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No classes are scheduled here in Gilbert 111 because of construction noise, and students have complained that the din in Gilbert 107 has made concentrating difficult.

Time to MOVE OUT

Noise from the construction is driving classes out of Gilbert 107

By Robin Weber
 Oregon Daily Emerald

As construction on the new Lillis Business Complex progresses, students in nearby Gilbert 107 are moving out. Last week, at least a dozen classes in Gilbert 107, located on the side of the building closest to the recent construction, were moved in response to noise and safety issues.

Senior Karolin Wicks said even with her professor practically yelling during the hour-plus lecture, there were times when his voice simply could not compete with the drone of equipment.

"It is such a small room that even sitting in the first two rows we couldn't hear," she said.

Once completed, the four-story complex re-

placing the Gilbert Hall Commonwealth Bridge will add 145,000 square feet for classrooms, plus space for conferences and extra technology. But this won't be done until 2003.

The demolition has brought down 24 classrooms in its path — 16 percent of the University's total classroom space.

While the noise may have distracted some students from lectures, discussions and exams in Room 107, there were also safety concerns about the possibility of debris flying through the windows and injuring students.

University Registrar Herbert Chereck said nothing had been scheduled in Gilbert 104 and 111 through

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Budget's future remains uncertain

■ The University Senate hosts a public meeting to discuss options in dealing with cuts to the 2002-03 school year budget

By Katie Ellis
 for the Emerald

Discussing the University's projected budget plan for the 2002-03 school year was the goal of a University Senate-sponsored town hall meeting Monday. However, with possible additional budget cuts, the fate of the University's budget and its impact on students and faculty remains uncertain.

A panel of speakers including University President Dave Frohnmayer, University Provost John Moseley, ASUO President Nilda Brooklyn and Senate Budget Committee Chairman Michael Kellman delivered opening remarks to an audience of about 60 members of the campus and public community who gathered in Lawrence 177.

President Frohnmayer said the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the University's "fiscal health." He said the University's initial priority is to fund the additional 1,000 students who will not receive state support next fall as a result of budget cuts. The University is expecting an enrollment of 20,000 — the largest enrollment in the school's history.

Projecting the University's future budget plan and strategy to compensate for decreased state funding is difficult to determine, Frohnmayer said.

"The issue is somewhat ambiguous right now," he said referring to the recent revenue shortfall of a possible \$220 million and the fate of Ballot Measure 13, which would compensate for an additional government shortfall. Frohnmayer said the University's budget cannot be determined right now but said the budget problem is of great concern.

"The budget is a well of concern, as evidenced by the attendance at this meeting," he said.

Provost Moseley, referred to as the "man with the numbers," said the University is within \$3 million of balancing next year's budget, but potential additional budget cuts will make the 2002-03 school year difficult.

"We will have to do things on a one-year basis," he said. "It would be difficult to get through next year."

Although the University has yet to determine the course of action it will take to account for the decrease in state funding, increasing tuition is a possibility. Brooklyn stressed the negative impact a tuition increase could have on many students and said ASUO wants to be involved in the process.

"This issue is not taken lightly by stu-

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Series to honor professor, celebrate diversity

The Dr. Coleman Speaker Series draws speakers from around the world for a three-day discussion of international cultural issues

By Robin Weber
 Oregon Daily Emerald

University Professor Emeritus Dr. Edwin Coleman has made recognizing diversity a lifelong journey.

Keeping in step with Coleman's path, the University Multicultural Center is highlighting ethnicity with the fifth annual Dr. Coleman Speaker Series in the veteran educator's honor. The series will be staged in the EMU today, Wednesday and Thursday.

"Everybody knows he's paved the way for other African American students for leadership positions," Black

Student Union Co-Director Haben Woldu said.

The conference recognizes Coleman for his leadership as well as his other contributions. An accomplished jazz musician, Coleman is also a scholar and the author of "Black Rage, Black Identity," "Thems that Got: The Art of Billie Holliday" and "Black Literature for Teachers."

"From students to faculty members — unsolicited by him — it is a pure and simple adoration to him makes this unique," Program Coordinator for the Office of Multicultural Affairs Lyl-

lye Parker said.

Parker thinks Coleman's dedication to well-rounded, ongoing learning is being mirrored in the week's events.

"He was looking at the continuing education of the community," she said. "We do it on a daily basis on the issues that impact students-of-color organizations and it gives exposure to voices we're not used to hearing," she said about the event.

MCC Programs Adviser Steve Morozumi said in addition to the ongoing

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