

EMU construction starts early Monday

Beginning early Monday morning, construction on campus will be heard and felt by all.

Jackhammers and concrete saws will be used for heavy-duty demolition as the EMU remodel gets underway. In addition to loud and jarring noise, the walkway past the EMU Breezeway will be closed, said Alex Gordon, University project manager.

"We decided it would be too dangerous for students to walk so close to this demolition," Gordon said.

EMU suites located on the Breezeway level will be accessible from the east. On Monday and Tuesday, a fence will be constructed to keep people safe from the construction and will be in place until the amphitheater is completed, which is expected to be in November. In addition, construction workers will be building a temporary wheelchair ramp as well as removing trees from the EMU Courtyard. The ramp will be

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on the west side of the Fishbowl where it will be accessible from University Street, and is a priority for the construction, Gordon said.

Later in the week when more concrete demolition is happening, the noise will probably be even louder, Gordon said. The construction will be divided between demolition and concrete pouring, and there will be some "nuisance" in surrounding buildings — primarily Friendly and the Collier House — as well as in the EMU.

The main doors of the EMU will be inaccessible as well, but the doors to the post office and on the West side of the EMU will be open. And during Finals Week this term, the contractor has been instructed to eliminate any

noise.

This EMU remodel is scheduled to be completed in August 1998.

Suitcase bike part of industry forum

A forum today focuses on free-wheeling — on bicycles, that is.

From 10 a.m. to noon, an industry forum on "Cycling in Oregon — Grassroots Business at a National Level," will feature people from the local cycling industry. Local bike retailers as well as a journalist from Bike magazine and a bike race organizer will participate on the panel.

Many of the panelists will ride bicycles to the event and will exhibit innovations such as a bicycle that folds up and fits into a suitcase.

The event is sponsored by E-Sports, a joint venture between the James H. Wansaw Sports Marketing Center and the UO Lundquist Center for Entrepreneurship. The panel will be in Chiles Business Center Room 128.



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share of the total general fund decline from more than 14 percent to the current level of less than seven percent. That share is expected to continue dropping because the increase in the new budget is less than the increases in total resources available in the coming biennium, Cox said.

In 1995 the OSSHE state board appropriated funds designated as catch-up money to combat the freeze on faculty salaries over a three-biennium period. OSSHE originally requested a six percent pay increase, which was subsequently cut in half by the governor's budget, and then cut again this week by the board. The pay increase now stands at two percent, said OSSHE's office of corporate and public affairs communications specialist Francesca Clifford.

"We're still fighting to get it back up to six percent," Clifford said.

Changes to the budget include an \$8.5 million allocation to help freeze undergraduate fees and \$7.5 million to recruit and retain faculty members.

According to Clifford, part of OSSHE's plan is to allocate more funds toward training future engineers and computer technicians, following a study of state employment opportunities, which shows the demand for high-tech jobs booming around the state.

"This state is at the threshold of deciding whether to fund significant investments in support of the high technology industry," OSSHE Chancellor Joseph Cox said. "While this budget allocates more dollars to the state system, it does not fully meet the needs of Oregon."

The Senate's budget approval comes on the heels of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges (NASC) accreditation team finding two weeks ago that the University's tradition of openness and friendliness might be in peril if increased salaries are not given adequate attention.

"Salaries are low compared to peers at other institutions," NASC chair member Joan Wadlow said. "This may affect the University's ability to recruit, maintain and reward faculty members."

Response: MEChA to continue campaign

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political issues like this boycott, the UO will not force a unilateral decision through its purchasing choices."

APASU Co-Director Ben Greer said Frohnmayer's refusal to support the boycott and the lack of progress in minority issues is, in a sense, a political stand against human rights and the concerns of students.

He said Frohnmayer's lack of support for the boycott and other minority issues is "basically saying that these things aren't a priority to him," Greer said. "And if that's how he feels, then he's making a political stand."

Hubin said the University's refusal to back the boycott is not a rejection of human rights concerns. He said in his opinion the boycott is not an appropriate measurement of how the conditions for farm workers will change.

"It would be wrong to support the boycott in the way that is being requested," he said. "And it would be wrong to view the lack of a University-mandated boycott as an index of a lack of support for human rights issues."

MEChA does not agree that Frohnmayer's refusal to support the boycott is not a rejection of

human rights concerns. Furthermore, Adams said this decision is indicative of the University's reluctance to address minority student concerns.

During the meeting last week, these feelings of lack of racial sensitivity were aggravated by a statement Frohnmayer made while defending the continuing presence of Gardenburgers.

Frohnmayer said an effort is made to provide a variety of food for all groups of people. "We have rice now because we have a significant group of Oriental students for whom this part of their..." His statement was then cut off by students at the meeting.

Frohnmayer's use of the word Oriental to refer to Asian students offended and concerned many students, a letter from APASU stated. The letter further states the word Oriental refers to inanimate objects such as food and art, not a person.

Frohnmayer has since sent a letter of apology to APASU for not being aware of the connotations and usage of the word Oriental.

Greer said APASU appreciates the apology but said there is a bigger issue than just Frohnmayer's reference to Asians as Oriental.

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Greer said Frohnmayer should not use the example of providing food for a specific group, such as Asians, as a reason to keep Gardenburgers on campus. He said the two are not comparable because the Gardenburger issue is one of human rights and there are other vegetarian burgers to choose from.

"The more he [Frohnmayer] sidesteps the issue and doesn't take a stand on these issues, the more he is showing a lack of support for the students," Greer said. "The president is supposed to represent what the students want, and right now he is not representing the students."

Adams said part of the problem of the lack of response is because this is the first year all the student groups have really had a coalition. "The students have waited too long to make a stand," she said.

Although the school year is coming to a close, Adams said issues such as the Gardenburger boycott will not go away. "This doesn't end on June 14th," Adams said. "Next year there will be new students that need to be educated, and MEChA will be out there getting the message across."

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