

Local contractor repairs damage of budget cuts

■ **DONATION:** Contractor Doug Perrin wanted to "give back" to the community

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Thanks to a generous donation of labor by area contractor Doug Perrin, the University has saved several thousand dollars on much needed repairs to East Campus family housing units, said Frank Gaddini, director of East Campus Housing.

Perrin's company, All Oregon Construction, volunteered to make improvements on a turn-of-the-

century house at 1647 E. 17th. Perrin; his company added a wood sun deck and repaired roofing problems.

Perrin said he was angered by Measure 47 and the effects the cuts would have on the University.

"Even the old Measure 5, a county tax cut like Measure 47, cut services we need as a community," he said.

His offer to donate labor on a project was referred by President Frohnmayer's office to University Housing, which Gaddini said was trying to make repairs on family housing structures with a very

limited budget.

That's when Perrin came up with a plan that would help offset extra costs to the University and directly benefit students.

"I wanted our project to be tangible to students," he said, "and I felt the improvements did that."

Perrin also called on apprentices from the Association of General Contractors to help with the project.

"This gave them the chance to gain valuable carpentry experience and training and gave us extra help in doing what we could for the University," Perrin said.

While the University paid for raw materials, Gaddini said that amounted to only one-fourth of the total cost. He also said there is more work to come.

"This is only the first step of the project," Gaddini said. "We will be replacing drywall and then move to the second floor, saving another two or three thousand dollars."

A resident of Eugene for 10 years, Perrin's philanthropy is not limited to the University.

"We've done well here, and I wanted to give something back to the entire community," Perrin

said.

His company of ten employees has donated work to Lane County, the school districts and the city of Eugene for over two years.

"We usually get material donated by local vendors, like Jerry's, Eugene Sand and Gravel, plumbing companies, and then we do all the rest ourselves," Perrin said.

Gaddini said All Oregon Construction's work is top quality.

"They're master craftsmen, and the work they're donating will be appreciated for years by student families," Gaddini said.

Event: Week to end with Mah Tovv concert

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"We're not just looking at the destruction, but who these people were that were destroyed. And the fact that they had lives, they had communities that were completely devastated," he continued. "That is something that is hard to deal with — thinking about these personal stories and how people were actually affected."

The JSU will show a documentary, *Carpati*, in 177 Lawrence at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Citrin said the film follows a Jewish man from Eastern Europe back to his village in the Ukraine after World War II.

"He talks about what his Jewish community used to be like and what the remnant is now," Citrin said. "You'll see a big discrepancy. There was a fairly sizeable Jewish community in this part of the Ukraine, and now it's very small."

Trudy Alexi, author of *Mezuzah in the Madonna's Foot: Marranos and Other Secret Jews*, will speak about Spain's role in saving Jews during World War II on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in 177 Lawrence.

"Alexi's story is very interesting," Citrin said. "She didn't know she was Jewish until her family had to move to Spain when the Nazis came in."

Her talk will cover Spain's role during the Holocaust. It will also make a connection with the "secret Jews" who lived in Spain during the Spanish Inquisition.

Shoah Week will end on Thursday with the music of Jewish group Mah Tovv.

"We try to end Shoah Week on an upbeat note," Citrin said.

Citrin said the group is representative of American Jewish culture. The music of Mah Tovv weaves traditional Jewish themes in with American musical influences. The songs are performed in both Hebrew and English. The concert begins at 8:00 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room.

"The music is fun and participatory," Citrin said. "This is something new to the Jewish culture. It shows how American Jews express themselves culturally."

In addition to the events each day, a photo exhibit will be displayed throughout the week in EMU Cedar rooms E and F from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Citrin said the exhibit is historical, covering the rise of Hitler, the anti-Semitism laws and the deportation of Jews to the ghettos.

Citrin said the events are important because as we get farther away from the events of the Holocaust, it is more important for us to know and remember what happened.

"It's up to us to pass on the stories and the understanding of what happened," he said.

"It is also important for us to know and understand what happens when groups get singled out as scapegoats — to be oppressed," Citrin said.

SCHEDULE

■ **MONDAY:** "We Shall Never Forget." The 24-hour reading of names of Holocaust Victims and a candlelight vigil at 8:30 p.m. in the EMU Courtyard.

■ **TUESDAY:** Documentary film *Caparti*. Follows a Jewish man back to his village after World War II. Begins at 7:30 p.m. in 177 Lawrence.

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Author Trudy Alexi will speak about Spain's role in saving Jews during the Holocaust. Begins at 7:30 p.m. in 177 Lawrence.

■ **THURSDAY:** Musical group Mah Tovv will perform at 8 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room. The music is a mixture of Jewish themes and American musical influences.

■ **MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY:** A photo exhibit covering the history of the Holocaust from the rise of Hitler to the deportation of Jews.

In addition, he said he wants the students and community to remember while going to these events that "each name and every picture is an individual. We tend to get lost in the sheer magnitude of the destruction."

"When you think about it, every person had a life, a family, thoughts, feelings, fears, hopes, dreams and relationships," Citrin said. "And that was what was taken from them. That's pretty horrifying."

Rule: Communism to replace Hong Kong's democracy

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Other students with family and friends still in Hong Kong are not as optimistic about the British hand-over to China.

"I think that things in Hong Kong will heat up soon after July 1st," said Brannon Fetzer, a junior international studies major whose parents have lived in Hong Kong for more than three years.

"At least half of the American population in Hong Kong has left in the last five years," Fetzer said.

Fetzer said many wealthy natives of Hong Kong have left the colony to settle in safer areas such as Canada, Australia and the United States.

"My parents love Hong Kong and don't want to leave. But, if the Chinese government begins making restrictive laws or rolling tanks down the streets, they will come back to the United States," Fetzer said.

Mok said her family is also prepared to leave Hong Kong in the future if problems arise.

"My family is lucky to have enough money so that we can move out if there is an emergency," Mok said. "Some families in Hong Kong are not as lucky."

The British and Chinese governments prepared a Joint Declaration in 1984 that would

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guarantee Hong Kong's lifestyle and freedoms would remain the same for 50 years after 1997. In recent months China seems to be backing away from that stance and introducing proposals that will restrict such freedoms as speech and protest.

China has already appointed a new communist parliament that will take over Hong Kong's current democratically elected government on July 1st.

What will happen when Hong Kong becomes a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China is really up in the air, Fetzer said.

"It is a new beginning for Hong Kong. So much will happen in the next few months. It is really exciting," he said.



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