Oregon Supreme court visits law school today; hears cases

Students will get to witness the judicial process up close while potential lawyers take notes

By Erin Snelgrove

People interested in death and liability lawsuits have an opportunity to see real cases in action at today's annual visit of the Oregon Supreme Court.

The visit will take place in the Orlando J. Hollis Courtroom at the University's Law Center in Grayson Hall. Two appellate proceedings will be tried for students, faculty and community members to observe.

The Oregon Supreme Court has been conducting an annual visit to Eugene for 20 years. The appellate cases, scheduled by the Oregon Supreme Court, serve to educate both law students and the general public about the American legal system.

"The visit is a significant opportunity for both students and the legal community of Lane County because people can interact with the highest court in Oregon," said Rennard Strickland, the law school dean.

The first lawsuit, State vs. Harberts, is the appeal of a death sentence for the murder of a two-year-old. The case begins at 9

The second suit, Welker vs. Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, concerns the agency's liability for the misdeeds of a contracted investigator. This presentation starts at 10:30 a.m.

"Going to the cases is an excellent opportunity to observe oral appellate arguments," said Heidi Barker, a third-year law student. "Since law students have to present mock arguments during their first year, it's helpful for them to see professionals make actual arguments beforehand. Learning appellate advocacy is a fine art."

Many first-year law students are expected to attend the event. After students become accustomed to writing their own legal papers and arguments, the hearings can help them understand how what they learn can be applied in the courtroom, said Mary Lawrence, director of the legal research and writing program.

"At the hearings, real cases are presented by real attorneys," Lawrence said. "The experience is absolutely marvelous because it shows what the students will be doing once they enter the profession."



(Reported March 2 to March 8)

■ March 2, Theft I, 1600 block of Columbia Street, Vivian Olum Child Development Center: items stolen.

- March 2, Theft I, 700 block of East 13th Avenue, Emerald City Comics: items stolen.
- March 2, Criminal Mischief I, 1000 block of Patterson Street, University Inn Complex: graffiti.
- m March 2, Burglary I, 2100 block of Franklin Boulevard, Travel Inn: items stolen.
- m March 3, Theft I, 500 block of East 13th Avenue, McKenzie River Music: item stolen.
- march 3, Physical Harassment, 19th Avenue and Alder Street.
- March 3, Reckless Burning, 1400 block of Columbia Street, Bean Complex: light switch burned.

m March 4, Theft II, 1200 block of East 13th Avenue, EMU: items stolen.

- March 4, Criminal Trespass II, Coffee People, 800 block of East 13th Avenue.
- March 5, Theft II, 1000 block of Patterson Street, University Inn Complex: items stolen.
- March 5, Trespass I, 1300 block of Kincaid Street.
- March 5, Burglary I, Franklin Boulevard and Onyx Street: items stolen.
- March 5, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Franklin Boulevard and Onyx Street: 9mm qun.
- March 6, Trespass II, 1300 block of Agate Street, Hamilton Complex.
- March 6, Theft II, 1500 block of Kincaid Street: items stolen.
- March 6, Burglary I and Assault III, 2200 block of Agate Street
- March 6, Criminal Trespass II, 1300 block of Alder Street.
- march 6, Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, 700 block of East

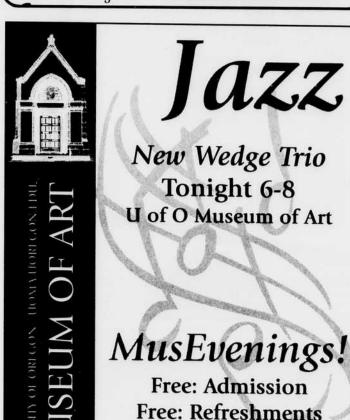
15th Avenue: pizza delivery vehicle taken.

- March 7, Theft I, 1200 block of East 13th Avenue, EMU: bike stolen.
- m March 7, Assault IV, East
- 19th Avenue and Agate Street.

 March 7, Theft II, 1900
 block of Garden Avenue: items stolen from vehicle.
- March 7, Burglary I, 1900 block of Harris Street: items
- March 7, Driving While Under the Influence of Intoxicants, 14th Avenue and Ferry Street.
- March 8, Petty Larceny II, 1200 block of East 13th Avenue, EMU: items stolen from food services.
- March 8, Arson 1, 1000 block of Patterson Street, University Inn Complex: elevators and door burned.
- March 8, Theft II, 1700 block of Alder Street: items stolen from vehicle.
- March 8, Burglary 1, 1400 block of East 19th Avenue: items stolen.







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