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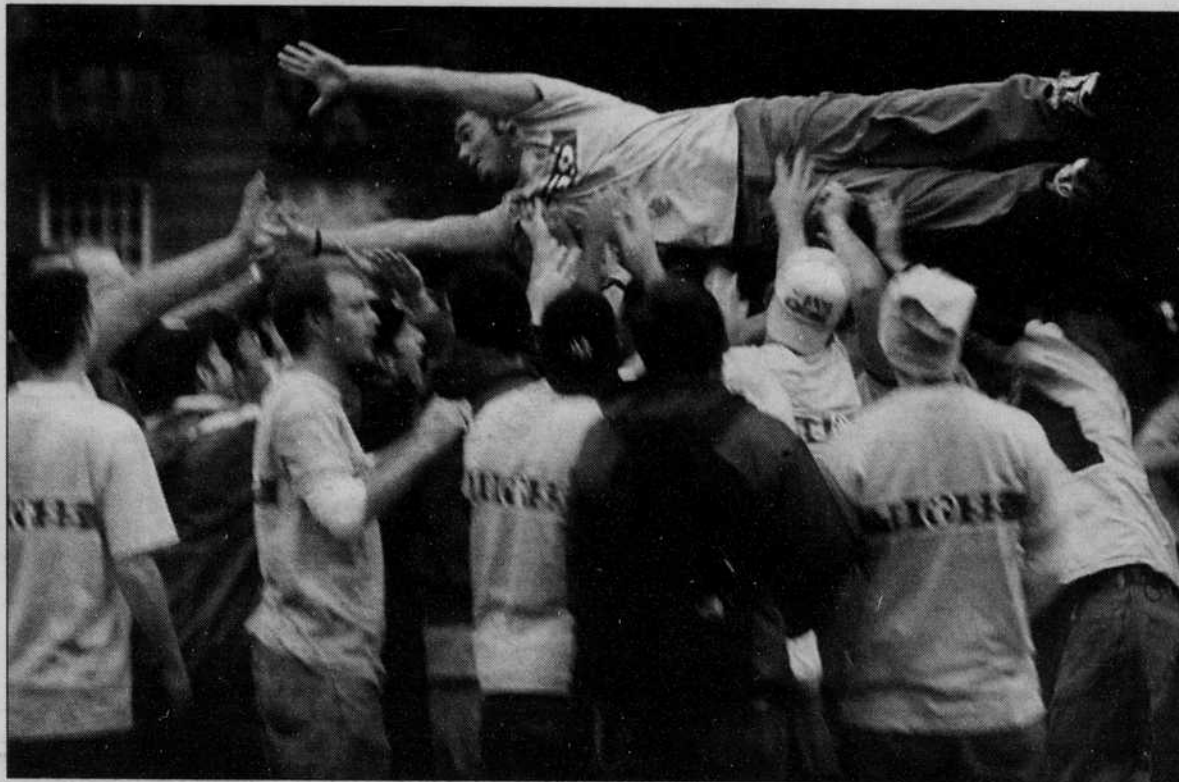


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SURFING TO BROTHERHOOD



Sophomore Robert Krage, a new member of Sigma Chi fraternity, is thrown into his new brothers' arms Wednesday evening outside Prince Lucien Campbell Hall. "I joined the house because the bond the guys have is awesome," said Matt Ellerton, one of Sigma Chi's 18 new members. The University's 12 fraternities and nine sororities held their bid festivities Wednesday.

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Celebration highlights sustainability

National Campus Sustainability Day events include lectures and a Lillis Business Complex tour

By Caron Alarab
News Reporter

From the energy-saving solar panels at Lillis Business Complex to pollution prevention by cycling to campus, all "green" aspects of the University will be highlighted today during events celebrating National Campus Sustainability Day.

As students, faculty and community members take part in the first national sustainability event held on campus, University Planning associate Christine Thompson and other coordinators are hoping to see a big turnout at all of the scheduled activities.

"Ours is a combination goal of exposing students and faculty to all the great things already happening on campus and hopefully of inspiring them to participate in the next sustainability event," she said.

The celebration begins at 8:30 a.m. with opening comments from University Vice President for Administration Dan Williams. Among today's events is a live national telecast on the importance of sustainability to higher education. The telecast, titled "Got Sustainability: Plan for it - Making Sustainability a Foundation of Higher Education Learning and Practice," will be shown in at 9 a.m. in room 182 of



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Sustainability efforts such as technology in the Lillis Business Center will be acknowledged today.

the Lillis Business Complex. Organized by the Society for College and University Planning, the telecast is designed to assist and educate academic facilities administrators, planners, faculty and students with an interactive session among established leaders in sustainability and higher education. Nationwide, about 100 architects and universities are registered to participate in the telecast.

Other events include a sustainability design tour of the new Lillis Business Com-

plex and an informal meeting with the University Environmental Issues Committee. People can take the sustainability design tour of the Lillis Business Complex from 11:20 a.m. to noon, while the introduction to the University Environmental Issues Committee and brown bag lunch will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. A meeting of the committee will follow from 1 to 2 p.m. in the EMU Board Room.

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Arena location evokes mixed local response

The new site is convenient for students, but draws skepticism from community members

By Jennifer Marie Bear
News Editor

The University administration's announcement on Saturday to build a new basketball arena on Howe Field has upset many people who live around that area.

Although the University administration, the athletic department and much of the student population is in favor of having the "new McArthur Court" so close to campus, many residents of the South University neighborhood said they wished one of the other proposed arena sites had been chosen.

Elizabeth Briscoe said she and her husband John are long-time residents of the South University neighborhood and were disappointed with the decision. The Briscoes live at 1825 University St. and from their window the view of Howe Field is one of the favorite parts of their home, she said. For Briscoe, the Howe Field area has sentimental value for her family. She and her husband have lived on the corner of 18th Avenue and University Street for 25 years.

"We can see clear over to the Coburg hills," Briscoe said. "And now all we're going to see are walls."

Some residents, like senior Ryan Watt, said the administration's decision to put the new arena on Howe Field is a slam dunk.

"It's a good decision to put it here for the students," Watt said.

He added that he isn't concerned that the basketball arena will cause parking problems or construction noise. Students are used to putting up with construction because of the Lillis Business Complex on 13th Avenue, Watt said. He added that a new

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Senate officers approved for year

Senate officers were confirmed on Wednesday, and student group requests were also addressed

By Chuck Slothower
News Reporter

The ASUO Student Senate confirmed Ben Strawn as senate president, Kevin Day as senate vice president, Mike Sherman as ombudsman and Kevin Curtin as treasurer in its meeting on Wednesday night.

The confirmations of Strawn and Curtin sailed through, while Day and Sherman survived tough questions to gain confirmation.

Day received some harsh criticism from Eugene resident Bruce Miller.

"You consistently were the most quiet, uninvolved, ineffective senator last year," Miller said.

None of Day's fellow senators expressed reservations about his confirmation as senate vice president.

Sherman faced questions about his active involvement in College Republicans, but gained confirmation after assuring the senate that his political viewpoints wouldn't interfere with the job of ombudsman.

"Clearly, there's no place for partisan politics in the student government," Sherman said. "I don't think that anybody would claim that I've acted on partisan politics as a PFC senator."

The senate also approved requests from the International

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