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## Summer update

### Fraternities move; new chapter starts

Student response during Fall Rush will determine the existence of a new fraternity chapter, the Delta Chi.

If Delta Chi forms, it will remain a chapter until it can finance a house through membership dues.

Becoming a founding father of the new Delta Chi ensures members have a lasting influence on the formation and development of the chapter, said Tim Pyle, a Phi Gamma Delta member.

Other fraternity movements include the relocation of the Pi Kappa Alpha chapter into the former Phi Gamma Delta house on 15th Avenue and Alder Street. The Pi Kappa Phi chapter moved into the old Sigma Chi house on 19th Avenue and Emerald Street. And the Delta Sigma Phi chapter moved into the old Sigma Alpha Epsilon house on 14th Avenue and Alder Street.

### Discrimination suit against UO settled

A discrimination lawsuit filed by a former Office of Public Safety officer, James Williams, received a mixed verdict. The court found that Williams, an African American, was the victim of a hostile working environment at OPS, but the court refused to award any damages, saying the hostility was not racially motivated.

The \$1.1 million suit filed in Lane County Circuit Court last year alleged OPS sergeant, Ahmad Tajwall, was the source of hostility. Williams claimed non-white males were discriminated against in the department.

The University said promotions are made on a case-by-case

basis and Williams fell short because of poor performance. OPS director Stan Reeves said there was an African American officer under Tajwall who received a pay increase for merit.

The court has yet to decide to award Williams compensation for his legal fees.

### Knight Law Center's opening delayed

The new University law school has delayed the move into the new Knight Law Center until spring 1999.

The new 138,000-square-foot building on the corner of 15th Avenue and Agate Street will house the entire law library collection.

The facility will have more classrooms, a computer lab, a video conference room and a courtroom. Student lounges and meeting places, such as "The Commons," will allow faculty and students to interact informally.

The move was scheduled for after fall term, but networking the phones and moving the library to the Knight Law Center was not practical in one month, said Jane Gordon, Associate Dean of the law school.

### Senate Bill could increase Pell Grants

The U.S. Senate voted 96-1 to reauthorize the Higher Education bill to help make college more affordable.

The bill proposed increasing the Pell Grant award from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and lowering interest rates on direct loan programs. The interest reduction would affect University students and the six other Oregon post-secondary school.

The Senate voted down the Harkin Amendment, 56-41. The amendment would have reduced student loan fees by 25 percent.

The Higher Education project created in 1994 was a response to \$30 billion in proposed cuts to colleges and universities.

Senator Jesse Helms was the single vote opposed to the reauthorization.

### Summer Senate shares funds with groups

The scaled down Summer Senate allocated its money quickly and was out of money by August 10.

The Senate mediated the DDS and ASUO tensions regarding authority over stipends and the use of \$50,000 students voted to allocate to DDS through a ballot measure last spring. The money was to pay for DDS service seven days a week.

The ASUO Executive was concerned about the way the ballot money was being spent and requested a line-item budget from DDS for the ballot measure money. Ballot measure money historically does not require a line-item budget.

The money awarded by the ballot measure could replace the Programs Finance Committee allocated budget of \$26,212 or simply bring the lump sum to \$50,000 total.

DDS director Brandon Smith has filed a 56-page brief with the Constitutional Court requesting clarification of questions of authority over ballot measure money and stipend allocation.

The Senate also allocated \$1,300 to the Philosophy Club, \$3,600 for the Spencer View Co-op Family Center and about \$450 to Black Student Journalists.

— Kristina Rudinskas

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