

Construction

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trance to Allen Hall and a new tennis center behind McArthur Court are being planned or are currently under way.

Construction Annoyances

The quiet discussion in Michael Johnson's advertising copy writing class was shattered Monday afternoon by a deafening noise.

"The jack hammering was so loud that we literally had to stop class because we could not hear each other speak," said Johnson, a senior journalism major.

The construction on campus has been an annoyance for a long time, he said.

"I think it's a never ending project that's serving no visual improvement," Johnson said.

Some students don't know what the construction is for.

"It would be nice to have a sign up explaining the construction inconvenience," said junior Justin Kistner, ASUO public relations director.

Students who are inconvenienced by the construction often have a hard time thinking about the results 10 or 15 years down the road, Melnick said.

"We have to look at the campus as a university in the long term," he said.

Ideally, new construction will respond to the needs of the schools, colleges, departments and their students. As the University and its demands grow, new space for classrooms, offices and research is necessary, Melnick said.

Enrollment is expected to increase early in the next century, said Chris Ramey, director of the University Planning Office.

Campus Needs

A three-step project to redevelop the academic core of campus

has been implemented to accommodate the expected growth in the student population, Ramey said.

The law center, completed in May 1997, was the first step in the project. Its removal from the academic core of campus was designed to improve the law school's facility, as well as make space for more general use classrooms on campus, he said.

The academic core of campus is defined as the area west of the EMU and east of the University Bookstore.

The second step in the project is the renovation of Grayson Hall. General use classrooms and state-of-the-art instructional technology will fill the space made available by the relocation of the law school, Ramey said.

The third step will be an addition to Gilbert Hall. The addition, which may include some remodeling of the existing structure, will add new classrooms and offices for the Charles H. Lundquist College of Business. The project is still in planning stages, Ramey said.

In total, the redevelopment project will create approximately 2,000 new student stations and 40 new faculty offices in the campus core, he said.

Green Space

With the addition of many new buildings, some students are concerned about the campus maintaining its distinctive look through the construction.

The University "is visually the closest thing to an Ivy League school on the west coast," said Gabrielle Valdez, a graduate student.

The open spaces on campus should be preserved, she said.

The new buildings should reinforce the "open space framework" that exists on campus, Ramey said.

This framework, which is made up of quadrangles, squares, parks, view corridors and pedestrian

malls, gives the campus its unique feel. It is the result of Ellis Lawrence's development pattern for the University, which was implemented in the first quarter of this century, Melnick said.

"The physical campus is in many ways structured around the green spaces," Melnick said. "It's important to think of the campus not just as a set of buildings, but as buildings and landscape together."

The open space framework does two main things for campus, Ramey said.

"For most visitors, one of the most visually memorable parts of campus is how much green space and trees there are," he said.

That is being preserved by making an effort to develop the campus around the open space framework, he said.

Exercise machines inside the Student Recreation Center look out at trees across the street and the entrance to the building aligns with the paths that crisscross the lawn north of the building. The center's design works to enhance the nearby open space, which will never be built on, Ramey said.

The open space framework also provides organization to the campus. The main entrances of buildings are designed to face out toward open space rather than the back of another building. "Other campuses, Stanford University comes to mind, have lost track of their open spaces," Ramey said.

A committee of students, faculty and designers oversees all construction projects to ensure that Lawrence's legacy of open space is preserved, said Nilendra Deshpande, associate dean of the college of arts and sciences.

"The role of the Campus Planning Committee is to make sure that we don't overbuild and spoil the campus," said Deshpande, who has served on the committee since last year.

Student Senate hears grievance

■ The grievance states that a GAP meeting violated the ASUO Constitution

By Jeremy Lang
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In a Wednesday night meeting that took slightly over an hour the



Student Senate

Student Senate mostly presented new issues on which they will make final decisions in the weeks to come.

Sen. Eric Pfeiffer presented a grievance filed by student Scott Austin regarding a forum meeting held last week by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, the group that created the Genocide Awareness Project. Austin's grievance states that the GAP meeting violates the ASUO Constitution.

Before discussion at the GAP meeting began, a 45 minute video was shown, which Austin called "propaganda and not educational." When students voiced protest over having to watch the unannounced video instead of simply discussing GAP, Austin said the meeting was abruptly canceled.

"I am unapologetically pro-life, but what happened was rude and, at the least, unacceptable," Austin told the Senators.

He recommended the Senate take action against Justice For All, the student group that brought CBR and GAP to campus.

Senate President Jessica Timpa-

ny presented a preliminary figure for the EMU Board's annual budget, which is currently slated to be 3.1 percent higher than last year's figure. However, the final benchmark, or goal, for the budget has yet to be decided and may change.

"We've set 3.1 percent based on maintaining current services such as trash and utilities and a staff raise," Timpany said. "But we still need to meet with the EMU programs to find out what they need."

After those meetings, the EMU Board will set an official benchmark, which Timpany said should happen sometime in November.

One benchmark the Senate did vote to approve was the Athletic Department Finance Committee's official benchmark of negative 1 percent for the year. The decrease comes mainly from cuts to the McArthur Court Subsidy, which was not completely used last year.

Groups that hold events at Mac Court can request up to \$4,000 per event from the subsidy, which is funded by the student incidental fee.

Sen. Jennifer Greenough said she thinks the subsidy cut is reasonable and an effective way to save students money.

Sen. Spencer Hamlin said he agreed that the decrease is both probable and minimal.

"It isn't set so low that it ties our hands and we still come out lower than the year before," Hamlin said.

The Student Senate is the legislative branch of the ASUO and handles financial issues regarding student programs. The Senate meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday night in the EMU Board Room, third floor. All students can attend these meetings.

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