on topics ranging from African influence on American music to the role of black men in society.

"The BSU is trying to open discussion about the contributions of African-Americans to American history and to the Eugene commu-

nity," said Jamila Taylor, BSU assistant director.

University sophomore Ayanna Luvert will sing the Black National Anthem to start the program. Stephanie Hart, co-director of Black Women of Achievement, will welcome the audience, and University senior Shanisse Howard will recite a poem she wrote and selected for the occasion.

"This event is for everyone," Taylor said.



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Taking questions from the media following a speech in the EMU Fir Room, Senator-elect Ron Wyden visits the University.

Wyden speaks to UO crowd in victory rally

■ **SENATE:** Oregon's new senator told University students he needs their ideas

By Abe Estimada
Community Reporter

Newly elected Senator Ron Wyden appealed to students for their input while he is in office and reaffirmed his commitment to fighting cuts in higher education during a victory rally in the EMU Fir Room Wednesday afternoon.

"I need to take each one of you with me to Washington, D.C.," the new senator said to a jubilant crowd. "I need each one of you to give me your ideas and your suggestions and your counsel."

"Because in this state where we have been first to protect the environment, first to endorse John Kitzhaber's health plan, first in promoting democracy through vote by mail,



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Renovations download journalism school into next century

■ **CHANGES:** Printing and mail services have moved, leaving room for school expansion

By Cindy Long
Higher Education Editor

The School of Journalism and Communication is gearing up for the 21st century with plans for a new multimedia lab and a renovated reading and resource room.

Currently the school has many plans for the future, which include both interior and exterior renovations. Duncan McDonald, dean of the journalism school, said the school will definitely be able to complete plans for the basement of Allen.

Renovations to the basement come with a \$2 million price tag, McDonald said. Although he said he could not give an exact figure as to how much money the school has raised for the renovations so far, he said the school has made "a

healthy start." McDonald said the school is raising money from private donations from journalism school alumni and professionals in the field. He said he doesn't expect any money from the state.

"We are no longer state subsidized but state supported," McDonald said.

The renovated basement will include an electronic media arts studio, which will be both a video and audio studio, and a new reading and resource room. Students will be able to use the studio for broadcast production, documentary production and creation of interactive media, McDonald said.

The studio will allow for all of the sequences of the school to be housed in the same building. Currently, the broadcast area for the electronic media sequence is taught in the third floor of Villard.

McDonald said if the school were to make all of the renovations that are planned "in the best of all worlds," it

would cost \$5 million. McDonald said the renovations will provide more high-tech support for the rest of Allen and create new classrooms for students.

McDonald, who is in his second year as the dean of the journalism school, said he is excited about the plans because of the opportunities they will create for students. "I didn't come here [just] to build a building," he said.

The renovations have been made possible because University printing and mail services recently moved out of the basement of Allen and into the old *Register-Guard* building, leaving the 13,000 square-foot space empty.

Printing services is now consolidated under one roof. Prior to the move, printing and mail services were spread out among four different buildings. Mail services was spread between the basement of Allen and Oregon Hall and printing had to store excess paper in two different storage rooms in Eugene. Their new

home's 33,000 square feet provides ample space for both services.

Dan Williams, vice provost of administration, said the University will eventually take over all of the old *Register-Guard* building.

Currently, the University is paying for and occupying only one of the three sections in the building. Guard Publishing moved its printing production to a new building it built on Chad Drive last year. Williams said *The Register-Guard* is planning to build a new building on Chad Drive and will move all of its offices out there by September 1997.

After the rest of the building is vacated, the University will take over the remaining portions of the building, which include 50,000 square feet of office space and 5,000 square feet of storage space. Williams said the University will pay approximately \$340,000 per year for the

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