

News briefs

U.S. Senate introduces anti-spam bill

U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and Conrad Burns, R-Mont., recently introduced the CAN-SPAM bill, which is designed to protect consumers from unsolicited e-mails.

"Just as quickly as the use of e-mail has spread, its usefulness could dwindle, buried under an avalanche of 'get rich quick,' 'lose weight fast' and pornographic marketing pitches," Wyden said in a press conference. "This bill will help to keep legitimate Internet traffic and e-commerce flowing by going after those unscrupulous individuals who use e-mail in annoying and misleading ways."

Approximately 40 percent of all e-mail sent in the United States is spam, which creates an annual cost of \$10 billion due to lost productivity, additional equipment, software and manpower needed to handle spam mail.

In December 2002, AOL won a lawsuit filed against spamming company CN Productions, which many said was a huge victory in the fight to stop spam. In its complaint, AOL alleged CN Productions had transmitted more than a billion junk e-mail messages to AOL users with e-mails advertising adult Web sites.

The University has taken its own precautions to keep spam out of students' University accounts by requesting that students forward it to spam@uoregon.edu. The University can then file a complaint or fix the filter used to block the address that is sending the spam.

The bill would require all marketing e-mail to have a valid return e-mail address, so recipients could easily ask to

be removed from mass e-mail lists. Once notified, a company would be prohibited from sending any further messages to a consumer who has asked them to stop.

"The fact that the bill is strongly supported by AOL, Yahoo and eBay speaks to the logical approach the CAN-SPAM bill offers," Burns said. "I am very confident in this common-sense bill that is critical to the future of e-commerce."

—Ali Shaughnessy

Faculty plans public forum on post-war economies

Now that the war in Iraq has ended, University faculty members are starting to examine how the war has affected economies, both in the Middle East and in Oregon.

Concerned Faculty for Peace and Justice and the Department of History are co-sponsoring a public forum called "The Economics of War," tonight at 7 p.m. in 180 PLC. Featured speakers include sociology Professor Sandra Morgen, who is the director of the University Center for the Study of Women in Society, and Professor Gordon Lafer, who works at the Labor Education and Research Center.

Topics will include analyzing corporate interests in post-war Iraq and in the United States, examining the economic impact of the war on Oregon and discovering how the war will affect future employment, public services and taxation.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Barbara Pope at 683-5368 or 346-5523.

—Brook Reinhard

Daily scavenger hunt: Four-pronged fountain



Adam Amato Emerald

What the heck is this? As part of the local celebration for National Historic Preservation Week, University graduate student Christopher Bell is sponsoring a weeklong photo scavenger hunt, with prizes to be announced.

The contest: Be able to correctly identify the location of the photographed object on campus and provide a bit of history about the object. The Emerald will print a different photo each day this week — to enter, simply send an e-mail to hpweek2003@yahoo.com and make your guess.

Today's photo: Where is this located on campus? What is it made out of? (Be specific!)

For a full listing of events planned as part of National Historic Preservation Week, visit <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~ashp/>.

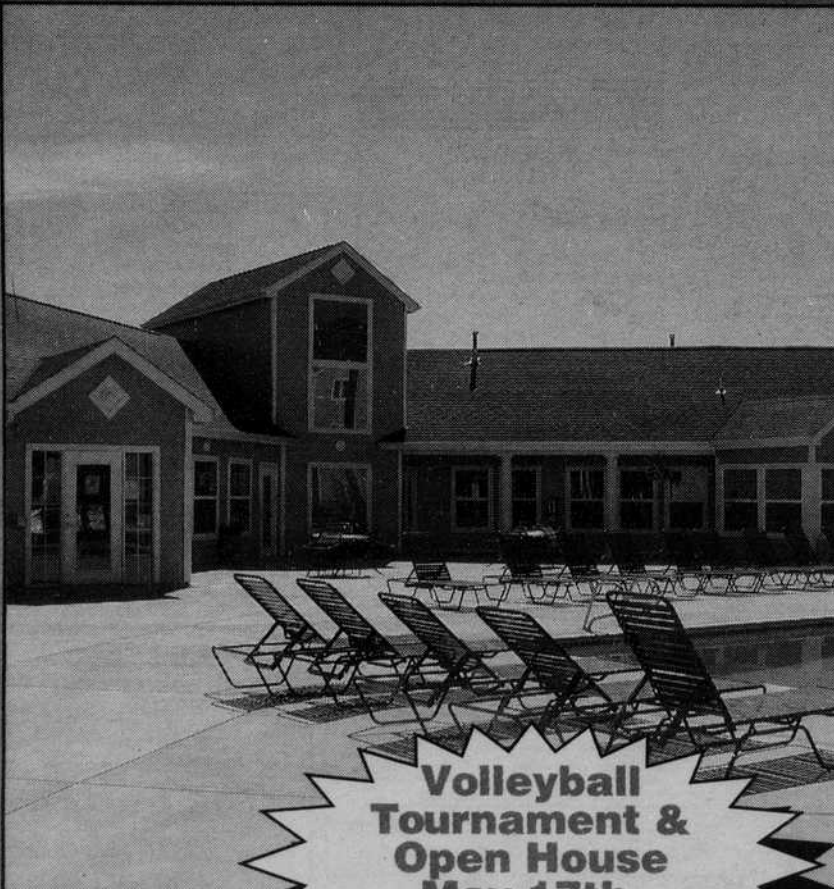


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nanotechnology to microtechnology. After that link is established, he said, bridging the gap between nanotechnology and macrotechnology should be easier. And when that bridge is built, nanotechnology can be more useful to society as a whole.

Where the MMDC will be built depends on a variety of factors, such as funding and location. Hutchison said at first, researchers were debating building a virtual center, with all of the information online. However, he said now they are looking at building the center on Riverfront Research Park property near the University.

Diane Wiley, director of the research park, said it is a combination of private businesses and University research centers with focuses in areas like biotechnology, neuroscience and education. While no nanotechnology exploration is currently happening in the research park, Wiley said she was excited at the prospect of building the

MMDC on the park's property.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., recently introduced legislation to fund and coordinate accelerated nanotechnology research, and has repeatedly said he is committed to making Oregon a national center for nanotechnology research and development. Wyden has also applauded the Bush administration's efforts to fund the science, saying there is nothing partisan about nanotechnology.

At a January press conference, Wyden pushed for support for his legislation.

"Nanotechnology has the capacity to start no less than a revolution in a number of important fields — medicine, manufacturing and information technology among them," he said at the conference. "We've introduced this legislation to help Americans reap the benefits of nanotechnology as soon as possible, and to help our country stay at the forefront of scientific advancement worldwide."

Contact the reporter at alishaughnessy@dailyemerald.com.

Nanotechnology industry value

Group	Funding 2002	Requested funding 2003
Department of Agriculture	\$1.5 million	\$2.5 million
Department of Defense	\$180 million	\$201 million
Department of Energy	\$91.1 million	\$139.3 million
Department of Justice	\$1.4 million	\$1.4 million
Department of Transportation	\$2 million	\$2 million
Environmental Protection Agency	\$5 million	\$5 million
National Aeronautics and Science Agency	\$46 million	\$51 million
National Institutes of Health	\$40.8 million	\$43.2 million
National Institute of Standards and Technology	\$37.6 million	\$43.8 million
National Science Agency	\$199 million	\$221 million

SOURCE: <http://www.nano.gov>