

State moving slow

Teachers say the turnaround time for achievement test scores is too slow, not allowing time to react to student scores

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A team on the rise

Ems manager Jim Saul says his team needs leadership, but he is pleased with the early season performance

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TODAY

The EMU will show World Cup soccer in the Ben Linder Room at noon.

WEATHER

Today
Partly Cloudy
High 74. Low 54.
Wednesday
Cloudy
High 72. Low 54.

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HAMMERING AWAY



Workers started tearing up the plaza near Onyx Bridge last week to better waterproof the science library as well as adding handicap ramps and possibly covered bike racks. LAURA GOSS/ Emerald

Summer allows time for construction

Most projects are expected to be completed by fall, including the extensive EMU renovation

By Amy Goldhammer
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From slight touch-ups at the Onyx Bridge area to intense demolition of Esslinger, the University is fixing, renovating, remodeling and improving many locations to better accommodate the campus community.

Esslinger is currently going through a broad renovation that will include three new multi-purpose courts, fitness rooms, a suspended running track, juice bar and the much-anticipated climbing wall. A new lobby in the Leighton Pool entrance will connect Esslinger to a new building

where these additions will be located. Joining these new facilities will be a strength and fitness gym as well as a few more tennis courts. Complementing these additions, the final phase of this renovation includes updating and refurbishing the old weight rooms, locker rooms and some surrounding facilities in McArthur Court.

Since work on the renovation of Esslinger will occur throughout the summer and the upcoming school year, students may be inconvenienced by the construction. Excluding the pool and its facilities, all other facilities are still available at this time.

"We are making the best use of the summer as we can," project manager Mark Henry said. Workers are putting in

a special effort to reopen the pool with temporary facilities by the beginning of fall 1998.

When deciding the details of the renovation, a large amount of student involvement and input was received regarding what was needed and wanted. This renovation is funded by money from student fees, some state money and physical plant money. The project is seeking some donations, but this is not a major source of funds.

The project is staying on budget, and construction is even on an accelerated schedule. The original date of completion was 2000, but because work began early, the project should be finished by fall 1999. Henry said the crew is using

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New station will replace police trailer

Officers say a larger station will accommodate more volunteers than the current 7-Eleven site

By Peter Breauden
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In the Sacred Heart Medical Center parking lot, construction is underway for the new 1,300-square-foot campus police station. The new location will be a significant upgrade from the 20-square-foot trailer that has occupied the 13th Avenue and Alder Street 7-Eleven parking lot since September of 1995.

The 7-Eleven location was designed as a crime deterrent three years ago. The new station will be able to provide a larger staff that can work with security teams from the entire area. The increased space and facilities will enable volunteers to assist in the center.

Beverly Mason, community service officer at the station, is excited about the "overdue" upgrade.

"I've got people all over the city that would love to volunteer in a police station. We've been turning them away for three years," Mason said. The new site will also be able to provide privacy for crime victims. Previously, victims were forced to deal with office traffic and any other activity in the parking lot. The room to conduct interviews and fill out reports will benefit both victims and security personnel, Mason said.

"They feel they can still serve their public in the small confines of a cop shop," said Jim Wesen, Director of Facilities Management at Sacred Heart.

The 7-Eleven station was established in response to late night criminal activity in the campus area. With as many as 60 people of all ages "fighting, screaming, and drinking" on Friday and Saturday nights, the densely populated area needed an established police force, Mason said.

For the four years prior to the station's existence, an officer had patrolled the area to keep order. But when crime grew consistently present in the area, it became important to respond with a permanent police watch, Mason said. "It doesn't work well to call the cops. Your response is more com-

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ASUO Executive wants to utilize summer for planning its programs

Some plan to attend a conference focused on influencing national student policy

By Peter Breauden
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New ASUO President Geneva Wortman and Vice President Morgan Cowling plan for a transitional summer. The fall of 1998 should open relationships between the ASUO and other programs as well as within ASUO staff, Cowling said.

"To my understanding, the relationship between ASUO and other programs wasn't the best," Cowling said. The new Executive plans to emphasize communication throughout staff — especially at meetings. Last year's parliamentary procedure will be replaced with a consensus-oriented forum.

"People didn't think their voices were

heard," Cowling said of last year's staff.

The ASUO legislative team is planning for the 51st annual United States Student Congress. Plans for the fall are focused around student voter education and registration.

"We had a really great year last year, but we're looking to represent students better locally, statewide and nationally this next year," said Charles Gabbe, ASUO Federal Affairs Coordinator.

The Student Congress, a 6-day nationwide gathering of student leaders, will take place in Boulder, Colo., beginning August 4. One of the conference's primary aims is for diversity in its nationwide representation. The congress will be meeting

with an agenda of influencing national student policy. Through discussion of financial-aid issues, campus safety and affirmative action, the congress sets goals for the upcoming year. The meeting is called annually by the United States Student Association. The agenda set at the congress will be for their 1998-99 campaign.

Many of the ASUO concerns go hand in hand with the issues addressed at the Student Congress. Tuition freezes and faculty compensation are chief concerns on campus for next fall's state election.

"It's important to get students to vote so lawmakers can realize the collective pow-

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