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# 13 buildings rank 'poor' in shape

Due to a lack of adequate repair funds in past years, several campus buildings need millions for repairs

By Chelsea Duncan  
News Reporter

It's no secret that some buildings on campus are a bit run-down, but according to University Facilities Services evaluations, 13 of the 36 major educational buildings are in "poor" or "very poor" condition.

Using information from an Oregon University System study, Facilities Services created the Facility Condition Index, which provides a breakdown of the various conditions of campus buildings based on how "worn out" each building is.

According to the index, as of Dec. 2003, Susan Campbell Hall and Condon Hall rank lowest in the facility condition hierarchy, while the Knight Law Center and Streisinger Hall rank the highest.

Susan Campbell Hall, which houses OUS Chancellor Richard Jarvis's University office, was built in 1921. According to the index, its total deferred maintenance cost is almost \$2.5 million, due in part to a portion of its asbestos-shingled roof that needs to be replaced.

Facilities Services Campus Operations Director George Hecht said the main reason so many buildings have gone downhill is because there were



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Susan Campbell Hall ranks among the lowest in a hierarchy of campus building conditions.

no capital repair funds in the economy of the '80s and '90s.

"The campus as a whole accumulated a lot of worn-out parts and pieces," he said.

Overall, the University has built up about \$125 million in deferred maintenance costs, which is the amount it would take to completely repair every building on campus, Hecht said. He added that the deferred cost of all universities in the OUS has reached about \$500 million.

Condon Hall's total deferred costs add up to more than \$5.5 million, according to the index. Parts of the

building are in need of cooling systems, but not everyone seems to mind.

Mary Milo, geography department and graduate secretary, has worked on the bottom floor of Condon for four years, and she said she prefers fresh air. "I like the building because the windows open," she said, adding that she likes the old-fashioned style of the building as well.

"It has its own charm," she said.

Hecht said it is difficult to maintain the condition of the buildings with current state budget cuts, and things

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