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Leaks damage campus buildings



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Building leaks caused damage to the EMU's hardwood floors in the Skylight Lounge during the break.

Several campus buildings sprung leaks in recent storms, causing thousands of dollars in damage

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The EMU incurred about \$75,000 in damages after nearly 2.5 inches of water flooded into to east end of the 50-year-old building and dripped down several levels, ballooning and breaking the wooden floors in several places.

Five or six other buildings were damaged, but Agate Annex, which requires about \$25,000 to fix basement flooding, and the EMU, are the two most costly.

Students' incidental fees often help pay for emergency repairs, but because of the severity of the damage, the state's insurance is expected to pay the majority of the bill.

The EMU leaks happened after 2.5 inches of rain fell on Dec. 30, causing the drain on the third floor terrace to overflow into the skylight and the two floors underneath. The current door seals from the third-floor terrace to the EMU skylight have almost no lip to keep out water and the outside drain isn't located at the terrace's lowest point.

The University will be looking into door seal repairs or replacements and alternative drainage options.

EMU Director Dusty Miller and EMU Facilities Director

Dana Winitzky each spent about two hours on New Year's Eve vacuuming the flood waters.

Winitzky "popped" the skylight floor to get to the two inches of sitting water under the tiles, Winitzky said. What students now see is the result of wooden tiles absorbing the water, expanding and buckling from the pressure.

"We got the majority of the sitting water, but the damage had already been done," Winitzky said.

There are several large bulges in the floor outside of the EMU ticket office and two in the skylight room that stretch more than 12 feet in length.

The University is working on assessing the damage and getting an exact estimate on the cost of repairs from state insurance adjusters and contractors. University Senior Director of Public and Media Relations Mary Stanik wrote in an e-mail that the \$75,000 in damage is the University's estimate for the EMU, but that wasn't the only building found in high water.

She said there are five or six other locations on campus that have flood damage.

"After the EMU, the next most troubling site is the Agate

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UO student accused of possessing child porn

James Adrian Raasch, 30, was arrested after a UO technician found pornography on his laptop

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A University graduate student was arrested Wednesday morning after Eugene police found child pornography on a laptop computer he brought to a campus computer lab for repair.

James Adrian Raasch, 30, was charged with one count of Encouraging Child Sexual Abuse II for possessing a video file depicting a sexual act with a child who appeared to be 6 to 9 years old, police said. Raasch was lodged at the Lane County Jail until Friday evening when he was freed after posting \$40,000 bail.

A computer technician servicing Raasch's laptop found the file and alerted police, EPD spokeswoman Kerry Delf said. An officer viewed the file and decided to obtain a search warrant.

Police arrested Raasch at his apartment near campus on Wednesday.

Police confiscated the laptop, and computer crimes experts are examining it further.

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JAMES A. RAASCH
SUSPECT

Progressive-minded store a fit for Eugene

An alternative clothing store opens near campus, selling clothes made without using sweatshop labor

BY EVA SYLWESTER
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A company known for making all of its colorful knit clothing in the U.S. without the use of sweatshops now occupies an often-vacant spot on East 13th Avenue.

American Apparel moved to 860 E. 13th Ave. in mid-December. The company, which already has two stores in Portland, was founded eight years ago as a wholesale retailer, and has opened more than 100 stores worldwide in the past two and a half years, American Apparel spokeswoman Alexandra Spunt wrote in an e-mail.

"I kind of like it here. I think it's nice," Eugene resident Priscilla Mills said while visiting the store with her adult daughter. Mills added that while she thought the store was aimed at a younger crowd, she wouldn't mind buying clothes there.

The company is enthusiastic about Eugene's reputation for socially conscious consumers.

"Eugene, I think, is such a fantastic area for American

Apparel," American Apparel project manager and site selector Tacee Webb said. "It's the quintessential ideal of what American Apparel should be and where American Apparel should be."

While many store chains might ignore Eugene, Webb said Eugene — and more specifically, the University area — was chosen because it's progressive-minded and has a large concentration of the mainly young "creative class."

Marian Friestad, associate professor of marketing and associate dean of the graduate school, said American Apparel's uniqueness in the campus neighborhood will make success more likely for the store.

"It's not another restaurant or another coffee shop," Friestad said. "It doesn't have any direct competition in the immediate area."

The location has had many different tenants before American Apparel.

"That space has obviously had problems finding itself," Friestad said, adding that she last remembered 860 E. 13th Ave. as a Philly



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American Apparel, a new clothing shop, is now open on East 13th Avenue.

cheese steak restaurant a couple of incarnations ago.

University Bookstore General Manager Jim Williams, who has been in management at the bookstore and observing the changing neighborhood for 34 years, added that the building has also been home to a stereo equipment store, a music store and many other restaurants over the years. He wishes American Apparel well.

"As a business person who thinks a dynamic retail district in the campus area is a good thing, I hope they succeed," he wrote in an e-mail.

Webb said the store is already doing well in sales.

Lynn Kahle, professor of sports marketing in the

Lundquist College of Business, said American Apparel's sweatshop-free methods could appeal to two groups of people: those who are in favor of buying American-made products to support the U.S. economy and those who are politically active in their opposition to sweatshop labor.

"I think awareness of that is stronger in university communities than in the public at large," Kahle said.

Spunt wrote that the strategy of keeping all manufacturing within the company's Los Angeles headquarters serves multiple purposes.

"First of all, it is much more

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Freshman charged with dealing pot

Scott Allen was arrested when police found four ounces of marijuana, money and a scale in his car

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NEWS REPORTER

A University student will not return to classes in Eugene this term after he was arrested for dealing marijuana out of the Corvallis branch of Pizza Pipeline, according to Corvallis police.

Scott Michael Allen, 19, a freshman who lived in Barnhart Hall, was arrested by the Corvallis Police Department on Dec. 19 after an anonymous caller said there was drug activity occurring at the pizza place. Allen identified himself as one of the store's managers and consented to a search of the business and his car, according to a Corvallis police press release.

Officers found nothing inside the business, but they discovered about four ounces of marijuana, \$960 in cash and a digital scale with marijuana residue on it in Allen's vehicle. The

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