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**"What people will appreciate fully when we reopen is how far we have advanced this museum with collections, exhibitions and education programs."**  
 — Lawrence Fong, associate director and curator of the University Museum of Art



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Intern Gretchen Ranger and Museum of Art Registrar Jean Nattinger help to prepare the collection for moving during the museum's renovation by measuring a set of bowls. The bowls were part of a formal dinner set from a modern Japanese wedding, and will be available for viewing by the public next year.

## A work in progress

■ The University Museum of Art will nearly triple its exhibit space before reopening in 2003

By Lisa Toth  
 Oregon Daily Emerald

All is quiet behind the closed front doors of the University's Museum of Art. The artwork that once hung on its walls and lined its galleries has been carefully wrapped in plastic and hidden in boxes.

The collections of photography, Pacific Northwest art, Russian icons and Asian art from China, India, Japan and Korea will soon be moved on pallets out of the building altogether.

Even though the building has been closed since September 2000, the museum staff is still as busy as ever, said Christie McDonald, the museum's director of development and external affairs.

A dedicated crew, composed of staff, interns, students and volunteers, have been working to study, catalog, photograph and pack up more than 12,500 art pieces in the museum's collection.

Lawrence Fong, the museum's associate director and curator, said the expansion and renovation of the museum is expected to be completed by late October 2003, and groundbreaking for construction will begin this spring.

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Nattinger examines a set of 20th century Japanese ceramic dolls awaiting transport during the museum's renovation.

## University looks at housing expansion

■ Housing officials are targeting lots east of campus for additional student housing, but neighbors object

By Marty Toohey  
 Oregon Daily Emerald

Citing record enrollment and lack of space, University Housing and University Planning are looking to build apartments and other facilities on property the school owns in the neighborhood east of campus.

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What the University found, however, is a neighborhood association looking to slow the expansion. University Housing has already built one apartment complex for graduate students and is nearly finished with plans to build a childcare center that will accommodate 200 children in the area. It is now considering moving or knocking down half-century old houses on Villard and Moss streets to build more apartments.

Some members of the Fairmount Neighborhood Association do not want to see

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## PFC rolls up shirt sleeves, sets budgets

■ The Malaysian Student Organization and the Criminal Law Association walk away with substantial increases this year

By Kara Cogswell  
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Despite missing two members, the ASUO Programs Finance Committee sailed through its first week of hearings. PFC chairwoman Mary Elizabeth Madden said.

PFC Senator Eddy Morales and elected member at-large Edwin Prasad resigned before hearings began on Monday, leaving five committee members to decide budgets for 29 ASUO programs this week.

The Malaysian Student Organization received the largest budget increase, jumping from \$304 this year to \$1,056 for 2002-03. Madden said the group had previously been de-funded, and the increase reflects a group rebuilding process. Most of the increase allocated

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## Kitzhaber expected to propose new budget plan

■ The governor's goals include focusing more on raising money than on making drastic cuts to higher education

By Brook Reinhard  
 Oregon Daily Emerald

Officials in the Oregon University System are still spinning their wheels after Gov. John Kitzhaber released a budget proposal last Monday that called for \$830 million in program cuts. Now all eyes are on Kitzhaber, who will be able to propose a budget that includes ways of raising money instead of just cutting programs. The governor was constitutionally required to make an initial proposal that balanced the budget solely through program cuts.

Kitzhaber wants a budget that will satisfy the Oregon Legislature, which will convene as early as Feb. 8 for a special budget-balancing session. The state's budget has fallen into the red because of lower-than-expected income tax revenues and the highest unemployment rate in the nation.

Tim Young, student board member for the State Board of Higher Education, said that tuition would have to be raised at least 22.5 percent under the governor's current budget proposal. A State Board of Higher Education report said at least 1,000 students in the university system wouldn't be able to afford Oregon tuition if Kitzhaber's proposal goes through.

"You could easily double that figure," Young said. "We are striving for mediocrity, and failing. If this were a grading system, we'd

get kicked out of school."

John Wykoff, legislative director for the lobbying group Oregon Student Association, added that academic programs would have to go.

"We're talking about permanent program cuts," he said. "You don't rebuild programs overnight."

Wykoff likened the current budget crisis to problems after Measure 5 passed, which revised Oregon's property tax rules. When that measure passed in 1990, the University was forced to eliminate the School of Health and Physical Education and other popular programs. The governor's budget would cut 8.1 percent of the University's funding.

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