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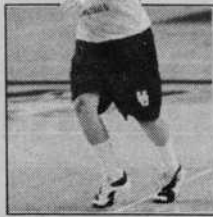


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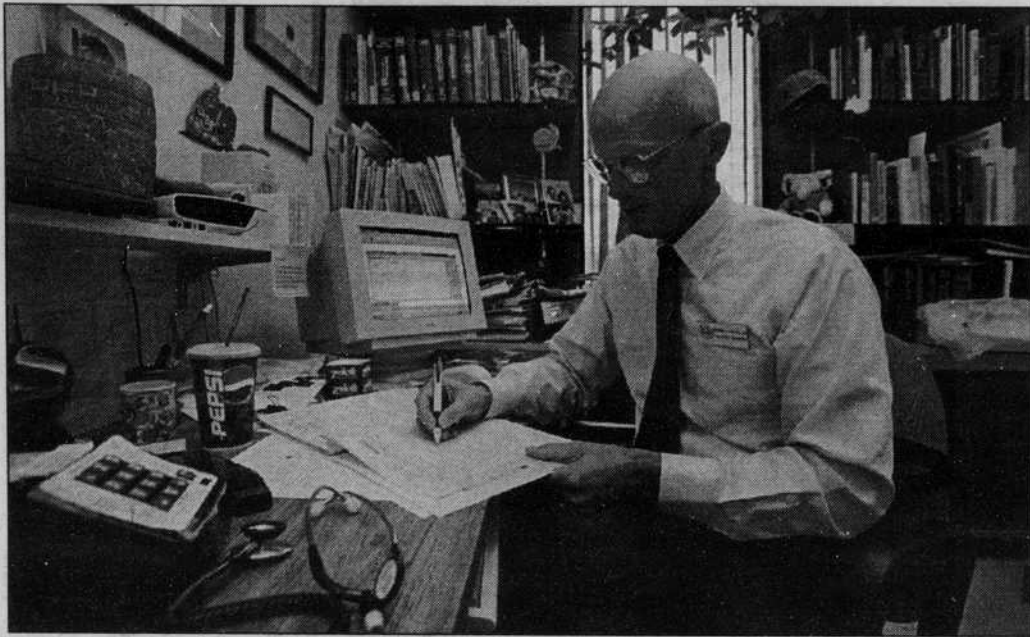
Four freshmen and one transfer are expected to contribute to the Ducks' continued success. Their offensive prowess is unquestioned; their defense is coming along too. **PAGE 11A**



Cars ignite at dealership

The Eugene Kia car lot catches fire Thursday, resulting in damage to its offices and carport — burning at least 22 cars — and a nearby apartment building. **PAGE 3A**

TURNING THE TABLES



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Dr. George Hughes of the University Health Center is one of 1,300 men to be diagnosed with breast cancer each year.

When the doctor becomes the patient

After being diagnosed with breast cancer, one University doctor sees medicine from both sides

By Jason George
Oregon Daily Emerald

Dr. George Hughes knows how some of his patients feel. Hughes, a doctor at the University Health Center, is living with breast cancer.

As a former runner, and as someone who does not drink or smoke, he does not know why the cancer infected him. "I guess bad things just happen to good people," Hughes said.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, but people often forget that men can get the disease as well as women. While breast cancer is rare in men, there will probably be 1,300 new male cases diagnosed this year in the United States, compared to 175,000 for women, according to the

American Cancer Society.

This year, it estimated that there will be 43,700 deaths from breast cancer, 400 of which will be men. About .14 percent of cancer deaths in men are a result of breast cancer,



yet the disease is more deadly in men than women because it is not usually detected until the later stages, according to the National Cancer Institute. Male breast cancer also spreads more rapidly in men than in women.

