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## Record-setting grants, awards fund research

The University brought in almost \$80 million in financial grants and awards last fiscal year

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The University has received a record-setting amount of research grants and awards for the second year running.

Research programs at the University received \$77.8 million for the 2002-03 fiscal year — a 3.6 percent increase from 2001-02 — according to Richard Linton, University vice president for Research and Graduate Studies.

"We've reached a value that was greater than state-appropriated funding to the University," Linton said. In 2002-03, the state gave the University about \$70 million for its expenses.

In the last 10 years, the University has received \$570 million for research according to a University press release. Linton said that on average the University receives about 600 different kinds of awards annually for individual faculty or group faculty projects. There are 30 research centers and institutes on campus, such as the Child and Family Center, the Institute of Molecular Biology and the Institute of Neuroscience, Linton said.

Of the funds received, 70 percent went toward research, 21 percent was earmarked for community service and the rest will be used for instruction.

Some the funds were channeled to various projects in the University's College of Education, said Linda Lewis, education programs specialist.

"We compete with a lot of universities around the country for research grants," she said.

One of the projects funded was the Sapsik'wala Project, which trains Native American students who want to become teachers. The project received a three-year U.S. Department of Education Indian Education Project Development grant worth \$492,241.

"We were able to get the grant because we entered into a partnership with the confederate tribes of Oregon," Lewis said, adding that there is a shortage of Native American teachers to serve their communities. "Our goal was to meet their needs."

Other projects in the college receiving large grants include the National Center for Improving Reading Competence Using Intensive Treatments Schoolwide, which researches intervention programs for students with reading disabilities, and the National Center on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support Studies. Both were granted awards worth nearly \$900,000.

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## Publishers Beware



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OSPIRG Campus Coordinator Kit Douglass asks Joanna Schwartz questions for a survey about textbook prices Tuesday morning in the EMU Amphitheater.

OSPIRG has organized a study aimed at stopping publishing practices it says are unfair to students

By Jennifer Marie Bear  
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A University student group is fed up with expensive textbooks, and plans to put a stop to it.

OSPIRG is launching a campaign to combat inflated textbook prices.

For the first two weeks of fall term,

members of the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group will survey students in front of the EMU to discover their textbook-buying habits.

OSPIRG Campus Coordinator Kit Douglass said the surveys will be used to document the harmful practices that textbook publishers use to milk money out of students.

"The purpose of the survey is to verify what we think is happening," Douglass said.

Tim Johnson, chairman of the University chapter of OSPIRG, said he believes publishing companies are taking advantage of the student market in several ways.

Johnson said textbook publishers

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## Courthouse construction put on hold by federal agency

Funding, area development and disabled access issues have delayed construction of the \$70 million building

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Plans to build a new \$70 million federal courthouse in Eugene have hit a roadblock because the General Services Administration, a central management agency for the federal government, raised concerns about the city's commitment to the project.

GSA spokesman Peter Gray said the agency had problems with funding

for construction of the building, transportation to the site and the development of the area around the courthouse. The GSA was planning to buy land for the courthouse from the City of Eugene, and construction on the courthouse at the former location of the Agripac canning facility was scheduled to begin in a few months.

City officials received an e-mail from the GSA last week with questions concerning street construction, parking and future development in the courthouse district. The

agency and city leaders have also discussed issues regarding the site in phone conversations.

"If you have this grandiose federal building and the main access is just the stairs, then you are showing people that you are denying many disabled people access to the courthouse."

James Dean  
Chair of the Human Rights Commission

Gray said the agency wanted to know how the city would manage

transportation to the courthouse and how it would develop businesses and residences within the courthouse district.

"We don't have a clear idea right now about the location," Gray said. "We want to know more about access to the site and if the funding to build the courthouse is available."

City officials said they were working hard to make progress on the courthouse project.

"We've been trying to find specific concerns the GSA has with the courthouse," city spokes-

woman Jan Bohman said.

Bohman said city planning staff were compiling information to develop a response to the GSA's concerns. She said the city staff are also working on issues such as transportation and parking, seeking federal funds for construction and trying to please the community. She noted that one of the major community issues is accessibility to the courthouse for people with disabilities.

According to the courthouse design plans, the entrance is located at the top of a staircase, 14 feet above street level. The courthouse includes an elevator for disabled access on one side

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