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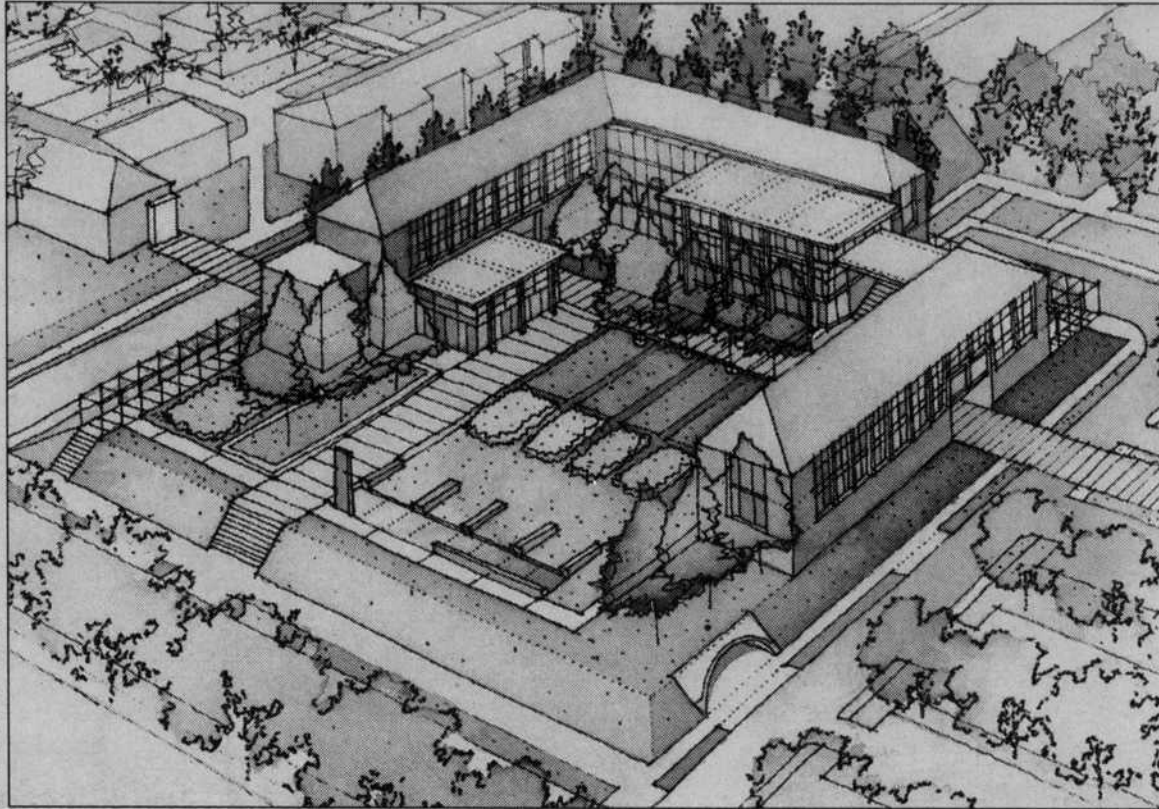
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## College of Ed. gets \$10 million



An artist's rendering shows the proposed HEDCO Education Building. Officials expect it would start to be constructed during the 2006-2007 year. The HEDCO Foundation donated \$10 million to the University College of Education, which is badly in need of updated facilities. Courtesy

The HEDCO Foundation's gift will help fund a new education complex named for the donor

By Chelsea Duncan  
News Reporter

The University College of Education will receive a \$10 million donation that will support a new education complex, University President Dave Frohnmyer announced Tuesday.

The HEDCO Foundation, the Northern California-based foundation donating the money, is a private establishment that

provides funding for various social and academic initiatives, according to a University press release

The donation is the leading gift in a fund-raising initiative to build the complex, which will be called the HEDCO Education Building and will be sited at the college's current location on the southwest corner of campus.

"This gift meets a tremendous need for our College of Education," Frohnmyer said, adding that faculty and staff have labored long enough in outdated facilities.

College of Education Dean Martin Kaufman said that 20 percent of current

space for the college is rated substandard, and one out of three faculty and staff members have insufficient work spaces. He added that the college's facilities are currently dispersed around 21 locations, which he said "results in waste and operational inefficiency."

"Just to accommodate our current activities, the college needs to double its square footage," he said.

The project, which includes 100,000 square feet of new teaching and research space, is expected to break ground in 2006-07. The overall cost for the project is

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## Court declines rescheduled election dates

The Constitution Court denied for a second time proposed dates for ASUO elections because they conflict with the law school's Dead Week

By Jennifer Marie Bear  
News Editor

The ASUO Constitution Court on Monday rejected proposed student government elections dates for the second time, despite ASUO Elections Board criticisms that such a decision would contradict an earlier court opinion.

