

Unwritten history

A community panel will discuss the little-known Eugene history of African-Americans to increase public awareness

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The putting pioneer

Junior Ben Crane qualified for the 1997 NCAA Championships as an individual, but he hopes his teammates will join him for a return trip

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Zoe Borovsky will discuss gender and the generation gap from noon to 1 p.m. in 330 Hendricks.

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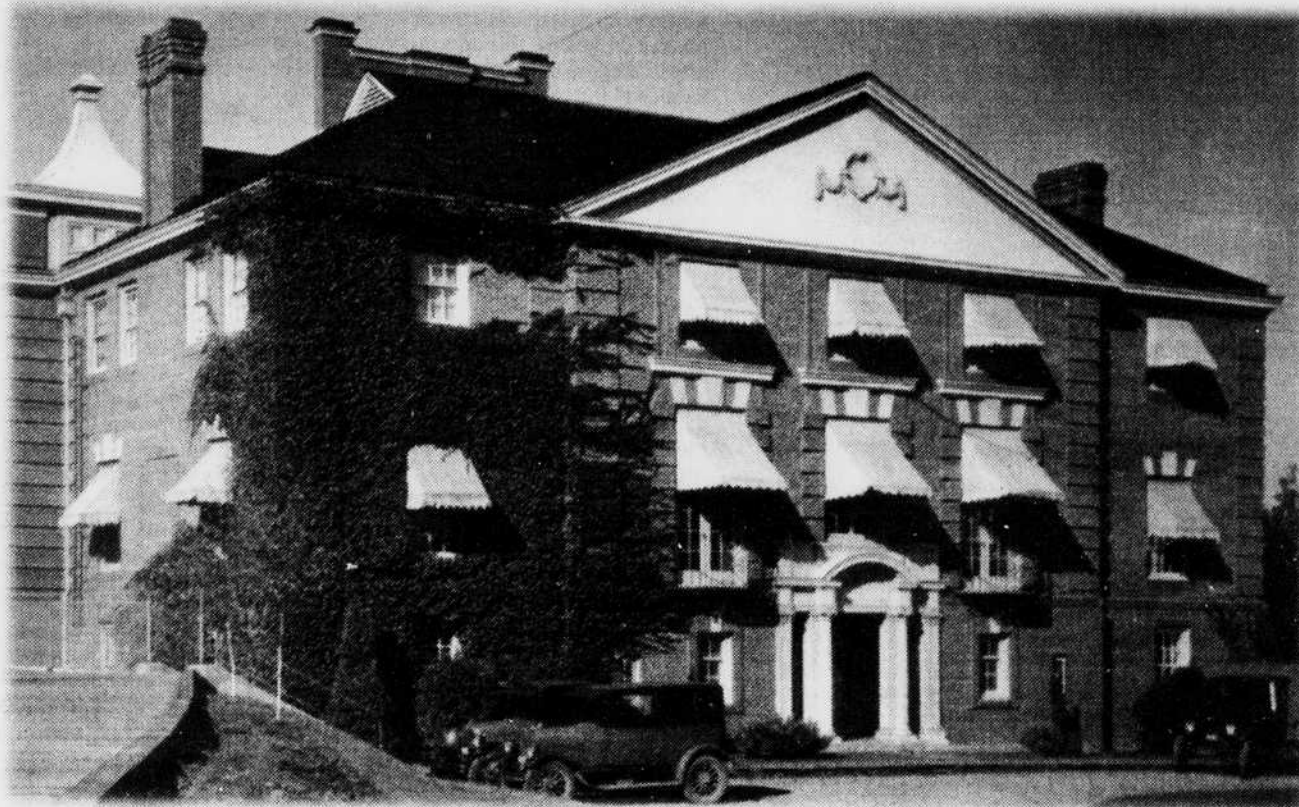
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Tour highlights UO history

A campus walking tour will show participants how much the University has evolved

By Ben Romano
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Graduate students from the Historic Preservation Program will share some of the University's rich history during a walking tour of campus Wednesday evening.

