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Solar energy



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Running on sunshine

Powered by the sun

Installed on top of the EMU, three 8 ft by 8 ft solar panels will supply 4,200 watts of power annually, enough to power approximately 28 fridges a year. The panels will channel their power into the EMU's electrical grid.

The cost of the panels will be approximately \$20,000, and will be subsidized by Bucks for Ducks.

■ Bucks for Ducks winners design solar panels for the EMU's south balcony and are set for installation this month

By Kara Cogswell
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The vision of an EMU partially powered by renewable solar energy — which began last year when

two architecture students won the \$100,000 ASUO Bucks for Ducks contest — is close to becoming a reality.

A trio of solar towers, designed by contest winner Jocelyn Eisenberg and other students from the Ecological Design Center, could be built on the little-used, south-facing EMU balcony adjacent to the Skylight Lounge as soon as this month. The EMU Board ap-

proved the project last month and construction on the towers is tentatively scheduled to begin during the annual H.O.P.E.S. Eco-Design Arts Conference, which will be held at the University April 18 to 22.

The ASUO sponsored the Ducks for Bucks contest last year to generate student ideas on how to spend \$100,000
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Candidate may sue over city elections

■ Jim Hale charges that some signatures were gathered illegally and calls for uniform standards

By Darren Freeman
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The Oregon Secretary of State's office is not likely to challenge the candidacy of five city council candidates who filed their election documents in an improper order, State Elections Division John Lindback said.

But one candidate said he might contest the May 21 primary election ballot with a lawsuit — a challenge he might very well win, Lindback said.

Ward 5 candidate Jim Hale, who is running against one of the five candidates in question, scheduled a Tuesday press conference to discuss the possible lawsuit but canceled after rethinking his position. He said he would announce his intentions today.

If Hale files a suit and is successful, the ballot or the election itself could be altered in court.

The controversy began when candidates David Kelly, Gary Papé, Kevin Wells and Jennifer Solomon filed the required 25 voter signatures with the city recorder's office before gaining the city's approval of the signature form. This violated a provision in the city's elections manual that requires candidates to obtain prior approval of signature sheets before circulating the forms, Lindback said.

But the city recorder's office, stating that its staff gave candidates inconsistent advice, accepted the signatures and processed the candidates filings. Papé is running for Ward 5, Wells for Ward 4 and Solomon for Ward 6. Kelly is running for Ward 3, the seat representing the University area.

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Students campaign to incorporate pledge at graduation

The University is considering reintroducing a traditional pledge about graduates' responsibilities

By Kara Cogswell
 Oregon Daily Emerald

Graduating seniors typically make the transition from the college world to the working world with a commencement ceremony and a handshake as they receive their degrees.

Something is missing from that process, say a group of University students. Although graduation is a time for celebration, they want it to also be a time for students to consider how the things they do after college will impact the world.

Senior Leona Kassel said that's why she and about six other students are working to bring the Graduation

Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility back to University commencement.

By signing the pledge, which was incorporated into graduation ceremonies at nearly 70 colleges and universities in 2001, students promise "to explore and take into account the social and environmental consequences" of any job they consider taking.

The pledge began at Humboldt State University in 1987 and was once printed on the back of University of Oregon graduation programs, said alumna Mary Hudzikiewicz, who is coordinating commencement this year. About four years ago, commencement organ-

izers stopped printing the pledge, though, because of lack of student interest, she said. The pledge will be part of graduation this year — but organizers are still working out how large a part, she said.

Kassel said she sees the pledge as serving "a dual purpose — one to start students thinking about the impact their jobs will have on the world and also to send a message to businesses that students are considering how their jobs will affect society and the environment."

Although students working on the pledge campaign are still planning how they will make the pledge part of

graduation this year, they expect to create wallet-sized cards inscribed with the pledge that students can sign, Kassel said. On the back of the cards will be a list of environmentally and socially conscious Web sites alumni can visit to reaffirm their commitment, she said. Students who sign the pledge will also receive a green ribbon they can pin to their caps or gowns.

Kassel said they would like to have the pledge cards and a letter explaining the purpose of the pledge included in graduation materials the University sends to students. They plan to distribute the ribbons and have additional

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