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College of Education looks for new dean

Former head Martin Kaufman is reassigned while interim fills position during the search

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NEWS REPORTER

The task of finding a new dean for the College of Education will begin next month, following the reassignment of Martin Kaufman, who has served as dean since 1992.

Kaufman assumed the role as leader of the University's campaign to build a new education building Sept. 1. COE special-education professor Michael Bullis will serve as interim dean for the remainder of the academic year.

The University will form a committee next month that will look at candidates from across the country, Senior Vice President and Provost John Moseley said.

The search comes months after the COE faced accusations of racial discrimination and cultural insensitivity. Faculty, students and other community members held rallies in May and June to protest what they said was a history of discrimination in the COE.

Kaufman attributed the timing of his reassignment to "a convergence of streams that came together" in the COE.

He cited the curriculum audit that the COE has undergone over the past year and a half, the implementation of a new diversity plan, and the need to raise funds and plan for the new COE building as factors that led to the change.

With so much going on in the college, Kaufman said it makes sense to split the duties up.

"It's just too much on any one plate," Kaufman said, adding that the decision was made jointly between the administration and himself.

Kaufman will now devote his efforts to the new building, which he hopes will become a national model, as well as to teaching graduate courses in fall 2006.

Bullis said he has never been interested in administrative work, but took the position because he wanted to help the college.

"I have a profound sense of obligation that as the dean, I work for the college and the people in it — the staff," Bullis said. "I was taught that you give more than you take, and this is my way to give."

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TIM BOBOSKY | PHOTO EDITOR

Brian Bogart delivers a speech on the steps of Johnson Hall Monday afternoon about the war industry. Bogart plans to protest in front of the administration building throughout the academic year.

Graduate leads 'Strike for Peace' rally on campus

Peace studies student Brian Bogart protested the University's military funding on Monday

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NEWS REPORTER

A national campaign about "war profiteering" and the government's military priorities is operating nationally.

There are currently 10 military agencies directly or indirectly providing money to 19 University research projects.

A graduate student is spending his final year in school camped on the lawn across from the administration building from noon to dusk, protesting the military's presence in schools and businesses nationwide and how the federal government prioritizes military spending.

About 50 people attended the first day of peace studies graduate Brian Bogart's "CampUS Strike for Peace Campaign" at noon Monday in the EMU Amphitheater.

Refusing to study in an institution that "sells itself to the war in-

dustry," Bogart said he wants to inform Americans about the contracts and grants between military agencies and more than 350 universities and 310,000 U.S. companies.

He is protesting because he wants the University administration to stop applying for military-based funding and wants the national government to change its priorities away from what he calls "war profiteering."

"The point of my strike is information outreach — to focus public attention on statistics that reveal America's distorted priority, so we can change that priority by peaceful popular demand and restore the true vision of our founders," Bogart said during his speech Monday. "This campaign will not end until America officially adopts a reasonable defense and declares an end to the age of war for profit and the be-

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Katrina brings new student to University

Undergraduate senior Kristin Spack enrolls because of the hurricane's destruction at Loyola University in New Orleans

BY BRITNI MCCLENAHAN
NEWS REPORTER

In the past, Kristin Spack has used a hurricane evacuation as an excuse to take a vacation to Florida with friends.

This year was different.

The destruction wrought by Hurricane Katrina forced students like Spack, a 21-year-old communications major from Loyola University in New Orleans, to find new schools.

One of the largest natural disasters in U.S.

history effectively destroyed New Orleans, put Spack's home under four feet of water and closed Loyola for fall term.

"Everything was destroyed," Spack said. "Every personal belonging I had to my name was in my apartment, and it's all gone. My landlord has been back to the house and surveyed the damage, and he's trying really hard to salvage what he can, but 99 percent of everything in that house has been destroyed."

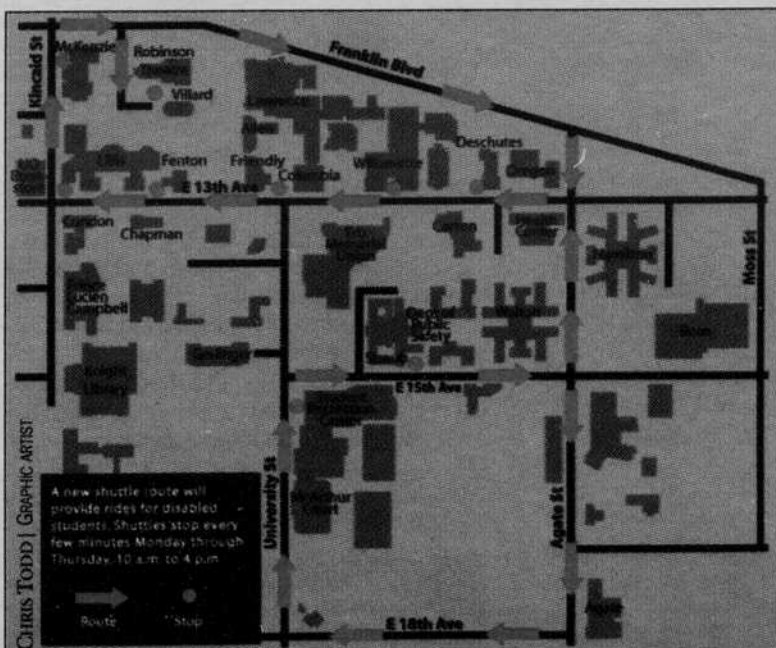
As university students start their first week

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Kristin Spack, from Loyola University, is attending the University of Oregon because she was displaced by Hurricane Katrina.



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A new shuttle route will provide rides for disabled students. Shuttles stop every few minutes Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

'Bessman Shuttle' provides rides to faculty and students with disabilities

New service brings mobility to those in the University community who need help getting around campus

BY KATY GAGNON
NEWS REPORTER

A ride service dedicated to helping disabled students and faculty members move around campus began Monday.

The service, called the "Bessman Shuttle," was created after University alumna Rose Bessman researched the mobility needs of disabled students and faculty for her senior thesis and pushed administrators

to create the shuttle.

Before graduating last spring, Bessman, a family and human services major, worked with Disability Services, the Department of Public Safety, former Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Anne Leavitt, and University President Dave Frohnmayer to establish the shuttle service.

DPS is contracting with Assault Prevention Services to use two APS shut-

tles during the day. DPS will pay about \$5,000 for the first term of operation, using money from parking tickets, permits, special event fees and parking meters to cover gas and maintenance for the shuttles. APS is not charging for use of the vans.

Steve Pickett, Director of Disability Services, said an outpouring of support for the shuttle service came following Bessman's research. The program hopes to ease the struggle faced by disabled students when trying to rush between classes.

"If you're tired, you're not going to

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