

Gutiérrez: Priest recognized with international honors

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Planners expected 600 people to attend Gutiérrez's speech; the turnout was so large that the reception planned for after the event was canceled because it would have violated fire codes. Students from various departments came, as well as members of the Catholic community from Eugene, Portland, Salem and Corvallis. Conversations in Spanish and English filled the Ballroom as people waited for Gutiérrez to begin.

Carly Weaver, an international studies major, came to hear Gutiérrez speak because she had heard about him in some of her classes and was "interested in developments around the world."

Gutiérrez's lecture was titled "Bartolomé de las Casas: Justice and Salvation." Bartolomé de las Casas was a 16th century missionary in Latin America who fought in defense of the native peoples against oppression and exploitation.

"There are many relevant lessons for today from Bartolome," Gutiérrez said.

Gutiérrez founded the Bartolomé de las Casas Institute in Lima, Peru.

The center is focused on helping the poor of the area and training leaders from among the population.

Gutiérrez's theory of liberation calls for liberation for the oppressed poor from social injustice and exploitation, as well as liberation from sin through a personal relationship with God.

"We are very close today," Gutiérrez said. "We cannot avoid the big challenge of poverty in the world. It is not only the responsibility of people in the poor countries but for all people, and especially Christians."

Gutiérrez has devoted his life to helping the poor and reforming their relationship the Catholic Church. He has spent most of his life working in Rimac, a parish in the slums of Lima.

"To be a part of (the poor) community ... and to have friends is a very beautiful experience," Gutiérrez said.

Gutiérrez has received several international honors for his work, including the Spanish "Prince of Asturias Award for Communications and Humanities" in 2003. The award recognizes scientific, technical, cultural, social and humanistic work.

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The University opera ensemble presented opera scenes at a nearly full Beall Hall on Tuesday. Read a review of the performance at www.dailyemerald.com.

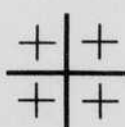
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People interested in participating by donating money can bring money to Room 11 of the EMU, next to the Union Market, from 1 to 1:30 p.m. and 3 to 3:30 p.m. until Wednesday. Amnesty has planned the organized fast as a one-time event, but wants to offer continuous support to the Sudan refugees.

As well as supporting Sudan, Amnesty is focusing on a campaign to stop violence against women.

"We are recognizing women's rights as human rights," Selvig said.

University Amnesty International meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the EMU Rogue Room. The meetings are open to the public.

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Freshman Kelly Hansen fundraises for Sudan's poor near the University Bookstore Friday.

Von Klein: Free Internet, laundry among amenities

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"There are a lot of students that want to live in an older home with character," Ellis said.

The West University Neighbors association recently endorsed von Klein for the program, and von Klein said although it is not one hundred percent certain the building will qualify for the tax exemption, the chance of it not qualifying is too small to hinder the planning process.

The tax exemption program benefits the city in the long run, von Klein said, because after the 10-year period ends, both land and property taxes must be paid on the building.

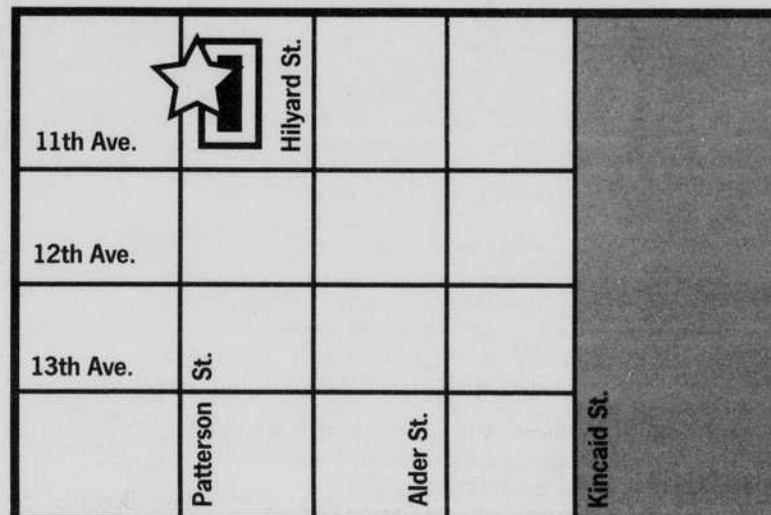
"From that point forward it creates a nice tax income for the city," von Klein said.

Von Klein, a 1969 University graduate, is working with 1965 graduate Arthur Carmichael on beginning the building's construction by early summer 2005.

The building will be located in what is now a parking lot, between the Beta Chi fraternity house and a large house with individual rooms for rent. Carmichael was a member of Beta Chi and wants to use some of the architectural aspects of the fraternity house on the new building, von Klein said.

"We're trying to make it fit with the neighborhood," von Klein said.

The Patterson House will consist of 27 units — three studios, 12 one-bedroom apartments and 12 two-bedroom apartments —



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Von Klein's new apartment building would be built at 979 Patterson St.

capable of housing approximately 40 people.

Rent will be similar to the Hilyard House, which costs \$625 for a studio, between \$650 and \$795 for a one bedroom and between \$795 and \$950 for a two bedroom.

Free Internet, a washer and dryer and a garbage site located just inside the courtyard are just a few of the conveniences offered, von Klein said.

Courtney Hight of the Eugene Citizens for Housing Standards said higher quality housing like the Patterson House is definitely needed in the campus area, but questioned whether there was a demand for such high-priced housing.

University Housing Director Mike Eyster said the Patterson House is a welcome addition to the area

surrounding the University Inn and said he doesn't expect any problems to arise from the added density in the area because of the quality of housing built.

Ellis also said the Patterson House is unlikely to increase crime rates in the neighborhood.

There is always concern that additional residents in the neighborhood could add to problems with density and subsequent problems with crime, Ellis said, but if crime at the Patterson House is anything like crime at the Hilyard House, the neighborhood has nothing to worry about.

"We have no calls for service at the Hilyard House — none," Ellis said.

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