

Partygoers take over

Police arrested two University students after a party took place at their residence while they were apparently out of town

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Will the bubble burst?

As one of the NCAA selection committee's bubble teams for an at-large bid, the Oregon softball team hopes to swing the odds in its favor

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TODAY

International peer assistants will show "Like Water for Chocolate" at 6:30 in 100 Willamette.

WEATHER

Today
Possible showers
High 70. Low 48.
Thursday
Partly cloudy
High 68. Low 46.

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ART EXHIBIT



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Jody Ake will display his silver plate photography in the Master of Fine Arts 1998 exhibit at the Museum of Art.

Finishing Touches

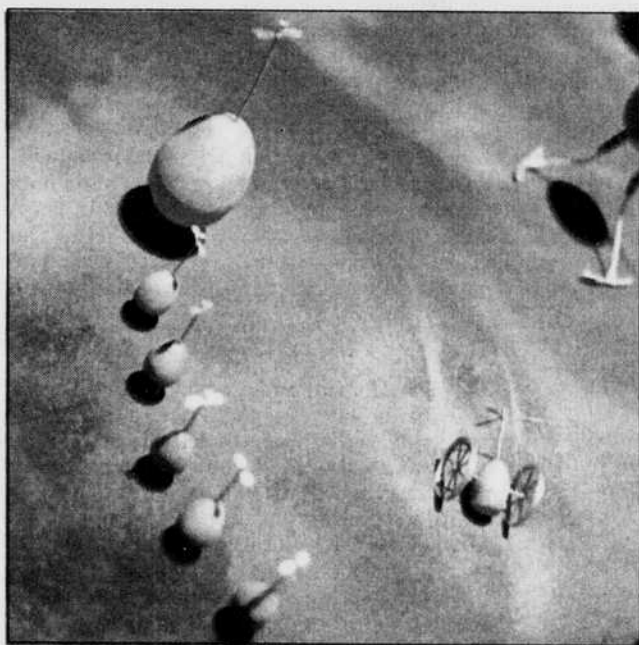
As a final graduation requirement, fine arts students are showing their projects at the art museum

By Teri Meeuwsen
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When Sara Joseph was creating her presentation "Capricieux Sculptopus," she wanted it to be playful and humorous. Now the small, colorful shapes, full of pin-wheel tops, sails and wheels, mingle together on the platform where they sit.

"The wheel tracks give the impression that after the museum closes at night, they come alive and play," said Joseph, a master's of fine arts student.

In the same room — dubbed "The Fun Room" by student artists — Skipper Mc-



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Some pieces from a larger collection by Sara Joseph.

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Next year's ASUO plans for changes

President Geneva Wortman and Vice President Morgan Cowling have spent the past week restructuring the ASUO

By Kristina Rudinskis

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The ASUO Executive wants you — to participate in student government. President Geneva Wortman and Vice President Morgan Cowling, the new ASUO Executive-elect, are in the middle of a transition period.

Next year's executive is hiring for 19 ASUO staff positions. The deadline for applying is 5 p.m. on Friday, May 8. Applications can be picked up outside the ASUO in EMU Suite 4.

"It's really amazing what the ASUO can do for students," Cowling explained. "They can make changes happen and make students' lives better."

Wortman and Cowling have spent the past week redefining ASUO staff descriptions to reflect specific jobs and responsibilities.

They also reorganized some of the ASUO positions. The new ASUO Executive divided the University affairs coordinator and chief of staff position into two separate jobs. The University affairs representative sits on several committees and subcommittees and is an advisory to the executive; the chief of staff position runs the internal structure of the office and oversees internships.

"We worked with the internship program to ensure student interns are actually doing stuff for their credits," Cowling said. A new internship position was created to assist the Oregon students of color representative, and the new internship coordinator will hold weekly meetings throughout next year to build skills and organize interns.

"Bill and Ben divided the office into



WORTMAN



COWLING

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ASUO endorses funding request to extend EMU computer lab's hours

The request must still be approved by the Oregon University System

By Michael Hines
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Students voted to extend EMU hours next year on the condition that the computer lab also extends its hours.

The ballot measure, which will cost students an extra 63 cents per term and generate \$28,485, applies only to the 1998-99 school year, said EMU board director Kim Guevara, who helped draft the measure. Guevara and EMU board member Jenna Wasson wrote the measure asking for the computer lab to stay open from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m.

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crease," ASUO Vice President Ben Unger said.

Unger and the ASUO have been working all year with the University's Computing Center to keep the EMU lab open later, but they hit a familiar snag — lack of funding.

University students presently pay a \$50-per-term education and technology fee. The fee has remained constant for four years, but the Computing Center wants to raise the fee to \$65 per term.

"Currently, I don't have any money in my budget to keep the EMU [lab] open," said Mary Bradley, microcomputing lab coordinator.

The ASUO has decided to endorse the Computing Center's request, which will be submitted to the Oregon University System for consideration by May 15. The Computing Center lacks the funds it needs to perform next year at its current level, Bradley explained. The center needs to purchase new computer hardware and software, and the minimum wage has risen since the last fee increase.

Only after all these expenses are calculated will the Computing Center pay for more staffing to cover the extra hours. This

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