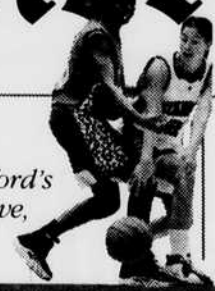


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Weather forecast

Today Showers
High 47, Low 34

Friday Mostly cloudy
High 47, Low 35

A helping hand

University students in a leadership class organize a dance to raise money for a transplant for a local teenager / PAGE 3

No gratitude

Once recruited by the Ducks, Stanford's Lindsey Yamasaki, an Oregon native, has something to prove / PAGE 9



Dave Cheek, an employee of Nature's Landscape, digs a ditch for an irrigation system at the new law center Tuesday afternoon.

Law building is nearly complete

Donations, bonds and grants have helped finance the lengthy, over-budget project

By Tricia Schwennesen
Oregon Daily Emerald

It's been three years in the making and cost about \$1.9 million more than originally planned, but the William W. Knight Law Center is nearing completion.

The final price tag on the new building, including equipment and furnishings, is \$26,919,315.

Janet Lobue, project manager, said Hoffman Construction Co. will complete the project by the end of March. All of the building's systems, such as fire alarms,

heating system, ventilation and electricity, will be tested by May 10.

The project was supposed to be completed by Dec. 31, 1998.

"We will be fully functional by June 1," said Jane Gordon, the law school associate dean for student affairs. "It's just becoming reality as we talk about how we're going to get things packed and what the deadlines are."

The law library will begin moving books into the basement in mid-March and the other offices will move after May 16. This

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Law meeting lights 'Fierce Green Fire'

The four-day event will feature topics concerning legal and environmental issues

By Mark Freed
for the Emerald

Mix politicians with political refugees, lawyers with a tree dweller, an Academy Award-winning filmmaker with a guy who lives with bears half the year — and stir. The result? The oldest and biggest annual gathering for environmentalists, and it's right here at the University.

The 17th annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, sponsored by Land Air Water and Friends of Land Air Water, brings a flurry of speakers, panels, workshops and entertainment to the School of Law beginning today. The four-day conference, expected to attract about 3,000 participants, wraps up Sunday.

The conference, free for University students, unites environmental leaders, activists, politicians, lawyers, students and

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On Tap

WHAT: The Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, with more than 100 panels, 15 keynote addresses, workshops and entertainment.

WHO: 3,000 lawyers, environmentalists, artists, students and citizens.

WHERE: The University School of Law and other campus locations.

TICKETS: Admission is free for non-professionals and non-attorneys, but a \$20 to \$50 donation is suggested.

For more info: call 346-3828 or 346-3878.

Instructor evaluations now available on Web

Greater student access to course reviews elicits mixed reactions

By Erin Snelgrove
Oregon Daily Emerald

With the click of a mouse, University students can now access professor evaluations on the Web.

The effectiveness of classes and instructors is rated in the evaluations. The list is available on the Internet at <http://gladstone.uoregon.edu/~asuoprof/>, for the first time.

By looking at the numerical score, one being the lowest and 10 being the highest, students can see how their peers judged a professor's performance and a course's overall benefit.

The ASUO has been responsible for publishing the scores for the past two years. By making the evaluations available, students are able to choose classes that will most benefit them. This year's evaluations and the past two years of reviews are now available on the Internet.

"Our mission is to help students receive a better education and to save money," said ASUO Vice President Morgan Cowling. "One of the biggest complaints about the University is some of the classes, so with the course evaluations stu-

dents will be able to make informed decisions before they register."

In the past, evaluations had been compiled in pamphlets available at the University Bookstore and in the EMU.

"People complained because their incidental fees had been used to publish the evaluations," said Corey Jonas, an ASUO intern. "So this term, the evaluations are posted on the Web instead, which took less time and was less expensive."

However, some students and faculty expressed dismay at the availability of evaluations.

"College isn't meant to be easy. Shopping for classes and teachers is atrocious."

Julie Dennler
University freshman

Julie Dennler, a freshman, does not approve of the review procedure. She said students should not base their course selections primarily on assessment scores.

"College isn't meant to be easy," Dennler said. "Shopping for classes and teachers is atrocious. Students should choose

courses because they want to learn and be challenged, not because they want an easy A."

Al Acres, an assistant professor of art history, said the evaluations could be more accurate.

"I, like everybody, think the evaluations need to be handled with care," Acres said. "They

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