Chief Justice J. Michael Harris, who wrote the majority opinion for the Court, said the proposed election dates — which fell during the University School of Law's Dead Week — were unsatisfactory based on the Court's interpretation of section 12.1 of the ASUO Constitution.

Section 12.1 states, "The ASUO Elections shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the best interests of the student body ... and the educational atmosphere of the University shall not be compromised."

While this section does not specifically prohibit any particular dates for scheduling the ASUO elections, the court said it interprets 12.1 to mean the Elections Board may not schedule election dates that fall between the last day of classes and the last day of finals.

"It is in the best interests of the students of the University of Oregon to place those dates beyond the reach of any interference by the student government, and to hold sacred those days (and) thus preserve the academic integrity of the University," Justice Harris wrote.

ASUO Elections Coordinator Stephanie Day was dissatisfied with the Court's ruling, however, because the Court allowed 2003's ASUO elections to be scheduled during the law school's Dead Week.

"I don't think the Constitution Court provided adequate evidence for why their ruling was different from last year's," Day said.

The Court did not specifically address the previous year's ruling in its latest decision, but Justice Harris wrote that the Court wanted to "clarify our earlier rulings in order to ensure that no confusion will exist in the future regarding the proper contours along which to schedule the ASUO elections."

Justice Stephen Yoshida dissented from the majority opinion, stating it is unreasonable to force the Elections Board to find an election date that is convenient for every subsection of the University student population. He said moving the election dates to accommodate a single population group — law students, in this case — creates a disadvantage for the student body

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## Eight enter City Council primaries

Four positions will be opening, and the May 18 primary decides which candidates will appear on November's ballot

By Nika Carlson  
News Reporter

Four Eugene City Council positions are opening at the end of this year, and the race to fill them has attracted eight candidates.

Wards 1, 2, 7 and 8 are all up for grabs in the May 18 primary election. If a candidate wins more than 50 percent of the vote in that election, his or her name will be the only one appearing on the general election ballot November 2. If no candidate wins more than 50 percent of the vote, the two candidates with the most votes will be put on the November ballot.

### Ward 1

Ward 1 includes most of West Eugene, encompassing City View Street, Amazon

Parkway, West 28th Avenue and West 7th Avenue along the edge of the downtown area.

Council President Bonny Bettman, the Ward 1 incumbent, is aiming for a third term.

"I provide a voice for residents in Ward 1 whose values are consistent with the values I advocate for," she said.

Bettman said she fights for the fair and responsible use of tax dollars, environmental health, developing economic security, sustainable land use, and safe and effective public transportation.

"I've got a lot of good public service years left in me," she said.

Real estate broker Thomas Slocum is also vying for the seat. He said he joined the race because he thinks the City Council is ineffective, adding that he differs from Bettman on many issues and wants to bring new perspectives to the council.

Slocum said he wants to proceed with building the West Eugene Parkway, re-energize downtown and promote growth and jobs.

"I think one of the problems in the past is

there have been a lot of obstacles to growth, and they ought to be minimized," he said.

Slocum served on a downtown development board in the 1980s, along with committees initiating the historic preservation and the tree preservation ordinances.

University sophomore Adam Walsh, another candidate for Ward 1, is just beginning to venture into public service. He said that he can serve the needs of Eugene better than the current council, despite his lack of experience.

"I'd like to be a city councilor that will listen to the people of Eugene so that a decision isn't made without hearing what the people want," he said.

The history major said he wants to work on creating a vibrant downtown and a better business image for the city.

### Ward 2

Ward 2 encompasses most of Eugene south of West 28th Avenue.

City Councilor Betty Taylor is running

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### NEWS BRIEF

#### ASUO Vice President Morales' jury trial scheduled for April 28

The trial date for ASUO Vice President Eduardo Morales has been reset for April 28 at 9 a.m. at the Eugene Municipal Court, where he will appear in front of a jury to face charges of assault and second-degree criminal mischief.

Morales appeared in court with his attorney on Feb. 24 but agreed to postpone the trial to a later date to allow City Prosecutor Liz Carle more time to review the lists of evidence and witnesses that ASUO Legal Services Director Ilona Koleszar provided.

Morales pleaded innocent to the charges on Oct. 22, 2003.

The charges stem from an incident in which Morales allegedly assaulted University senior Erica Hass on the morning of Sept. 12 near Taylor's Bar and Grill, located at 894 E. 13th Ave.

— Jared Paben

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