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Construction

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year's law graduates may even hold their reception in the new building. Lobue said the delay in construction was caused by a number of issues. Hitting an aquifer while drilling for the new elevators was one cause for delay.

"It isn't really a problem because the law school never intended to move before May," Lobue said of the delay.

The new law center was built under an agreement called a construction manager/general contracting contract.

Instead of the state hiring the lowest bidder to do the job, it hires a company based on past experience and a set of criteria specific to the project.

The contractor then works closely with the architect, in this case Yost, Grub and Hall from Portland, to design the building. Based on the architectural drawings, the contractor can estimate the cost of the project and offers a quote on the guaranteed maximum price.

Hoffman Construction Co.'s original guaranteed maximum price for the project was \$20,859,300, not including equipment and furnishings, Lobue said.

Funding for the project came from several different places, said Jane Gary, director of development.

Gary said with each new month the cost has gone up for one reason

or another.

"I don't think it's particularly unusual that it went higher," Gary said. "I knew when I signed on it would be higher than I was originally told. All I have to say is it better not go up any more."

Bonds supplied \$10.3 million, and \$326,000 came from a loan through the state Energy Loan Program.

"The building is very energy-efficient," Gary said.

The building's energy efficiency also warranted a \$65,000 grant from EWEB.

In the past three years, the law school, currently housed in Grayson Hall, has contributed a total of \$906,000.

The Kresge Foundation, a Detroit company that offers grants for capital-construction buildings, gave \$500,000.

In-kind gifts, such as gifts from subcontractors, totaled \$145,500.

Individuals contributed a sum of more than \$13 million.

Gary said plans for the new building gave people the opportunity to honor loved ones and founders of law firms through their contributions.

"It's just remarkable because there's only been 4,300 graduates, and that's a small donor base," Gary said.

The most significant contribution, \$10 million, came from Phil Knight, CEO of Nike Inc. The cen-

ter will be named for his father, a University alumnus and law school graduate.

"Thank God for Phil Knight, because if he hadn't contributed that \$10 million we probably wouldn't have built new," Gary said.

As construction progressed, the donations earned \$800,000 in interest, which was added to the funding pot, she said.

Gary, who was in charge of fund raising for the project, said there is enough money to cover the total cost. However, she could not say exactly how the money has been spent. George Pernsteiner, the chief financial officer, is in charge allocating the funds.

"I'm in charge of raising the money, but George is the gatekeeper of it," Gary said.

Pernsteiner did not return repeated phone calls.

Next year's law students will be able to utilize a bookstore annex, a branch of the Duckstop coffee shop, a new law library large enough for all the volumes the law school has and a student lounge.

"Compared to Grayson, it's just a really nice, open, light place," Lobue said. "Grayson is just like a tomb."

Gary said: "It's a beautiful, well-designed, forward-thinking, technologically advanced teaching facility. I think in the final analysis the building is worth every penny we spent."

Evaluations

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give a general gauge for the course, but the process is still imperfect and the results can be misleading."

If a student does not fill in a choice for the review, the score is automatically entered as a zero. This default can create misleading results, said Jack Rice, associate vice provost for academic affairs.

He said students should take the evaluation seriously. However, when choosing their classes, students should look at the workload of classes instead of basing their enrollment decisions solely on assessments.

"By themselves, they are not as useful as I'd like them to be," Rice said. "Student evaluations are an important component of the review process, but it's only one aspect. Peer evaluations and the teachings of the course should also be considered."

Beginning fall term 1999, evaluations will include two new questions that were approved by the University Senate.

The third and fourth questions will read:

"In comparison with other UO courses of this size and level, do you believe that the class was well

organized and efficiently used throughout the course?"

"In comparison with other UO courses of this size and level, how well did your instructor encourage communication outside of class time?"

With the inclusion of these scores, Cowling said, students will have more course information at their disposal.

"Last term we made strides to obtain more information so we could have access to a broader spectrum of questions," Cowling said. "The addition of these questions should prove useful to students."

Community Briefs

Bow of New Carissa runs aground; tar balls, oiled birds seen on beach

WALDPOR — The broken bow of the cargo ship New Carissa washed back onto the beach Wednesday after attempts over the past month to firebomb it, pump it and tow it out to sea all failed to make the oil-laden menace go away.

The bow nosed onto the beach at dawn just off a stretch of the Oregon Coast after a storm 50 miles out in the Pacific ripped the hull free from the tug that was towing it to be sunk.

Just hours earlier, Coast Guard Capt. Mike Hall lit a cigar to celebrate the departure of the wreckage and said: "Certainly the worst-case scenario is that she would come up on shore again."

That worst case came true 60 miles north of where the ship originally scraped bottom Feb. 4. Within

hours, sticky tar balls as big as a fist began showing up on the beach, apparently from the bow's tanks, which were still holding up to 130,000 gallons of heavy bunker fuel.

Workers fanned out near the 420-foot wreck with shovels to scoop up oil, and booms were set up to protect the fragile estuary around nearby Alsea Bay. At least three shorebirds and a couple of sea lions or seals were seen coated with oil.

— The Associated Press

Today's Event

Thursday, March 4

The Center for the Study of Women in Society will hold a meeting titled "Reclaiming the Past" from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the EMU Rogue Room. Contact CSWS at 346-5015.

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