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Sundial project awaiting approval

Several University departments lend their aid to build a working replica of an ancient timekeeper

BY EVA SYLWESTER
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Plans are in progress to erect a sundial more than 30 feet tall on the University campus.

"This is art with a clear connection to scholarship," history professor John Nicols said.

The proposed sundial will be a half-size model of one that stood in ancient Rome, the Horologium of Augustus. It will display accurate times from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"During those hours, anyone will be able to visit the site and set their watch by it," associate professor of architecture Jim Tice said.

Nicols said the project, expected to cost between \$100,000 and \$200,000, will probably be funded by a donor. A donor has not been found yet, and the approval process for the project is only just beginning as the Campus Planning Committee must still approve the project, so Nicols said it will likely be two to 10 years before the sundial is installed.

Tice said the project could be accomplished in a year or two if everything goes quickly.

"I think it's a question of will more than anything else," Tice said.

On a sundial, the pole and its shadow form a right angle, or two of the three sides of a right triangle. Using these two lengths, the length of the third side of the triangle can be calculated. Inputting those calculations into a formula yields the distance from the sun to the Earth, which varies based on time of year and time of day.

Julius Caesar instituted the use of the sun to tell time in 45 B.C. in response to political confusion created by the inaccuracies of

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Alliance asks University for new minor

Queer and sexuality studies programs, established nationwide at other universities, generate interest among UO students

BY KELLY BROWN
NEWS REPORTER

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Alliance has asked the University to add a queer or sexuality studies minor at the University, saying they feel demand and resources exist.

Chicora Martin, director of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Education and Support

Services for Student Life, said groundwork was laid two years ago when former student Kathleen McGraw surveyed all classes for LGBT content for her internship in queer studies.

"What do they offer? How would they, if anything, tie into what we're calling a queer and sexuality studies, and what would that look like?" Martin said.

She said some great classes are already in place

that would fit into the program and she feels the faculty interest and expertise are present.

The establishment of a queer and sexuality studies program was a component of last year's draft of the Five Year Diversity Plan, but members of the Diversity Executive Working Group won't say whether the forthcoming revision will have the same recommendation.

Martin added that the main roadblocks to a queer studies minor are money and administrative support, and many details need to be worked out.

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BLOOD DANCE BENEFITS RED CROSS



ZANE RITT | PHOTOGRAPHER

A patron of the Blood Dance held at Delta Sigma Phi enters through a courtyard of smoke and gravestones. The fraternity hosted the Blood Dance to benefit the American Red Cross on Friday, raising almost \$3,000 for the charity. This is the third year the fraternity has held the event, but this year, the dance held special significance. "This year, we found it even more pertinent because of the hurricanes," said Nick Hudson, the fraternity's vice president. The alcohol-free event attracted more than 700 guests. Hudson said the fraternity will likely decide to have the money earmarked for hurricane victims.

— Moriah Balingit

Annual Civil War Blood Drive creates healthy competition

The program, now in its fourth year, gives students a chance to root for their favorite team and donate blood to those in need

BY BRITNI MCCLENAHAN
NEWS REPORTER

Every 23 minutes, someone in Lane County needs a blood transfusion.

Today the Civil War Blood Drive, the largest blood drive in the Northwest, kicks off its two-week statewide campaign to collect blood donations.

Every holiday season, blood supplies take a dive.

Andrew Longteig, spokesman for the American Red Cross, said there is a constant need for blood, especially during the holiday season.

"It gets difficult in November and December because people are usually busy with holiday shopping and spending time with family," Longteig said. "It's a lot harder for people to make the time."

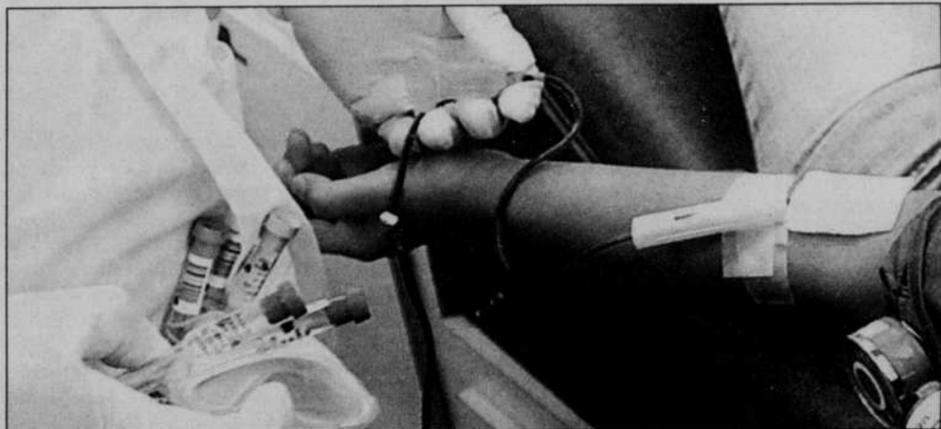
While there is always a need for all types

of blood, Longteig said, the supplies of negative blood types are usually the first supplies to get low.

The fourth annual Civil War Blood Drive is organized by Lane Memorial Blood Bank and the University Alumni Association in conjunction with Oregon State University Alumni Association and American Red Cross Pacific Northwest Regional Blood Services. In recognition of their success with the statewide competition, the groups have received an award of merit from the American Association of Blood Banks. They received a plaque and an invitation to the AABB awards ceremony.

The statewide blood drive is an opportunity for people to come out and show support for the American Red Cross, Lane Memorial Blood Bank and either the Oregon Ducks or the Oregon State University Beavers.

"We need every vote," said Kristi Henderson



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A blood donor pumps a small blue ball to increase blood flow for the third annual Civil War Blood Drive in November 2004.

of Lane Memorial Blood Bank. "Patients in Lane County really appreciate it and we saved a lot of lives last year."

When people donate to the Civil War Blood Drive they get to vote for the University's or

Oregon State's football team, and the winner will be announced at the Civil War game on Nov. 19. The winning team will be presented

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