In 1994, Hughes found a lump on his chest and, "like Turn to **Dr. Hughes**, Page 4A

Same-sex partner discount passes

The State Board of Higher Education voted unanimously in favor

By Stefanie Knowlton
Oregon Daily Emerald

The in-state tuition discount for spouses of University employees will be extended to include same-sex partners, the State Board of Higher Education voted unanimously Thursday. The discount was a benefit previously only extended to married couples.

Nine out of the 11 board members who oversee the seven Oregon public universities were present at the meeting held at Oregon Institute of Technology Metro Center in Clackamas.

A temporary ruling passed in June has secured this benefit for same-sex domestic partners since January 1999. The amendment will now be sent to the secretary of state's office to be enacted.

"I think it's great they are making headway and that they are coming up-to-date," University chemistry lab technician Mary Dricken said.

Although the decision does not apply to her because her partner is a resident and already pays in-state tuition at Oregon State University, she said she is glad the board made the benefit available to same-sex domestic partners.

To qualify for the tuition discount, same-sex partners must sign an affidavit asserting cohabitation for the last six months, financial reliance and monogamy, among other things.

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Employment benefits secured by same-sex partners in Oregon

The current tuition discount falls in line with other same-sex partner benefits received by married couples, which were secured by Tanner vs. O.H.S.U.

1995 February Trial court ruled for O.H.S.U.

1996 August Appealed to Oregon Court of Appeals.

1997 April Public Employees Benefit Board Branch of OUS gives health and dental to domestic partners shortly before ruling guarantees these benefits.

December Decision overturned in favor of Tanner. Now same-sex domestic partners and married couples must be treated equally.

1998 June 18 Temporary ruling by the state board of Higher education to give same-sex domestic partners tuition discount.

1999 October 21 Tuition discount passes.

2000 January PEBB will discuss life insurance benefits.

SOURCE: OUS

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University looks to leave legacy of construction for the '90s

More than \$150 million has been spent on recent construction projects

By Ben Romano
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Construction projects in the 1920s, 1960s and now the 1990s have brought us some of the most significant buildings on campus today. State and private funds continue to make additions to the University a possibility.

In the 1920s, large projects such as McArthur Court and Gerlinger and Allen halls were built and account for 10 percent of today's total square footage.

The University added Prince Lucien Campbell Hall, Autzen Stadium, the University Health Center and other projects in the 1960s, which accounts for 30 percent of the total square footage of campus.

More than \$150 million has been spent on University construction projects since 1990. In that time more than 18 percent of the University's total square footage has been built.

The massive amount of money for these

projects has traditionally come from sources both on and off campus, said Nilendra Deshpande, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"Quite often you only get about half the funding from the state in the form of bonds, the other half you have to raise by way of private donations," Deshpande said.

University Planning Office Director Chris Ramey said education budget shortages have limited funding from the state level.

Before any state funds are awarded to the University for construction, potential projects go through a long approval process, Ramey said.

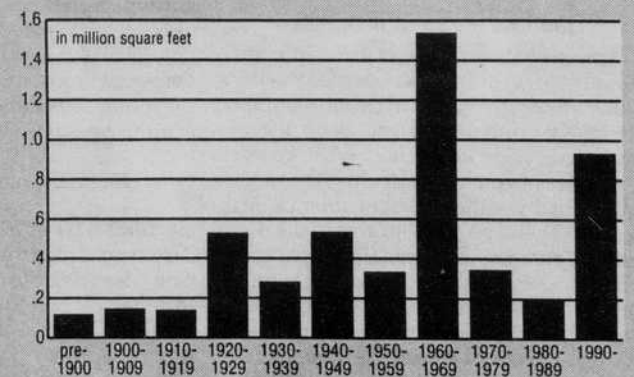
Every two years, a list of needs is collected from every department on campus. The department heads work closely with the University Planning Office to describe the needs in terms of current campus realities about space, Ramey said.

This list of requested projects is shortened

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University construction in this century

The University is in the midst of one of the biggest building booms in its history exceeded only by the 1960s.



SOURCE: OSSHE Building Valuations 6/30/97

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