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Man sues University for denying him appeal

James House, who was accused of stalking and banned from campus, alleges the University prevented his appeal

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A Creswell man filed suit against the University for allegedly violating his civil rights by placing an unlawful-trespass notice against him that claimed he stalked a female University employee and by denying him the right to appeal.

James House filed a lawsuit in Lane County Circuit Court on June 28th claiming the University general counsel's office denied him the opportunity to argue a trespass order placed against him after University employee Marisa Hastie claimed he was stalking her.

University General Counsel Melinda Grier said she hadn't heard anything about House's case, but said her office wouldn't place a trespass order against somebody without offering them a chance to appeal, which is required by state law.

University Department of Public Safety Interim Director Thomas Hicks, whose office issued the trespass order, said he never received a written notice of House's intent to appeal.

University spokeswoman Pauline Austin said trespass notices say the University can be contacted within 10 days of issue if the accused intends to appeal.

"He was given the same opportunity everyone else gets," said Austin. "He has to take action to make it happen."

Written notice of the trespass order was issued on Feb. 11th. House said accompanying the notice was a letter from Grier that said she believed Hastie's statements and the University would not pursue an appeal.

House said he had his lawyer, David C. Force, respond within two days of receiving the written notice with his intent to appeal. House said the letter from Grier is proof that the University violated his civil rights.

House also said he contacted Hicks in an effort to get a copy of the report used to issue the trespass notice. Hicks told him he would deliver House's request personally, House said. Seven weeks later a copy of the report had still not arrived and when he contacted department of public safety dispatcher Nancy Bowen she said it was the first she had ever heard of the request, House said.

House has requested a letter of explanation about why it took so long to get a copy of the DPS report; at present, no answer has been forthcoming, House said.

"They're daring me to sue them," he said.

House said he met Hastie, assistant director for fitness programs at the University's Physical Activity and Recreation Services, on an online personals site called

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RESIDENTIAL LEARNING



Building a community

Construction will begin this month on the \$27-million Living Learning Center

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Students may want to start bringing dust masks and ear plugs to campus along with their books because preparations are complete and the University is about to break ground on University Housing's first new building in more than 30 years: the Living Learning Center.

The LLC will be a pair of U-shaped, four-story buildings occupying a site between the Walton and Earl complexes near East 15th Avenue. Until recently, the site was home to the University tennis courts.

The 120,000 square-foot building will combine a 399-bed residence hall with performance spaces, faculty offices and a cafe. The building will also house three classrooms: a 185-seat lecture hall and two smaller 25 to 40-seat classrooms.

Today: University Housing prepares to break ground on LLC

Thursday: Removal of tennis courts causes problems for University

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University Housing raised the \$27 million needed for the project by selling 30-year bonds. University Housing fell short of the \$30 million needed to build the 200,000 square foot, 425-bed complex originally planned and downsized the project to its current specifications.

Mike Eyster, director of University Housing and a Campus Planning Committee member, said that the goals of the LLC are threefold: to resolve problems with existing residence halls, to

address the current growth of enrollment, and to provide for the collaboration of the academic and residential experience.

"We have this system where you sleep in a box, you get up, you go to class, and then you go back to your box," CPC Planning Associate Fred Tepfer said. "We're trying to blend those two activities."

Director of Facilities Housing Nancy Wright said this project is important if the University is to maintain a residential feel and continue to attract new students. The LLC will be the first new on-campus housing built since the 1960s.

"(The residence halls) were built for a different student at a different time," Wright said.

The existing halls are well-maintained, Wright

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New EMU employees bring enthusiasm to campus

The Erb Memorial Union hires a business manager and Cultural Forum staffer

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NEWS REPORTER

Summer time is supposed to be relaxing, but at the University, summer is a time to prepare for the fall. All around campus, construction workers are building, professors are fine-tuning courses and departments are hiring and training new employees. Two new faces have joined the EMU staff in the past month: Business Manager Jean Sun and Cultural Forum Program Coordinator Darrel Kau.

Both Sun and Kau graduated from the University. Sun earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and Kau a bachelor's degree in music education and a masters in arts and administration.

As Cultural Forum program coordinator, Kau



Darrel Kau
Cultural Forum
staff member



Jean Sun
EMU Business
Manager

oversees 10 to 11 different areas, including visual and performing arts, contemporary issues, regional and national music and film and video programming. He helps coordinators develop skills in event planning and budgeting, marketing, fund

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NEWS BRIEF

GTFF organizes 'Empty Campus Day' Wednesday

In what it calls a show of solidarity before entering arbitration with the University, the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation (GTFF) will hold Empty Campus Day Wednesday.

GTFFs will hold their classes at off-campus locations, including Lane Community College, where classrooms have already been reserved.

"We want the undergrads to understand that we're not trying to hurt them," GTFF President Eric Lindgren said.

The GTFF encourages students who do not have class with a GTF not to come to campus Wednesday. They are also encouraging faculty to take the day off.

While the administration has not had any direct communication with the GTFF about Empty Campus Day, it is preparing to help students deal with issues that may arise from being unable to attend relocated classes, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies Richard Linton said.

— Ben Brown