

## news Briefs



completion of the new solar array was held Jan. 14. The array uses 84 solar modules installed above the basketball courts at the Rec Center. The production of power will offset a portion of the Rec Center's utility bills and serve as a model for future energy-conscious campus development.

"The project, initiated and funded by UO students, demonstrates their desire for a sunnier future and shows their commitment to address problems facing this nation and the world in a positive manner," says Frank Vignola, director of the UO Solar Energy Center.

This is the second phase of a three-part project that started in the spring of 2001, when the Ecological Design Center (EDC) was awarded a \$100,000 grant by the student government to install a grid-tied photovoltaic system on university rooftops. The grant's goal was to fund enduring and environmentally responsible projects that benefit the entire student body.

## SALEM WATCH

Below are some highlights from the past week in Salem, as provided by the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV) and other sources:

- The Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) is working with legislative counsel on draft legislation, and working to find addi-

tional sponsors for their bill on Biodiesel Solutions for Oregon's Farmers and Children. Key sponsors are Reps. Dingfelder and Kropf.

- Action Network is working with Oregon cities, including Eugene, on legislation to "close the toxic pollution loophole to restore safe and healthy rivers." Their website is <http://actionnetwork.org>

- A subcommittee of the Oregon Conservation Network Common Agenda Project is closely tracking all activities relating to protecting Oregon's land use laws. The Senate held two hearings last week dealing with the effects of Measure 37. Neither hearing resulted in any substantive proposals for legislation or action on the part of the Legislature.

- The governor's proposed budget includes funding for Oregon's Pesticide Use Reporting System. The OEC, the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides and others are working with members of the Joint Ways and Means Committee to make sure the funding is secure through the state's budgeting process.

- With support from the governor, Basic Rights Oregon (BRO) is asking the 2005 Legislature to enact a statewide non-discrimination law that would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, public accommodation, housing, education and public services. BRO is collecting stories about discrimination. Visit [www.basicrights.org/issues/story.asp](http://www.basicrights.org/issues/story.asp)

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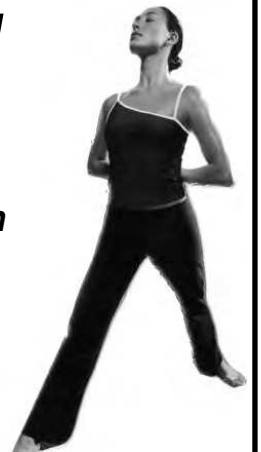
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## Happening people BY PAUL NEFFVEI

### KAREN PERKINS

She never thought of herself as an artist while growing up in Menlo Park, Calif., but Karen Perkins was always making something. "I sold my weaving in high school," she recounts. She also taught arts and crafts at a boarding school as a senior project: "They invited me back - I



worked there for a year." Perkins moved to Eugene for the trees and rivers in 1973, studied ceramics and art education, and worked four years as head of the Ceramics Department at Maude Kerns Art Center. She has taught art since 1984, first at Springfield Middle School, and since 1998 at Springfield High. "Springfield is incredibly supportive of arts," says Perkins. "I've been working for years to get kids involved in the community." Her glass classes are currently working on three murals for specific locations at the school, while her latest project sends experienced SHS artists out to teach classes in nearby elementary and middle schools. "Karen gives up her lunch every day because kids just want to be there," notes Art Department chair Dana Demant. "It's a place where they can do good work and feel successful. It's home base for a lot of kids."

## EUGENE POLICE COMMISSION PRESENTS POLICE ASSESSMENT RESOURCE CENTER

Review of National Police Oversight Models

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2005 • NOON - 1:30PM**

**WOW HALL, 291 WEST 8TH AVENUE**

**AND ALSO AT 6:00 - 8:00PM**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 777 PEARL STREET**

Representatives from PARC will make two public presentations that will include:

- An overview of different oversight models and specific examples of systems that have been implemented in other cities
- An evaluation of oversight models that have demonstrated their effectiveness that might work well in Eugene
- An opportunity for the public to ask the presenters questions about the content of the report or about police oversight systems in general.

For more information, contact Jeannine Parisi,  
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Spanish language or hearing interpreters can be provided with 48 hours notice prior to the meeting by calling 682-5467.