As part of National Historic Preservation Week (May 9 to 17), the tour will highlight the historic resources on campus, said Jeannie Brush, a graduate student in the program and an events coordinator of the week.

The tour, which has been led by students and faculty from the program for more than a decade, will start in the lobby

of Lawrence Hall at 5 p.m. and end at the Museum of Art at about 6 p.m. Participants can then stay for "Musevenings," a weekly extension of museum hours.

"The tour aims to tell people about how the campus has evolved with the help of Ellis Lawrence, who founded the school of architecture in 1914," said Joy Sears, a graduate student in the Historic Preservation Program who will be leading this year's tour. Lawrence played a major role in campus planning. Sears said she hopes the walking tour will be educational.

"We want people to get out there and experience [the history]."

Joy Sears
Graduate Student

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Court hears first cases on elections

The Constitution Court plans to resolve the elections grievances and release its rulings by Friday

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Reporter

The Constitution Court began the complicated process of sorting out the ASUO elections Tuesday, hearing the first two of seven cases.

The court had received so many grievances from last month's elections that it scheduled its hearings over two days. A second, much longer court session is scheduled for this afternoon.

The court plans to stockpile its decisions and release all of them by Friday, Chief Justice Joel Corcoran said.

Many of the cases deal with related issues or share parties with other cases, he explained. The court wants time to completely explain all its decisions.

The hearings are question-and-answer periods, when those involved present their cases and the court asks them to explain or expand upon their arguments.

The court makes its actual decisions in closed sessions.

Tuesday's session opened with arguments against Vice President Ben Unger and the elections board. The court combined complaints from Selena Brewington and Michael Gross — who worked on Kelli McCartan's presidential campaign — into one hearing.

They claimed Unger had illegally removed McCartan's campaign posters from a classroom with the elections board's consent. Both pointed out that Unger was well recognized as a supporter of rival candidates and was therefore guilty of a conflict of interest.

Unger responded that he had been helping the elections board because nobody else had time to take down the leaflets. He argued that the rule was written to prevent people from simultaneously campaigning and acting on behalf of the elections board.

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Greek system leaders looking forward to new set of standards

The Office of Greek Life will produce a 'report card' in June describing how each chapter fared

By Michael Hines
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The greek system has been a staple on campus for the 20th century. Greek leaders say they hope new fraternity and sorority standards will continue the organization's success as it heads into the 21st century.

Greek alumni, student leaders and University administrators have worked for more than a year to create a new set of standards for the system. Last spring they decided on 13 guidelines for fraternities and sororities to follow.

Fraternities and sororities are not required to conform to the guidelines, but they will receive a University endorsement if they do. Sometime in June, the Office of Greek Life will produce a "report card" detailing how each chapter has fared with the standards.

"It will encourage chapters that want to excel," said Greek Life advisor Shelley Sutherland. "The goals aren't so high at this point that they can't be accomplished. I think it will push people because people have been acting very interested and concerned about the standards."

Gregg Lobisser, an associate dean in the Office of Student Life, said he is pleased with the new standards, calling them a "consumer report" of the greek organizations.

"The University is looking for ways to help the greeks help themselves. I do believe that an endorsement by the University will have an effect on recruitment and rush," he said. "Some of these [standards] are really very helpful to the greeks, and we're giving a nudge to the culture."

Greek houses are all financially indepen-

dent of the University, and that is different than the greek-system relationship at other campuses around the country, he said.

"I'm not aware of any institution that has an endorsement program like us," Lobisser said. "Some institutions have some similar criteria. I think we're fairly unique."

While at a Chicago convention, Panhellenic Council President Marisa Ramsdell said she only heard of one other school with these kinds of standards, and they were much less strict.

"I think a lot of sororities already have what it takes to fulfill the endorsement," she said. "It basically is going to make our system better by making individual chapters better."

Not all of the fraternities and sororities will be endorsed this summer, officials said.

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