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IN BRIEF

Bradbury speaks at voter rally on campus today

Secretary of State Bill Bradbury will speak in the EMU Amphitheater today, headlining a voter rally that includes speeches by University President Dave Frohnmayer and ASUO President Adam Petkun.

The rally is part of the ASUO's annual student voter registration drive and starts at noon. ASUO is working with the Student Vote Coalition and other student groups around the state in an effort to register 30,000 students.

"Student voter turnout is the only way to hold legislators accountable on issues we care about," Amy DuFour, ASUO state affairs coordinator and registration drive volunteer, said. "If students take an active role in the democratic process, politicians will be forced to confront issues such as higher education and tuition hikes."

Campus leaders organizing the registration drive have a goal of registering 7,500 voters at the University alone, which would exceed the number registered in previous years by thousands of students.

— Meghann Cuniff

Oregon State student escapes abduction on OSU campus

A 21-year-old Oregon State University student escaped an attempted abduction Wednesday morning on the school's campus, according to state police.

The woman, whose name has not been released, was walking near 26th Street and Western Boulevard in Corvallis at 6:30 a.m. when a man approached from behind and grabbed her, according to the Oregon State Police. The suspect fled after the girl escaped his grasp and ran.

The incident occurred less than a quarter-mile north from where 19-year-old Brigham Young University student Brooke Wilberger disappeared from an apartment complex last May. Wilberger is still missing.

Police described the suspect as a young, white male in his mid-20s, about 5-foot-6, with a medium build and wearing a black, zippered, hooded jacket and black pants.

As of 3 p.m. Wednesday, police were contacting nearby locations for possible surveillance footage and following up on 20 tips, none of which helped them to locate a suspect, Oregon State Police Lt. Gregg Hastings said.

Hastings said although the abduction attempt occurred in the same vicinity as Wilberger's abduction, there is no evidence indicating the two incidents were related.

Questions and information can be directed to the Oregon State Police tip line at (541) 737-3010.

— Kara Hansen

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U.S. Court denies Nader's appeal

A decision not to include Nader on Oregon ballots stands and sparks a write-in campaign

BY MEGHANN M. CUNIFF
NEWS REPORTER

On Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court denied a request to hear independent candidate Ralph Nader's appeal of the recent Oregon Supreme Court ruling that prevents him from being on the state ballot. The appeal had sparked de-

bate across the state concerning its validity, further igniting an already heated election season.

The Nader campaign filed the appeal last Friday after what Nader spokesman Kevin Zeese described as "fraudulent" actions by Oregon Democrats aimed at "disenfranchising voters and forcing them to

vote for a candidate."

The appeal contested a Sept. 22 state court ruling that barred Nader from a spot on the ballot. The court had ruled that Secretary of State Bill Bradbury was within the law when he invalidated about 3,000 of the nearly 18,000 signatures Nader supporters had gathered, leaving them just shy of the 15,306 needed to assure him a spot on the ballot.

Political officials and party representatives have differing opin-

ions regarding the likelihood of the appeal being heard by the high court, which Secretary of State spokeswoman Anne Martens said gets flooded with thousands of similar appeals each year.

Martens said the Nader campaign's chances of actually arguing the case before the high court were "slim to none," adding, "It involves something that has traditionally been a state issue — elections."

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Graduate architecture student Mark Couet sands wood to add to the new cover for a kiln located east of the Urban Farm on the Millrace.

LAUREN WIMER
SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Design-build apprenticeship workshops open to architecture students as well as non-majors

BY AYISHA YAHYA
NEWS EDITOR

Associate Architecture Professor Stephen Duff had a vision. He wanted to create something unusual with his stu-

dents; something they could design and build together. Now that vision is slowly coming to life in the ongoing construction of the Millrace Kiln Shed.

Tucked away from prying eyes

and campus hustle and bustle in a corner of the Urban Farm on the Millrace, the shed will house two kilns run by the University's art department.

"We're over here quietly building something extraordinary," Duff said.

Duff and his students decided to design their project drawing inspiration from traditional

Japanese temples because the shed will house a gigantic Japanese wood-fire kiln. The heavy-timber shed, which measures about 15,000 square feet, will feature walls with an intricate lattice and round columns sitting on concrete Japanese-style column bases. Duff said the walls are both structural and ornamental.

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Four University students affected by Florida hurricanes

Freshman Joshua Peterson arrived at the University shortly after Hurricane Charley destroyed his home

BY CANELA WOOD
NEWS REPORTER

Many University students are aware of the hurricanes that have repeatedly battered Florida this season, but University freshman Joshua Peterson has first-hand experience.

Peterson is a 17-year-old from Central Florida whose home was in the outskirts of Orlando when Hurricane Charley smashed into Florida on Aug. 13.

Although he was safely evacuated, the hurricane thrashed his home, collapsing the ceiling in his room and

damaging nearly all of his belongings. Extreme flooding destroyed everything in the garage and in other areas of the house.

"Pretty much every shingle was ripped off of the roof because of poor manufacturing," Peterson said.

Of the 24 University students with listed Florida addresses, four said they were affected by the rash of hurricanes that have devastated the state this season.

But Peterson's was not only affected — his home was so severely damaged that the house, and everything in it,

has been condemned.

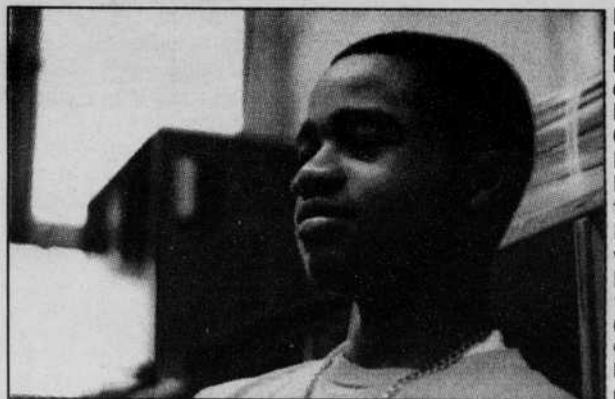
"Because of high humidity in the state itself ... it got really moist and hot in the house, which made mold," Peterson said, adding that the house was deemed hazardous and ordered condemned because of the mold.

Peterson's home sustained an estimated \$150,000 in damage, and another \$73,000 in personal belongings were lost to the storm.

"Pictures, clothing and even untreated wood had to be thrown away," Peterson said.

Before moving to Oregon, Peterson had to buy new clothes and school supplies because nearly all his personal belongings were ruined.

Peterson lived in his Kissimmee, Fla., home with his mother, Catina Pe-



Peterson's home was heavily damaged by Hurricane Charley. Peterson said he was lucky the house behind his was "tilted, like in the 'Wizard of Oz.'" CRAIG VOLPE, FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER

terson, a registered nurse who continued to work through most of the hurricanes because she works in a dialysis unit with patients who

need daily treatment.

Peterson, who recently moved into the residence halls, will now

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