

# EWEB, UO reduce campus energy consumption

Energy-efficient lighting and heating systems have aided the decrease

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The University has seen its energy level drop since it formed a partnership nine years ago with the Eugene Water and Electric Board to reduce its energy consumption.

The partnership formed because of the University's status, at the time, of being the second-largest energy consumer in the state of Oregon, behind only Weyerhaeuser. Since the partnership, the University has dropped from second to third place.

The University has maintained its level of energy consumption at 1995 levels, even though an additional 12,000 square feet has been added to the campus.

"The greatest advantage of the partnership is that it enables the University to be socially responsible," said Dan Williams, vice president for administration.

Since the coupling, energy conservation projects have been undertaken in the EMU, the Moshofsky Center and the William R. Knight Law Center.

According to EWEB energy management engineer Brian Hawley, the utility has given the University more than \$1 million to fund projects such as placing occupancy sensors in the lighting units at the Knight Law Center to prevent light energy from being wasted when people aren't in the room.

In addition, more windows were put in at the Ed Moshofsky Sports Center to make more effective use of natural light.

Hawley also said that campus-wide measures had been taken to improve the heating and ventila-

tion systems to make them more efficient.

According to Hawley, the changes benefit EWEB as much as they do the University.

"We wanted to do the partnership because it enabled us to use less of our resources on the University," he said.

Williams said the partnership was particularly helpful to the University because of the monetary support EWEB provides.

"If we didn't have this partnership, we wouldn't have been able to reduce our energy as much as we have," he said.

The University has many projects in the works to continue its trend of energy reduction.

According to energy specialist Amy Lake, one project of particular importance is the reduction in the amount of light energy being used. Lake said projects are being considered for Lawrence and

buildings such as the Knight Law Center.

Williams said he acknowledges these difficulties but doesn't view them as being a great hindrance to the University's goal of being more energy efficient.

"It is not easy to make the older buildings cost effective, but that doesn't mean it is impossible," he said.

Williams said the University plans to continue the partnership with EWEB.

"It is our responsibility to set a good example for the community," he said.

Hawley said the University has been successful in taking measures to reduce energy consumption.

"The University has done a good job in saving energy, considering the budgets to campus operations are as light as they are," he said. "I feel very positive about their cuts in energy rates."

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Prince Lucien Campbell halls to replace older lighting fixtures with more energy-efficient models.

"There is so much energy that can be saved in the area of power-effective lighting," Lake said.

But the University has a variety of impediments that could make the task of developing better energy efficiency on campus more difficult, Lake said.

One problem for is the number of older buildings on campus, she said. Lake said it is more difficult to alter the structural systems in those buildings than in newer

## Drugs bring in unsavory element

Residence hall drug dealers invite buyers to their rooms for deals

By Jason George  
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Student Jim Smith has created his own form of financial aid. With the assistance of a cellular phone and a few well-placed buyers, he makes approximately \$500 a week and doesn't even have to leave his room.

Smith sells drugs out of a residence hall. Marijuana and mushrooms are his main products. He spoke to the Emerald on the condition that his real name not be used.

Smith brings about 50 people into the dorms each week, by his own admission. He said all of the people are students who he meets on campus and none of them live in his residence hall.

In 1997, the University's Office of Public Safety, in conjunction with the Eugene Police Department, instituted a "No Tolerance"

position on drugs that states students found with drugs will be cited and possibly arrested.

In 1996, there were 21 arrests for drugs and in 1997 there were 106. Although most of the arrests occurred off-campus, a portion of drug arrests occurred in residence halls.



In the halls, drugs can not only affect the individual involved but also those living near the individual.

A neighbor of Smith's said he is concerned about the heavy foot traffic from his customers.

"Sometimes I think that the people he is bringing in here are a little sketchy," said a resident who preferred to remain anonymous. "This is like my house and I worry sometimes who is being brought into my home."

He said he will not report the crime until something happens.

"If you have somebody bringing people into the dorms, there is no guarantee that those people are not going around and also checking doors," said David Bayless, resident director of the Walton complex.

Bayless said that if a student ignores the fact that drugs are illegal, it is still a negative experience because they affect the people around the student.

He said this is one reason the University residence halls maintain a 24-hour lock down. A person without keys cannot enter a residence hall unless a resident lets him or her in.

Bayless suggested that if students are having a problem with someone bringing nonresidents into the residence hall, they should talk to the resident about the problem. He said that if they have a problem confronting the individual, they should speak with a residence staff member.

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## State jobless rate rises slightly to 5.8 percent

By Charles E. Beggs  
The Associated Press

SALEM — Oregon's unemployment rate rose to 5.8 percent last month from 5.6 percent in January, but the Legislature is doing its bit to buck the trend.

The state Employment Department said Thursday that while there were job declines in a number of economic sectors, government wasn't one of them.

Government employment increased by about 1,000 jobs in February, and some of the rise "was due to the state legislative session getting up to speed," the department said.

The Legislature hires several hundred temporary employees for each biennial session.

Otherwise, the agency said

continued declines in February in wholesale trade and durable goods resulting mostly from financial troubles in Asia contributed to the February rise in the jobless rate.

Oregon's unemployment rate in February 1998 was 5.4 percent. The national jobless rate last month was 4.4 percent.

The 5.8 percent figure last month was in the middle of its range of the past three years, the department said.

Other February developments included a decline of 1,300 jobs in construction, which the department said at least partly was due to wet and cold weather.

Besides government employment, jobs in services industries posted a 6,000-job gain in February.

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