

Tim Kupsick Photographer

University chemistry Professor Jim Hutchison received a patent on Tuesday for his new environmentally friendly process that manufactures a gold atom nanoparticle.

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Oregon's high-tech economy," Linton said in the release.

Hutchison said the University has long promoted giving undergraduates the opportunity to do science research, and the new facility would only further opportunities for groundbreaking work.

"It's going to have cutting-edge clean rooms and facilities to help us translate science into real products," Hutchison said.

The building will be located in the University's Riverfront Research Park, a site that has distinct advantages, Hutchison said.

"We're hoping that we can help fill the research park with businesses interested in doing nanotechnology work because we're going to provide companies in the region with equipment so

expensive they wouldn't buy it themselves," he said. "Business is part of how we're going to make nanotechnology work."

The Oregon Legislature authorized \$9.5 million in bonds for the building's construction. The University hopes to cover the rest of the proposed costs with donations and grants.

Hutchison said he believes researchers should press ahead despite recent criticism that nanotechnology is potentially dangerous.

"There is something to be said that people should be careful about new technology," he said. "I think nanotechnology is being singled out right now because it's new. Every new technology should have research to see if it's safe, but it's not possible to prove something is completely safe — you can always do more tests."

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"Folks, Cinco de Mayo isn't Mexican Independence Day," Peterson said.

Students appeared hesitant to shell out \$2 for a shot, and the prospect of topping the 191 mark began to look slim. With only minutes until the 11 p.m. toast, Taylor's owner Chuck Hare stepped onto the stage and offered to buy the final 70 shots. Naturally, the crowd responded with a triumphant roar as 195 shots of tequila were

downed simultaneously, setting a new world record in Eugene.

Or, so they thought.

As it turns out, in October of 2003, students at Australia's Macquarie University beat Eugene to the punch, drinking a whopping 1,049 simultaneous shots of Jose Cuervo tequila, a number still waiting to be verified.

So much for the "Guinness Book of World Records."

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said she would like to see the University chapter make it into the top 10 schools in the nation for registering Republican students. The group will continue tabling for more registrants through election season, she said.

The local chapter is only 65 registrants away from 10th place in the nation and 74 registrants away from 8th place.

Jenkins said the drive is designed to allow the Republican Party to track support for President Bush on college campuses. Registrants receive e-mails updating them on the progress of Bush's campaign.

In addition to supporting President Bush, tabling on campus is healthy for the University's political climate, Jenkins said.

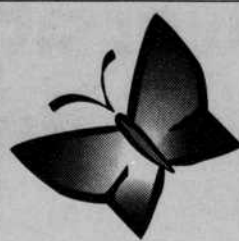
"I think us just being out there is a good thing because it lets students see that there is a conservative presence on campus and that it's okay to support the president," Jenkins said.

White agreed.

"We're human, too, even though a lot of people don't think Republicans are human," White said. "And it feels good when somebody comes up and they're like, 'Oh, President Bush ... I didn't know you guys were around,' or 'I thought I was the only one.'"

Information about the Students for Bush campaign can be found at <http://www.georgewbush.com/students/>. Click on the "Tournament" link on the left side of the page for registration drive results.

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