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Vince Yarbrough, contract worker for Office World, assembles new cubicles on the second floor of Oregon Hall. The second floor had not been worked on since it was first inhabited in 1973.

Construction: Lines to be eliminated

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changes since then. Technology has changed, making the old system less efficient than in the past, Buch said. Registration by phone and electronic updates of files have changed student needs at Oregon Hall.

The counters were torn out and a reception area was constructed, project manager Charlene Lindsay said. Students will go to the reception area and then receive directions to the proper departments on the floor.

The project, which is being done by University workers in Facilities Services, is ahead of schedule, Lindsay said.

Project coordinators received some help from a project done by several architecture majors in

1996, Buch said. The students identified Oregon Hall as a high-traffic building and gave a recommendation of how the building could be laid out internally.

With the new second floor layout, some of the lobby area will be usable as work space.

"We hope that students will see no lines at all," Buch said.

Admissions and registrar employees will also have improved facilities. Some of the furniture was moved from Emerald Hall, a building that was later torn down, Buch said.

The 25-year-old furniture will be replaced in phases over the summer. The budget for furniture, which is separate from the construction budget, is not final because officials are still consider-

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Associate Vice President for Student Academic Affairs

ing different vendors. Buch estimated it will cost between \$31,000 and \$37,000.

Minor construction also will be done on the information booth on the first floor of Oregon Hall before the summer is over.

Officials are considering a project for the first floor similar to the second floor, Lindsay said. It would be a more expensive project, which is why a decision has not been made.

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Two youths accused of backpack theft

Two young males were accused of stealing backpacks and other similar items at the law school Tuesday afternoon.

Katie Suver, a recently graduated law school student, was one of the victims. She was studying for the Oregon Bar Exam with a friend at the courtyard outside the former Law School building.

Suver had left her backpack on a bench at the other side of the courtyard from where she was studying. A young man, apparently an accomplice, asked Suver what time it was in an attempt to divert her attention.

Suver said, "Thirty seconds later, a guy came out into the courtyard and said he saw a kid take a backpack."

"I thought I had heard something behind me," Suver said. "I turned around and saw [the thief] walk away with my backpack. We ran after him."

Matt Kemmy, Suver's friend and study partner, ran up the stairs from the courtyard to the entrance of the law school. Kemmy found the juvenile rummaging through Suver's backpack, which he recognized.

He immediately took the young man into the nearby administration office. A secretary then called the Office of Public Safety.

"[Kemmy] is the hero of the day," Suver said.

Suver was not the only victim that afternoon.

"We've got at least four other incidents, and we don't know if they're related to the two young suspects," said Lt. Joan Saylor of OPS.

OPS officers had one suspect in custody and were searching for the second. Because the suspects are under the age of 18, the authorities were unable to release their names.

TODAY'S NEWS BRIEFLY

1,284 students named to Deans' Lists

Nearly 1,300 University of Oregon students have been named to the deans' lists for scholastic achievement during spring term of the 1996-97 school year, according to Weston Morrill, dean of student life.

To qualify for the lists, students must be in good academic standing and must have completed 12 or more graded credits for the term. The required minimum grade-point average is 3.75 on a scale having 4.0 as a straight-A average.

Altogether, 1,284 students-out of 12,304 undergraduate and postbaccalaureate students made spring term 1997 deans' lists for their respective University of Oregon school or college.

12 incoming freshmen receive scholarships

Twelve soon-to-be University of Oregon freshmen are recipients of scholarships worth a total of \$14,000 awarded by University of Oregon Alumni Association chapters around the United States.

By University of Oregon alumni chapter, scholarship recipients, their high schools and the amounts of their awards are:

Lane County Chapter — Dawn Lindsay, Cottage Grove High School, \$1,000; Lara Rauschert, Marist High School, Eugene, \$1,500; Charles "C.J." Gabbe, \$1,000, Amy Lewandowski, \$1,500, and Erin Vranas, \$1,500, all South Eugene

High School; and Rayna Barrett, Willamette High School, Eugene, \$1,500.

Portland Chapter — Jamila Singleton, Grant High School, Portland, \$1,000; and Nicholas Switzer, Reynolds High School, Portland, \$1,000.

Northern California Chapter — Joshua Greenough, San Mateo (Calif.) High School, \$1,000; and Suk Mei "Patsy" Tse, Cognito College, Chai Wan, Hong Kong, \$1,000.

Southern California Chapter — Cassie Keller, Los Alamitos (Calif.) High School, \$1,000.

National Capital Chapter — Catherine Cotten, North Stafford (Va.) High School, \$1,000.

Pierce chosen as UO Foundation President

Gretchen Pierce, a prominent community and business leader in Oregon, will lead the University of Oregon Foundation Board of Trustees as president in 1997-98.

Pierce, 52, is president and general manager of the Eugene real estate development firm Hult & Associates. She replaces John Herman, Class of '60, as board president. A 1966 marketing graduate of the University, Pierce has been involved in Oregon business and community life for more than 10 years.

Pierce is a former president of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce and a former chair of Eugene's annual Women on the Move conference.

She is a board member of Siuslaw Valley Banks and also served on the boards of the City Club of Eugene, Sacred Heart Hospital Foundation, Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Partnership and Southtown Rotary Club.