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"Healthy Neighborhoods and a Neighborly University" is the subject of a talk tonight at 7 o'clock in the Collier House.



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Use of LSD 'rampant' on campus

■ **DRUGS:** The use of LSD among University students remains at consistently high levels, according to Agent Jed Kever

By Ryan Maughn
Community Reporter

A University student living in the Walton Complex was taken from campus by his parents after he reportedly had a "psychotic breakdown" from ingesting a mixture of LSD and marijuana. The first-year student, according to Agent Jed Kever of the Eugene police department, "had high levels of THC," the active ingredient in marijuana, in his system.

According to Kever, LSD is "rampant" among students at the University, especially in the residence halls. "Parents are sending their kids to the dorms thinking they're safe.... I don't think anyone has any idea how significant the problem is," Kever said.

Lysergic Acid Diethylamide, or LSD, "has been on the rise in Eugene for the last few years," said Doug Palzinski, the charge nurse in the emergency department at the Sacred Heart Medical Center.

In a subsequent investigation, the individual who is suspected by police to have sold the LSD to the student was located. Inside the 19-year-old Eugene resident's apartment, police found what they believed to be a quantity of marijuana plants, a small quantity of "ready-to-use" marijuana, LSD and assorted drug paraphernalia. The suspect was charged with two Class B felonies: unlawful possession of a controlled substance and unlawful manufacturing of a controlled substance, each of

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McArthur Court



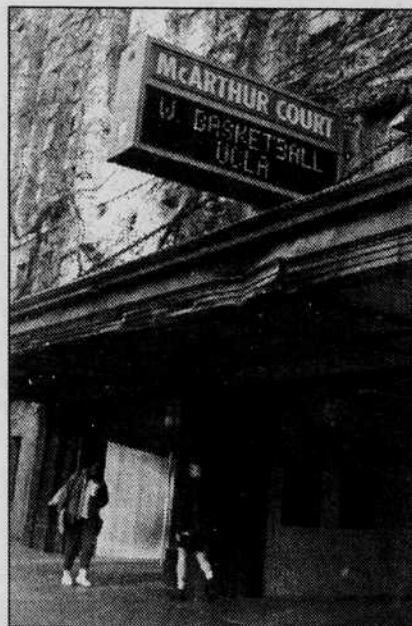
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“From the outside, it has to be the ugliest building in America.”

— Jerry Green
UO Head Coach

Oregon head coach Jerry Green said he believes McArthur Court (left) will be replaced within five years.

The Pit: One of a kind



MATHEW STIFFLER/Emerald

Visiting teams say 'The Pit' has a high intimidation factor, but a replacement may be on the horizon

By Bob Baum
The Associated Press

When it's packed with rowdy fans, 71-year-old McArthur Court is a noisy shrine to college basketball and a nightmare for visiting teams.

When it's empty, it's just a homely gray gym far past its prime.

"From the outside, it has to be the ugliest building in America," coach Jerry Green said.

Built in 1926 and named for the University's first student body president, McArthur Court is the oldest on-campus basketball arena still in use in the United States. More than 10,000 people can be crammed inside, all of them virtually on

top of the court.

"People in the top balcony have to walk down three flights of stairs just to go to the restroom. But once people are in their seats and making noise, it's a sight to behold," Oregon athletic director Bill Moos said.

The hysterical environment has been known to cause visiting teams to fall apart. When Jim Harrick was at UCLA, he seemed perpetually on the verge of a nervous breakdown in the intimidating din. Another UCLA coach, Gene Bartow, referred to the rowdy fans at Mac Court as "deranged idiots."

It's all part of the storied legacy of the place affectionately known by locals as "The Pit."

But not even Mac Court lasts forever. Moos said once an indoor football practice facility is completed, the next big project will be a new arena.

"The years of putting 10,000 people

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U2 tickets go on sale Saturday, March 1

Tickets for the Eugene stop of U2's Pop Mart Tour, scheduled for Tuesday, May 6 at Autzen Stadium, go on sale this Saturday at 9 a.m. at all three local Ticketmaster locations.



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G.I. Joe's, Fred Meyer and the University of Oregon Athletic Center are the three Eugene ticket outlets.

Ticket prices are as follows:

- \$52 for Reserved seating
- \$37.50 for seating with a partial obstruction

U2's new album *Pop* is scheduled to be released in the United States on March 4, which contains the current single "Discotheque."

Paralympian to speak about disabilities, sports

■ **EVENT:** A presentation by Mark Wellman, a two-time paralympian, is one of several events scheduled during Disability Awareness Days

By Sarah Keech
Higher Education Reporter

For University students with disabilities, extra help with college life is often necessary. Disability Awareness Days, sponsored by the Disability Project Committee, began Monday and continue today with the aim of increasing campus awareness of disabilities. "The Disability Project Committee is committed to providing supplemented as-

sistance to those students with special needs," said Hilary Gerdes, counselor to students with disabilities in the Office of Academic Advising and chair of the Disability Project Committee.

There are almost 500 students on campus with various disabilities and special needs.

The Disability Awareness Days will help educate the University community on the disabilities and hardships faced by some of their classmates, Gerdes said.

"We want to emphasize celebrating diversity among students and give everyone an insight of the range of disabilities on campus," she said.

The feature event of the two-day celebra-

tion is tonight's presentation by Mark Wellman.

"Mark Wellman's presentation really is the big event of Disability Awareness Days," Gerdes said. "He has written a book and has made a video tape."

Wellman, a two-time paralympian, is well known for his achievements as a rock climber and his advocacy for the adaptation of sports for people with disabilities. His presentation will include a video and slide show illustrating his "No Limits" philosophy.

Prior to Wellman's presentation, Thierry

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