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COURTESY

A computer lab on the fourth floor of McKenzie Hall flooded on Oct. 1. Cracks in the roof of the building make flooding a common occurrence in this lab.

## McKenzie's roof causes recurring lab floods

*Although equipment was not damaged in this flood, the problem demands attention*

BY KELLY BROWN  
NEWS REPORTER

On Oct. 1, student employees arrived at McKenzie Hall to find an inch of water on the floor and a fallen ceiling tile in a computer room at the Social Science Instructional Labs.

No one was surprised. The smaller of two computer labs on the fourth floor floods at least once every fall term, according to the staff. This time, no computers were damaged.

"I got a phone call from one of my employees, and she said, 'Oh, I just went in the lab and it's full of water,'" said Cathleen Leue, director of the SSIL. "This is a problem we've had every year —

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## The PSYCHE of a LEADER

*As the interim dean, Robin Holmes plans to make cultural competency a primary goal*

BY JOE BAILEY  
NEWS REPORTER

Ever since an 11th-grade psychology class gave her goosebumps, Robin Holmes has had an intense interest in psychology and the specific needs of college students.

"The 18- to 24-year-old range is the most critical time for students' development in general," she said. "Lots of things happen during that age range, whether it's suicide, first psychotic break, depression, first relationship break-up ...."

Holmes, a clinical psychologist, was appointed interim dean of students in June, a position she said will enable her to continue her work preventing student suicide and help her improve the social environment on campus.

Holmes will continue to work as director of the Counseling and Testing Center.

In addition to her official University positions, Holmes works for the Center on Diversity and Community and heads the University's Cultural Competency Program while maintaining a private psychology practice in Eugene.

Improving campus-wide cultural competency and suicide prevention are her principle aims as interim dean, Holmes said.

"These things are very important, and they will have long lasting effects on the health of the campus," she said.

Holmes plans to use her position as interim dean of students to further the University's cultural competency objectives.

"We're bringing together a committee of student affairs professionals who are going to work on writing our divisional cultural competency plan," she said. "I think we can lead the charge in bringing cultural competency to campus."

Holmes will work with is Chicora Martin, director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Educational and Support Services Program.

"She has always been an advocate for diversity and addressing issues of bias on campus," Holmes said.



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Robin Holmes, director for the Counseling and Testing Center, recently became interim dean of students.

To define cultural competency, Holmes draws examples from her work as a psychologist.

"As a psychologist, ethically, I have to be culturally competent," she said. "So if someone came in to see me I would be able to understand that person and not let my own biases, my own blindspots and my own judgments get in the way of helping that person."

A culturally competent campus requires that individuals keep biases and backgrounds from hindering relations with others, Holmes said.

"Whether the student is white, brown, yellow or green, if they're coming in to see us, we need to help them," she said.

Holmes serves on University President Dave Frohnmayer's Executive Diversity Committee.

The committee comprises 10 faculty members and one student, ASUO President Adam Walsh.

Walsh praised Holmes for her work on the committee.

"She's very calm in demeanor," Walsh said. "She wasn't a front-runner in leading discussion, but when she had to make a point, she did."

Holmes traces her passion for diversity issues to her experiences as an African-American woman and her training in psychology.

"As a person of color, I find it to be something that's very important for me personally," she said. "I've been in many situations where I've been the only person of color."

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### IN BRIEF

#### Football player arrested on hit-and-run charges

A Duck football player is currently facing hit-and-run, careless driving and speeding charges after a crash in September left a parked car wrecked in the middle of Patterson Street, Eugene police said.

Matt Bramow, 18, a freshman wide receiver, was leaving the parking lot of Barnhart Hall and entering Patterson Street on Sept. 30 when he hit an unoccupied Mercury Sable parked on the side of the street, police said. The crash pushed the car into the middle of the street and hit another parked car in the process. Bramow didn't stop and continued to drive south down Patterson Street, police said.

No one was hurt in the crash.

Several people witnessed the incident and reported Bramow's license plate number to police, Eugene Police Department spokeswoman Kerry Delf said.

Bramow was arrested on Oct. 8,

but was released a few hours later.

In the Eugene Municipal Court on Oct. 10, Bramow pleaded not guilty to careless driving and hit-and-run charges. A trial date has not been set.

Ducks Head Football Coach Mike Bellotti said in a statement, "I am aware of the alleged incident. I will let it take its course through the legal system and go from there."

Bramow was a first-team all-state wide receiver and received an honorable mention as all-state defensive back at South Eugene High School. He caught 96 passes for 1,300 yards and 26 touchdowns during his senior year.

—Katy Gagnon



MATT BRAMOW  
SUSPECT

## Coffee shop employees offer more than \$11,900 to charity

*UO Duck Stop Espresso Bar employees donate tip money to ShelterCare, a local agency*

BY BRITTNI MCCLLENAHAN  
NEWS REPORTER

Every year, baristas at the University Bookstore's The Duck Stop Espresso Bar donate a year's worth of tips to a local charity.

Thursday morning, The Duck Stop baristas presented ShelterCare, an agency that provides housing and support, with their largest check to date: \$11,901.38.

"That's a lot of quarters and fifty-centers," bookstore General Manager Jim Williams said.

ShelterCare is a private, nonprofit human services agency that provides housing and support for families that are homeless or at risk of homelessness and for adults disabled by mental illness or brain injury.

"We're really excited to donate," Williams said while presenting an oversized check to ShelterCare representatives. "This year's donation represents a lot of hard work, great



Angee Langerberg makes a latte at the Duck Stop in the University Bookstore on Thursday afternoon. The baristas donated last year's tips to ShelterCare. This year's tips will be donated to the Child Advocacy Center.

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