

Shaky foundations

Professor Jeff Hanes will speak on Japan's earthquake prevention techniques, which he considers inadequate

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Golf team takes eighth

The women's golf team shot a 318 in the final round of the Pac-10 Championships to finish at 928, 63 strokes behind first-place Arizona

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TODAY

Students will continue reading the names of Holocaust victims in the EMU Amphitheatre.

WEATHER

Today
Mostly cloudy
High 65. Low 42.
Friday
Showers
High 58. Low 40.

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WEST UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD

Survey sent to area residents

The survey asks residents of the West University Neighborhood to prioritize their concerns

By Michael Burnham
Community Editor

If you received a gray envelope from the city of Eugene and discarded it as junk mail, you may want to dig it out of the garbage can. You will get another one if you don't.

Eugene city officials are asking West University Neighborhood residents to spare a few minutes of their time to tell them what they think of their residence through a mailed survey.

Planning and development officials in conjunction with a University intern recently completed the distribution of a survey to more than 750 residents outlining their concerns about the state of the neighborhood.

Questions ask residents to rate the seriousness of neighborhood issues ranging from crime and safety to housing and police concerns. Many questions on the survey have a rating scale from one to five, with a one as "least serious" to a five as "most serious." The scale also includes a rating for respondents to mark "don't know."

The questions on the survey were drafted by Ron Funke, a University senior who is an intern with the city's planning and development department. He said all 750 surveys have been distributed and city officials are hoping to receive at least a 60 percent response rate from residents.

The city will use survey results to aid and direct neighborhood revitalization efforts, according to Ritchie Weinman, city housing and neighborhood manager. He said this is the first such survey of its kind in recent years, and similar surveys will be distributed to this and other city neighborhoods in the future.

The survey is an important tool for city

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Officer Mel Thompson and sidekick "Piggy Wink" patrol the corner of 13th Avenue and Patterson Street in the West University area on Tuesday.

Universities prepare for 2000 bug

Oregon schools are checking to make sure their computer systems will properly recognize and store the year 2000

By Ben Romano
Higher Education Reporter

As the new millennium approaches, one thing weighs heavily on the minds of those in the information services industry: How will computers react to the year 2000?

Many individuals in computing fields are concerned about the year 2000 problem. The problem involves the way computers recognize dates, said Hervy Allen, University microcomputer support specialist.

Many older computers recognize years based on two digits. For instance, 1998 would simply be "98." The problem occurs when the year 2000 arrives; these computers may not recognize "00" as the year 2000, Allen said.

The Oregon University System has begun the process of checking computer systems at all seven state universities to ensure that they are year 2000 compliant, said Rod Bowman, OUS year 2000 coordinator. Bowman estimates the cost of the year 2000 compliance for OUS at \$4.5 million.

Coordinators at each university are sharing resources in an effort to minimize the possible impact of the year 2000 problem, said Susan Hilton, University assistant director for auxiliary services. Hilton is the University's year 2000 compliance coordinator.

Systems Computer Technologies, the vendor that sells Oregon universities many administrative programs such as finance, student records and human resources, plans to have year 2000 compliant versions available by Labor Day, Hilton said.

In addition to checking administrative programs, OUS is also checking individual personal computers. Year 2000 compliance will vary from computer to computer, Hilton said.

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Constitution Court will review another elections grievance

Matt Gross, a McCartan campaign worker, claims ASUO Vice President Ben Unger broke elections rules

By Michael Hines
Student Activities Reporter

A new grievance is brewing in the ASUO Executive office.

University undergraduate Matt Gross filed a grievance Wednesday against ASUO Vice President Ben Unger, asking to halt the elections among other things.

In the grievance, Gross, who is working on Kelli McCartan's campaign for ASUO Executive, accused Unger of identifying himself as the manager of the Geneva

Wortman and Morgan Cowling's ASUO Executive campaign and then, acting on behalf of the ASUO Election Board, removing McCartan's campaign material from a University classroom.

In addition to asking for the elections to be stopped, Gross requested reimbursement for McCartan's campaign and prosecution of Unger for violating two rules.

The grievance was forwarded to the ASUO Constitution Court by the elections board. Unger, who is a supporter of Wortman and Cowling, said he does not expect the court to hear Gross' case.

The Constitution Court will see the grievance paperwork today. "We will take a look at it first

thing tomorrow morning," Chief Justice Joel Corcoran said Wednesday. He declined to comment on the case further until he had seen the grievance.

"I never, never — nor would ever, ever — identify myself as campaign manager for anything but the USSA ballot measures," Unger said.

According to Unger, who said he does not know Gross, he was with election board member Jennifer Wilson and OSPIRG director Carolyn Whipple during the disputed incident. He saw campaign leaflets had been distributed in a classroom, which is against University rules, and wanted to take action.

"I saw [the fliers]," Unger ex-

plained. "I asked her, 'Jennifer, can I remove these?' She said, 'Yeah.'"

Wilson supported Unger's story, saying she authorized him as the ASUO vice president to remove the pamphlets.

McCartan said she did not help write the grievance, but she does believe it is valid.

McCartan called the situation "political nonsense" and said she had not been informed of any rules concerning the distribution of leaflets.

The rule was made by University Scheduling and Services. Department manager Virginia Johnson could not be reached to confirm a date the rule was made, but Unger said the rule was made recently.

"It has been an issue before," Wilson said. "[McCartan] should be aware."

"If someone needs to personally attack me, personally attack me," Unger said. "Don't screw around with the elections. It's just weird."

McCartan suggested Unger may be experiencing a conflict of interests by supporting Wortman and Cowling and having election board authority. "I wonder if he has difficulty separating the two," she said.

Unger said his duties as ASUO vice president take precedent. "My first priority is to make sure the elections run smoothly," he said.

Gross could not be reached for comment on the grievance.