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University upgrades rely on state funding

Three-part plan includes new engineering building, updates for Boivin, Cornett halls

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Oregon Tech is seeking construction of a new engineering building and renovations to some current buildings, and the university's President Chris Maples is trying to fulfill

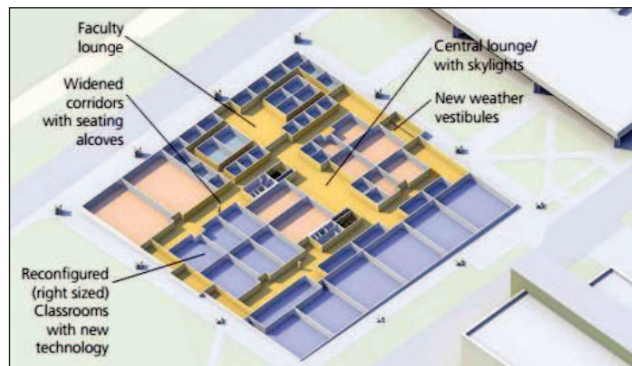
those needs through state of Oregon bonds.

The university plans to ask the state of Oregon for the authority to issue about \$48 million in state bonds to help build a proposed engineering and technology building, according to Di Saunders, associate vice

president of communication. The university also hopes to completely remodel Cornett Hall, pending state funding.

Whether the university can move forward with a new engineering building, and when, depends on how the state responds to Oregon Tech's request.

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This concept draft shows planned updates to Boivin Hall at OIT.

Submitted graphic

Couple raises funds



for 'In God We Trust'

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A Klamath County couple wants to ensure the words "In God We Trust" are put on the wall of the Klamath County Commissioners hearing room.

Carol and David Warren are collecting donations to buy a plaque with the national motto — on American currency since the Civil War — to put up in the government building.

"The people have already spoken at least two-to-one. They want to see a plaque," Carol Warren told commissioners during a work session Wednesday, referencing the Herald and News poll showing 66 percent of respondents wanted the motto

Carol and David Warren are raising funds to put an "In God We Trust" plaque on the wall of the Klamath County Commissioners hearing room.

H&N photo by Samantha Tipler

on the wall, while 34 percent did not. About 970 people voted.

"I think it might help keep people on the straight and narrow and be careful how we spend people's money."

Carol said she doesn't yet know what kind of plaque or how large a plaque the citizens will buy. She was adamant no tax dollars be used.

"I would like it to be big enough so the commissioners

can see it plainly," she said. "And we want to put a little brass plate on the bottom: donated by the citizens of Klamath County."

So far, the Warrens have raised \$145. They are accepting donations and putting the funds in a specified bank account for the plaque, they said. As a thanks to any donation, they are giving away bumper stickers saying, "In God We Trust."

"I think it will help everybody," she said. "We would like to see the county have a lot of bumper stickers. God's people don't know each other. God's people have been silent. Therefore, those who are against God feel that they are in control."

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Forest service rolls out new policy for snowmobile usage

New rules will protect nature

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service has issued a new policy requiring forest managers to limit where snowmobiles can go by specifically designating what areas are open, a move that could reduce the competition between skiers and machines.

The new rules take effect Feb. 27 and apply to all national forests in the U.S.

The federal agency on Wednesday published the final federal register notice for the new rules.

Court decision

The change follows a 2013 federal court ruling in Boise that found the Forest Service incorrectly exempted snowmobiles from a 2005 Forest Service plan restricting wheeled cross-country travel to designated routes.

An Idaho-based backcountry skier group, Winter Wildlands Alliance, filed the lawsuit amid concerns that new and more powerful snowmobiles were chewing up remote and pristine powder previously reachable only by skiers.

"You can't have both uses in the same area and allow for each user to get the experience they're looking for" said Mark Menlove, the group's executive director. He said that besides carving up slopes, the machines are loud and emit exhaust.

Where to go

The new policy requires forests to publish over-snow vehicle maps using existing designations or maps to be worked out through a public process.

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AP photo

The U.S. Forest Service has issued a new policy requiring forest managers to limit where snowmobiles can go by specifically designating what areas are open.

DAILY BRIEFING

Fort Bidwell resident shares travels, travails

Fort Bidwell, a small community of about 200 people at the far northern end of Modoc County's Surprise Valley, has been 90-year-old Bob Dunnington's home since 1984. See page A2.

Group of police chief candidates slims to five

Five finalists for Klamath Falls' new chief of police have been picked and the interviews will kick off next week, according to city manager Nathan Cherpeski. See page A3.

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