



Senate could expand drug law

The new law would amend Oregon drug laws to make "consumption" of a controlled substance a class A violation

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Being under the influence of controlled substances without possession of them may soon be more than recreation for some minors in Oregon — it may land them in hot water with the law.

The Oregon Senate passed Senate Bill 342 on Monday, an effort that would amend Oregon drug laws to make "consumption" of a controlled sub-

stance a Class A violation, punishable by a maximum \$600 fine.

The new bill would require that suspects cited for consumption be under 21 years old, be under the influence of the drug at the time of citation and have "intentionally consumed" the drug, which can include marijuana smoke.

Currently, a suspect is only breaking the law if he or she is in possession of controlled substances. SB 342 adds a new category of punishable offense, similar to "minor in possession," to Oregon's drug laws.

Critics of the bill worry that the new minor consumption amendment would expand the scope of

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New drug law

If the new law passes the Oregon House of Representatives and is signed by the governor, minors could be cited with a Class A violation if they:

- Were under 21 years old
- Had intentionally consumed a controlled substance
- Were under the influence of the controlled substance

SOURCE: Oregon Legislature

Faculty debate Iraq war's effects

A three-person panel led Tuesday night's discussion on economic repercussions the U.S. is facing because of war in Iraq

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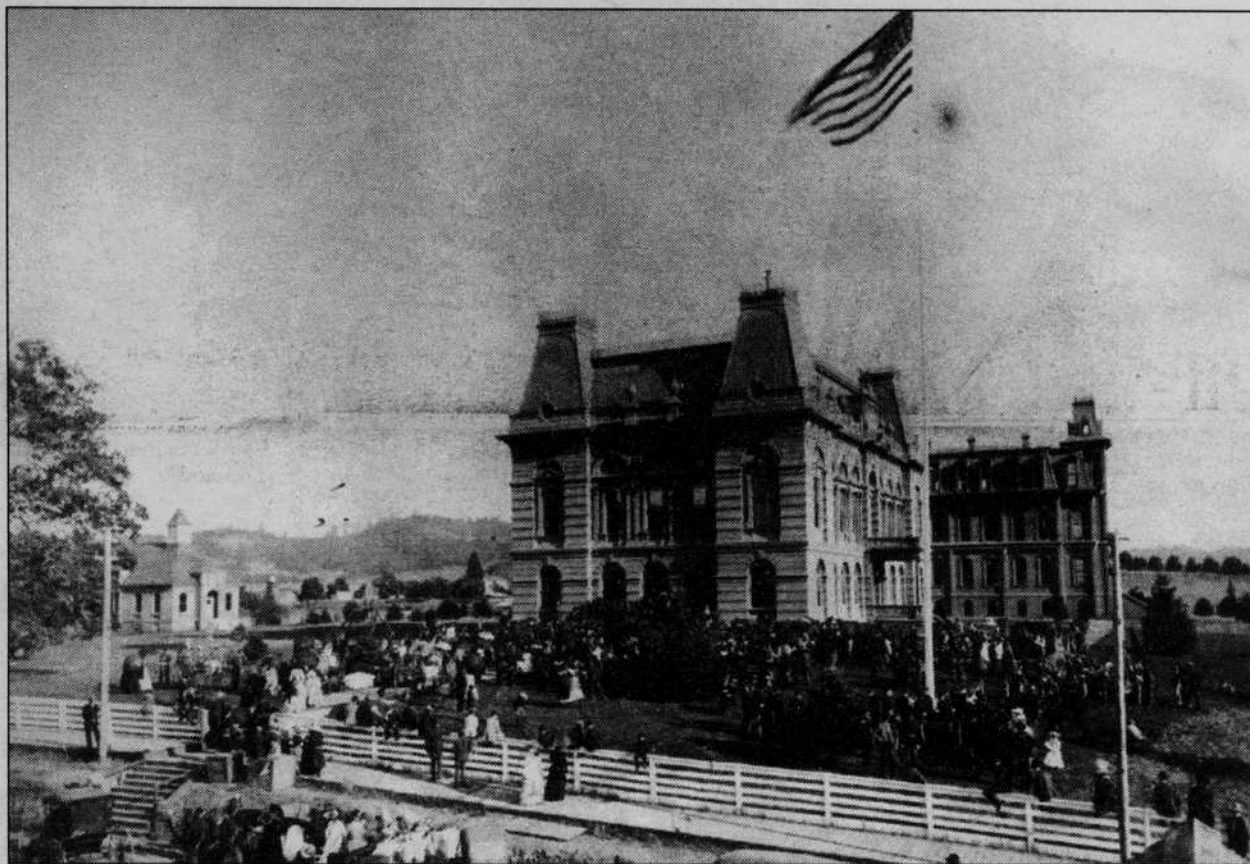
The invasion, occupation and reconstruction of Iraq is having a significant impact on the United States economy, lining the pockets of the nation's wealthy elite and short-changing the majority of the population, according to panelists at Tuesday night's forum on "The Economics of War."

The discussion was sponsored by the Concerned Faculty for Peace and

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Back in time

Eugene townsfolk travel by horse and buggy to dedicate the new flagpole on the University campus in 1892. The dirt road in the foreground is now Franklin Boulevard, and the small church-like building on the far left is the original University gym. The building in the center is Villard Hall, and to the far right is Deady Hall. The seedlings on the far right will eventually grow into the towering fir trees lining the avenue to the west of Deady Hall.
Courtesy



Preserving the past

During National Historic Preservation Week, students are offering movie screenings and tours of Eugene

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To some students, Deady Hall is just one more old building on campus. It's partially hidden by trees and overshadowed by the new business complex that's being constructed to the west. But 110 years ago, Deady was one of

only two buildings that made up the University of Oregon campus.

This week, graduate students at the University have planned a series of events to commemorate the 32nd annual National Historic Preservation Week. The Associated Students for Historic Preservation are offering free screenings of movies tonight, Thursday and Friday, and helping sponsor tours throughout Eugene and the community.

Friday night, for instance, the group is spon-

soring a history walk on campus, and then showing "Animal House" to showcase the buildings used in the making of the hit comedy.

"Historic preservation allows us to learn the stories of our past," ASHP secretary Heather Goodson said. "Without it, we'd have no idea where we came from or where we were going in the future."

Most ASHP members are graduate students in the masters program for historic preservation.

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Judge rules file-sharing companies legal

Morpheus and Grokster celebrated their victories last week after the MPAA and RIAA filed a lawsuit against them

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File-sharing services Morpheus and Grokster are celebrating a victorious decision made by a Los Angeles judge

who ruled last week that the two services are legal.

The Motion Picture Association of America and Recording Industry Association of America had filed a lawsuit asking for a court injunction to shut down Morpheus, Grokster and Kazaa. All three file-sharing companies allow Internet users to trade various files that include music, videos and other copyrighted materials.

The plaintiffs represented various film and music-making companies — such as AOL Time Warner, Vivendi Universal and Sony Corporations — and accused the file-sharing sites of allowing users to obtain copyrighted materials in an unauthorized manner. The MPAA and the RIAA have already vowed to appeal the ruling.

U.S. District Court Judge Stephen
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The MPAA and the RIAA plan to appeal the court's decision on Morpheus and Grokster.
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