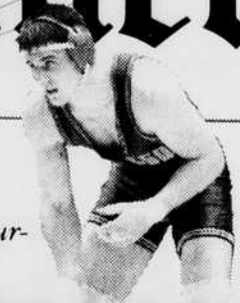


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High 47, Low 36

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The light shines again

A skylight in Johnson Hall is returning to its rightful place

By Teri Medley
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The sunbeams and sets over Mount Hood with the touch of a switch in Johnson Hall, the room as the portrait of John Wesley Johnson, the University's first president, seems to look on with admiration.

Johnson was no longer present in 1915 when the building opened, and the stained glass windows were in their original place as the 50-by-50-foot lobby skylight. But when Johnson Hall was remodeled in 1949, the skylight was removed and separated into 15 panels and sent away.

Now, the stained glass panels line the inside of the Johnson Hall entrance room, where the colorful stained panels add new glow and feel to the room. The majority of the glass is creamy and golden, with green and purple panels interspersed.

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Program distributes free trees

The NeighborWoods program allots trees to Eugene schools, businesses and property owners

By Felicity Ayles
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There's no such thing as a free lunch, but a free tree is another story.

The City of Eugene started its annual NeighborWoods program in December and will continue to distribute new trees throughout Eugene until the first week of April, said NeighborWoods Program Coordinator Dave Edwards.

The city developed this program in 1992 and has continued every winter since then, Edwards said.

Schools, businesses and property owners of all kinds can receive trees free of charge from the City of Eugene if they agree to maintain them, Edwards said. This includes watering the tree and weeding around the base, he said.

"Property owners have to sign an agreement to care for the trees for three years," he said.

The trees must be planted along rights-of-way within the city limits and are strictly for public property like parks and in front of local businesses.

Despite the inclement weather, the city promotes this program in the winter because the trees are dormant and have a better chance of surviving if they are planted in their dormant stage, Edwards said.

"The only weather problem would be with a ground freeze," he said. "So far, we've only had a 2 to 3 percent tree loss."

Edwards said the city tries to replace fallen or dead trees annually at least one for one.

"We've had a 95 to 98 percent success rate," he said. "There is a lot of potential open space to plant trees in Eugene."

The city buys its trees from various nurseries around the state. Locally, the Eugene

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Testing centers provide standardized exam training

The new UO Testing Center and the newly expanded Kaplan center can give students an advantage on tests such as the Graduate Record Exam, the GMAT and the LSAT — for a price

By David Ryan
Oregon Daily Emerald

Taking tests are a normal part of University students' lives. But when it comes down to taking professional and graduate exams that can determine a student's future, the pressure can be intense. Two organizations in the campus area want to make sure students don't have nightmares about showing up naked to class.

University students intent upon entering graduate school, medical school or law school — and have \$500 to \$1,000 on them — can have the help of a newly expanded Kaplan test preparation center on 13th Avenue and Hilyard Street to guide them through exams such as the GRE and the LSAT.

A more cost-conscious alternative — in the \$125 to \$300 range — is the UO Testing Center located in Academic Learning Ser-

vices at room 68 in the Prince Lucien Campbell building.

Formerly, the Kaplan center had one classroom for teaching and one classroom for study. The new facilities include two classrooms for teaching, one for studying, a training library with books and videos and a student lounge.

Kimberly Morse, manager of the Kaplan school, said each of the exams has a certain method of logic to its questions that students need to practice with.

That's where test preparation programs like the Kaplan school come in.

"It's a skill you learn, like playing tennis or like playing the piano," Morse said. The key to taking an exam "is not just a regurgitation of content. It's being able to think in a certain way."

Morse said tests like the GRE, GMAT and

the LSAT are now taken on the computer, which makes test-taking a more grueling ordeal.

"The tests are now where if a student answers one correct question the questions get harder," she said. "The computer is trying to determine quickly [at] what level the student is."

In addition to exam tutorials, Morse said, Kaplan also provides students with information on scholarships, financial programs and admission to graduate schools.

"We give a class on creating your statement of intent," she said.

Kaplan student Richard Stritzke, a senior in sociology and business, said the new facilities helped him study better than the old ones. "Usually they had all the study students

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