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Don Tykeson (left), a member of the foundation board and the vice chair of the investment committee for the Lillis Business Complex, signs one of two yellow steel beams. The two beams are the last ones to be put in place for the structure. The beams will not be covered up when construction is complete.

Building the future

The University celebrates at the environmentally friendly Lillis Business Complex construction site as final beams are installed

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The sustainably developed, energy-efficient Lillis Business Complex is one step closer to completion after a symbolic "topping out" ceremony was held Thursday to celebrate the last major pieces of structural steel being installed.

A few more pieces of steel will still be installed next week, project manager Matt Pearson said, but the ceremony was held to celebrate and recognize the efforts of those involved. Pearson said he wanted to have the ceremony before construction was finished, while the full staff was still on site.

University officials, business personnel, students and community members were invited to sign the backside of two steel beams that were signed at

the April groundbreaking ceremony. The beams will be the final structural pieces installed in the project.

"This is a significant milestone achieved through the tireless efforts of our subcontractors and labor force, and a collaborative relationship among all parties involved," said Gary Smith, general manager of Lease Crutcher Lewis, the general contractor on the project.

Pearson said the project is ahead of schedule and under budget, though it's hard to say by exactly how much until the project is completely finished. The \$40 million undertaking, scheduled for completion by December 2003, employs energy-efficient and sustainable building practices.

"The sustainable and environmental concern on this project has been incredible," Pearson said.

Many of the materials used in the construction of the complex have been or will come from materials with recycled content, such as carpet, steel and linoleum, project plan-

ner Fred Tepfer said.

One strategy used to ensure efficiency was to create a design that optimized eight to 10 hours of natural daylight, so artificial lights will be used at a minimum, Tepfer said. The building will also use less lighting throughout the corridors to make classrooms seem brighter when students enter them.

By building well-shaded windows to control inside temperatures and installing fans instead of air conditioning, energy use will be greatly reduced, Tepfer said.

Motion detectors will be installed on lights and electrical outlets throughout the building, so when appliances are not being used, they will automatically shut off, Tepfer said. The offices in the building will have other outlets that are not on sensors to prevent computers from turning off when not in use. Most of the offices will also use computers with flat screens that use far less energy than traditional monitors.

Solar panels will be installed in the

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UO students take culture to schools

MEChA members provide positive examples for Latino middle school students through the Ganas program

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Members of the University chapter of MEChA are reaching out to the community by helping young Latinos do better in school and become culturally aware at the same time.

Wednesday night, students involved in Ganas made a presentation to the Eugene District 4J School Board, pushing for continued support of the Ganas program.

MEChA Director Isaac Torres said one of the most important functions of Ganas is to provide positive role models for young Latinos.

Through the Ganas program, MEChA members are becoming mentors for Latino students at Jefferson Middle School.

"We are living examples for these students of what they can achieve," Torres said.

Ganas coordinator Gerardo Ochoa said the program was developed seven years ago by Jim Garcia and Roscoe Caron to try to meet the needs of Latino students.

"Our main objective is to increase academic performance while maintaining cultural identity," Ochoa said.

About 25 middle school students are involved in the Ganas program, and Ochoa estimated that about 10 MEChA volunteers show up every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon to interact with Jefferson students. The MEChistas, as they are called,

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Patriot Act said to erode rights

A local group hosts a variety of speakers on the anniversary of the passing of the USA Patriot Act

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"This meeting has not been approved by the Attorney General," free speech attorney Brian Michaels half-jokingly warned an audience of about 200 people last night at a civil liberties forum titled "The Erosion of Human Rights Since September 11" at 180 PLC.

The event, organized by Lane County Bill of Rights Defense Committee, was held on the one-year anniversary of the passing of the USA Patriot Act.

"One year ago, our Bill of Rights became void and prohibited by the Patriot Act," said Hope Marston, a committee coordinator. She called for members of the community to "put our representatives on notice that we do not support this legislation."

The committee is currently involved in a campaign to have the Eugene City Council pass a resolution opposing the USA Patriot Act.

The first speaker was Mary Paladino, a member of Eugene Peaceworks and longtime progressive activist. Paladino drew parallels between the current post-Sept. 11, 2001, climate and that of the

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WEATHER

Today: High 58, Low 32,

morning clouds then sun

Saturday: High 60, Low 38,

cloudy with chance of rain

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday

The weekend patrol update will include the riot meeting

Tuesday

The new Wayne Morse Chair focuses on sentencing reform

Candidates voice opposing politics

Oregon votes 2002

District 4 State Senate seat candidates voice opposing concerns on logging, taxes, education and the economy

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Sometimes, a person's role model says a lot about them. In politics, things are no different.

The candidates vying to fill the District 4 State Senate seat look to Oregon legislators as role models, and politically speaking, both look a lot like their role models.

Incumbent Democrat Tony Corcoran sees U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Eugene, as a strong-

willed, established leader.

"He's a total straight-shooter," Corcoran said. "He's intimidated by the power elites in this country; he speaks his mind, and he's fearless."

Republican David Alsup, the youngest of 14 children, has a role model who isn't quite as well known: State Sen. Bill Fisher, R-Roseburg. Alsup, who is new to politics, respects Fisher because of his willingness to help him in a water rights situation. Fisher later helped Alsup when the state made it difficult for Alsup to be receive pay as a spousal caregiver while he aided his disabled wife.

Fairly different role models. Fairly different views.

Alsup's platform emphasizes logging and allocating funds for poor children while Corcoran has other things in mind, such as a progressive tax

reform and funding for higher education.

While both feel that clearcutting would help reduce forest fires, Alsup is a little more vocal about possible income generated by logging.

Alsup said that the more Oregon returns to the logging industry, the more money education will get.

"You figure 20 percent of the income generated by logging will go directly into education for the local counties," Alsup said.

Both candidates have a passion for funding education, but Alsup appears more concerned with K-12 education.

Alsup also said he thinks the money Oregon needs is already allocated, and all that needs to

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