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Senator barred from voting



Justice M. David Holland and Chief Justice Will Childs converse as Justice Andrew Oberriter listens to testimony during the impeachment hearing Tuesday night.

THE FACTS



WISCH

THE CHARGES: The MCC charges that PFC member Sari Wisch did not fulfill her duties as a PFC and Senate member

THE VERDICT: A temporary injunction will bar Wisch from deliberating or voting on the MCC's budget

NEXT: A closed constitution court session on Thursday

The Constitution Court will meet Thursday in a closed session

By Autumn De Poe
Student Activities Reporter

The Constitution Court voted last night to temporarily bar Programs Finance Committee Senator Sari Wisch from voting on or deliberating the Multicultural Center's budget on Feb. 8 after hearing presentations from the MCC Co-Director Alexandra Berwick and Wisch.

"I don't think the verdict was fair. I don't think they should bar me from voting," Wisch said. "I was elected to serve and I think that taking away my right to vote prohibits me from serving my constituency as well as serving as a member



of the Programs Finance Committee. I think this whole situation has been blown way out of proportion, and I do not think it should have even come this far to this court."

Berwick refused to comment until the court reached an official decision.

The Constitution Court will meet on Thursday in a closed session to reconsider the injunction. Wisch said that she plans to appeal. The MCC is also allowed

to turn in statements to the court. The deadline for submission of documents to the court is 12 p.m. Thursday.

During the hearing, Berwick said, "Ultimately, we would like her (Wisch) to be removed from the PFC. She is ignorant of procedure and we are affected by her ignorances and biases. They (her biases) have an impact."

Berwick contended that Wisch did not fulfill her duties as a PFC tag to the MCC because the MCC was not notified of any budget hearing date changes. As the tag

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Amendment raises serious arguments

COUNCIL: Eugene is revising laws to accommodate increased technology

By Bryan Murray
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With the increase in wireless technology, many of Eugene's land-use laws will need to be revised to accommodate telecommunications companies wanting to service the area.

Tuesday night, the Committee Council on Telecommunications (CCT) held a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to Eugene's land use code.

The CCT developed the proposed amendments to limit the amount of transmitter towers in Eugene. The CCT is a six-member committee which was erected in recognition of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The proposed amendment will put more responsibility in the hands of the telecommunications companies.

Many of the hearing's attendants, which represented businesses, objected to some of the proposed amendments.

The amendments seem like they are trying to regulate a nuisance or smash a bug, said Bill Close, a representative for Western Staff. "We want to provide service not just limit towers," Close said.

Many of the objections came from the proposal that telecommunications buildings be built underground. These buildings would be underground if they were in suburban or low-density residential districts and neighborhood commercial districts.

This puts a financial burden on the telecommunication servicer, said Larry Reid, a representative for AT&T. The buildings are about the size of a garage or a normal tool shed. The problem is with equipment that's visible. The transmitter towers are the problem, Reid said.

The proposed amendment to the Eugene code would state that towers will have to be 2000 feet apart from each other. This was a concern for many of the hearing's attendants because towers must be able to transmit and receive signals properly.

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UO Collier House receives a new deck

CAMPUS:

Construction workers hope to remove contaminated wood and refurbish Collier House's deck while maintaining the building's historical appearance

By Amy Palanuk
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Tim Knerr is easily hidden underneath the walls of plastic surrounding Collier House, and by the sounds of his muffled hammering, it looks as though he's doing a routine construction job.

But looks can be deceiving.

Wood contaminated with leaded paint on the deck of Collier House makes refurbishing this historic deck more than a routine.

Safety concerns and historic preservation both play important roles in deciding how the remodeling is done, said Knerr, the University Physical Plant carpenter working on the project.

"What I'm doing is trying to return it

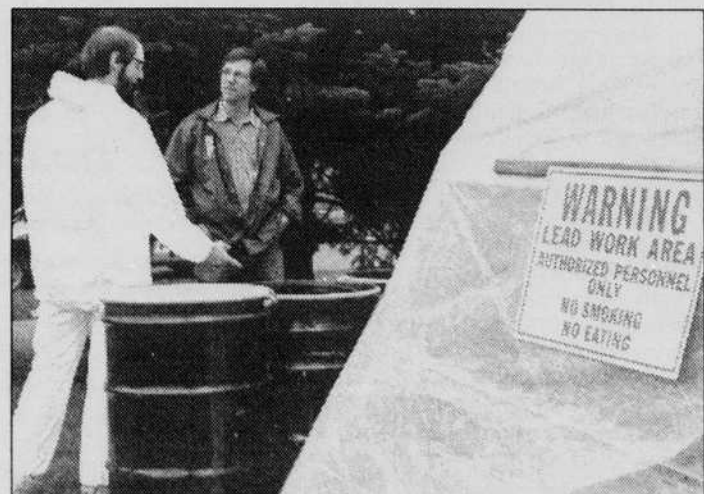
back to its original work," Knerr said.

The deck was built over a hundred years ago as part of the original Collier House construction, and more was added to it at the turn of the century. Through this time, the deck collected layers of paint spanning over 100 years. Much of this paint contained different amounts of lead, making refurbishing the deck now a safety concern, Knerr said.

Knerr wears protective clothing while dismantling the pieces of rotten wood. The wood contaminated with lead is then either put into plastic bags or steel barrels to prevent any pieces of leaded paint from escaping.

"An expensive part of this whole deck is

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University Physical Plant Carpenter Tim Knerr and Supervisor Gregg Haider look at barrels at Collier House's porch site.