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Construction catnap



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While some construction workers labor hard (near right) to make the University's business school future (far right) a reality, others take a more relaxed approach (above).

Complex to yield 600 new seats

Construction for the Lillis Business Complex is well under way, with crews working to complete the four-story, 196,500-square-foot renovation project for the Charles H. Lundquist College of Business. Funding for \$40 million facility came mostly from private-sector gifts, including \$14 million from business college alumnus Chuck Lillis and his wife, Gwen. Officials say the complex will maximize environmental sustainability and energy efficiency

through the use of solar energy panels, water-conserving fixtures, a floor plan that harnesses prevailing breezes for cooling, "smart" electrical controls that turn off lights and nonessential items when not in use and building materials that are recycled or created using sustainable methods.

To be completed for the 2003-04 school year, the project will result in an added 600 classroom seats, as well as a new auditorium, for the college.

Death with Dignity Act faces legal decision

■ Oregon is the only state with assisted suicide, but the U.S. Attorney General says it violates Controlled Substances Act

By Brook Reinhard
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Federal District Judge Robert Jones is expected to rule today whether terminally ill Oregonians can end their life with a doctor's assistance, and advocates from both sides say they will appeal the decision within the month.

Oregon's Death with Dignity Law was challenged Nov. 6, 2001, when U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft wrote a memo stating he would use the Controlled Substances Act to prosecute physicians prescribing lethal doses of drugs. Oregon is the only state in the nation that permits physician-assisted suicide.

The state and two groups in favor of assisted suicide obtained restraining orders on Ashcroft's action from a Portland federal court; those orders are expected to expire pending a ruling by Judge Jones today.

Both advocates and opponents of the law are confident the case will be decided in their favor, even if it has to be appealed.

"I don't know which way it will be ruled (in federal court in Portland), but I'm confident the opinion of the Department of Justice will be upheld," even if it has to go to the Supreme

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Student groups work to 'get out' vote

ASUO and OSPIRG hope to register 1,000 students to vote by the end of the month

By Danielle Gillespie
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The ASUO and OSPIRG have teamed up to hand out voter registration cards, talk to students in classes about voting and work at voter registration tables during the next few weeks to encourage students to vote in this year's primary elections as well as in future elections.

The two groups have hopes of registering 1,000 students by April 26 before the upcoming primary elections, about 200 more than were registered during the ASUO's fall voter registration campaign, ASUO State Affairs Coordinator Sandy Newton said.

Newton said although the biggest race this year is for the state governor seat, the primary elections are just as important as any other election.

"This year is especially unique for primary elections because there will be a University student running for the Eugene City Council, which we have never had before," she said.

Junior Maco Stewart will be running for Eugene City Council Ward 3, and the ASUO has plans to hold a debate at the University between Stewart and his opponent, City Council President David Kelly, before the elections, Newton said.

Newton said Ballot Measure 13 will also be of importance to University students in the primaries.

"This measure basically pits higher education against secondary education and could affect many students at this campus," she said.

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Residence halls lose heat during weekend

One residence hall lost heat April 10 and another lost hot water over the weekend, forcing some residents to run their showers for heat and others to bathe in nearby facilities.

Hamilton complex director Peter Erschen said three halls in the complex lost hot water Saturday, but it was restored Tuesday. He said some residents of Tingle, McClain and Cloran halls showered in nearby bathrooms. Hamilton houses 780 students.

Some floors of H.P. Barnhart lost heat, according to Kari Van Orsdel, the building's food service manager. University Housing maintenance worker Steve Partridge stopped by Friday to ask the kitchen staff if utilities were working properly as

he checked Barnhart's seven floors, Orsdel said. The hall is home to 450 students.

"He said it was off on some and on others," she said.

Several Barnhart residents said Partridge told them April 10 the pump for the hot water heater had broken and would be fixed overnight. Others said Partridge told them the heat was shut off to save electricity during last week's balmy weather.

Orsdel said the Barnhart kitchen didn't lose either utility.

"If we didn't have hot water, we'd have to go to paper," she said of the dining room plates. "It's important for us to have it."

— Eric Martin