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IN BRIEF

SpaceShipOne designer Burt Rutan to visit UO

World-renowned engineer and designer Burt Rutan will visit the University today and Tuesday as part of a lecture and workshop series sponsored by the School of Architecture & Allied Arts.

Rutan, most famous for his recent work designing and creating the world's first privately built, manned spacecraft, SpaceShipOne, will speak at the University tonight as part of the Koehn Colloquium lecture series. The 7 p.m. lecture, titled "Breakthroughs: The Product of Innovators," is free to the public and will take place in 150 Columbia.

"The colloquium is the third in a series to get distinguished people on campus," said Rob Thallon, A&AA associate dean for administration. He added that the colloquium's sponsors, Michael and Stacy Koehn, wanted to bring people to the school who are outside of the school's disciplines.

Thallon said the Koehns want people who will "shake things up" in the department.

Rutan is president and CEO of Scaled Composites, based in Mojave, Calif. His team's design and flight of SpaceShipOne won the \$10 million X-Prize for making two flights into space within 14 days in October.

Additionally, Rutan was involved in the design of the Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer, which on March 3 was the first manned aircraft to fly around the world without refueling. He also designed Voyager, the first aircraft to fly nonstop around the world, in 1987.

Rutan will stay on campus for three hours Tuesday to help a team of architects and engineers create a working model of a pedal-powered portable generator. Thallon said the project was submitted by the Ecological Design Center and the Center for the Advancement of Sustainable Living and was chosen by Rutan from approximately 16 different ideas.

— Sheldon Traver

Civil rights attorney to speak at law school

Civil rights lawyer Lare Aschenbrenner, a 1957 University School of Law graduate, will speak on campus tonight at the Knight Law Center about some of the cases he experienced in his 45 years as an attorney, including his work exonerating a black Oregon man who had been convicted of murder.

Aschenbrenner, who will speak at 5 p.m. in the fourth-floor's Lewis Lounge, was appointed as Oregon's first public defender in 1964 after the U.S. Supreme Court made several rulings expanding the rights of the accused.

In 1965, Aschenbrenner helped free Teddy Jordan, a black man who had been sentenced to life in prison after he was accused of killing a white train steward. Jordan was exonerated after Aschenbrenner's office reviewed transcripts of the case and discovered racism in the trial.

Aschenbrenner, who retired in 2002, was recently given the Frohn-mayer Award for Public Service.

His talk is sponsored by the Oregon Innocence Network and the School of Law. The event is free and open to the public.

— Jared Paben

Passover: Observers eat symbolic foods as part of the Seder

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Adam Masser, a 22-year-old University graduate who led a majority of the service, said the social and religious aspects of Hillel's celebration were both important.

"(Passover) is all about remembering the Exodus from Egypt," he said. "Here at Hillel, it's also about building a Jewish community, hanging out with other Jews and celebrating our rich cultural heritage."

Observers gathered at large square tables set with ceremonial foods: Manischewitz Kosher wine; a box of matzah, the special unleavened bread; hardboiled eggs and dishes of parsley; horseradish; and charoset, a paste-like mixture of apples, wine, nuts and spices. The foods all played a role in the service, representing different aspects of the Hebrews' struggle.

The horseradish represents the bitterness and pain of slavery. The charoset resembles the mortar Jewish slaves used to make bricks. The parsley, which represents the Jew-

ish people's humble origins, is dipped in saltwater — reminiscent of tears. The hardboiled eggs aren't mentioned in the service itself, but they represent rebirth. The Kosher wine is used for blessing the holiday.

The Seder is built around the Haggadah, a religious text that tells the Passover story and dictates when different foods are eaten. Many different Haggadahs exist, offering different interpretations and levels of strictness of observance. The Haggadah the Hillel used was more informal, with illustrations and explanations of the ceremony for people who had never celebrated Passover before.

Midway through the service Saturday, participants took a break from chanting prayers to eat a catered, buffet-style meal of chicken, stuffed cabbage, potatoes, stewed carrots and broccoli.

The no-grains-except-matzah policy means that no flour is allowed for desserts such as cakes or pastries. Jewish dietary law prohibits the consumption of meat and milk



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Sophomore Sarah Cullick celebrates Passover with friends at the Oregon Hillel Seder in Gerlinger Lounge on Saturday night.

during the same meal, so the Hillel served a cake made out of ground matzah and pieces of matzah coated in dark chocolate.

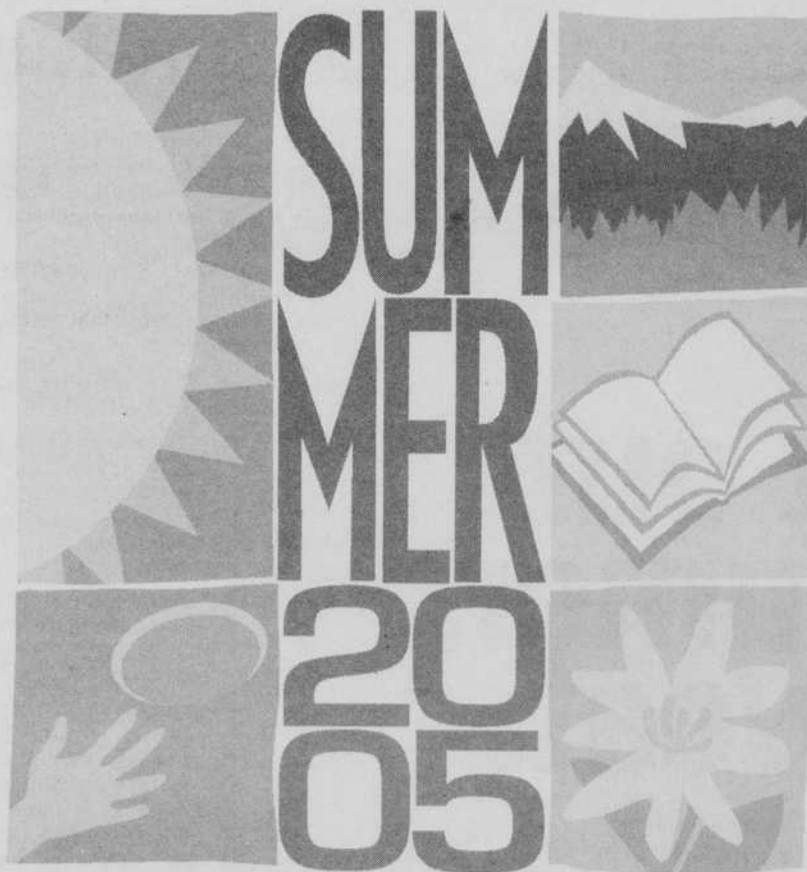
"Noshing" away, one group of students recalled memories of celebrating Passover with their families;

many focused on the four ceremonial glasses of wine.

"I love to see my family getting drunk together," University freshman Leah Schlossman said.

After the meal, the service continued with more songs and prayers.

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