

Panel to explore Indian influence

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Of the Emerald

The impact of renewed interest in Native American cultures on contemporary U.S. literature and society will be explored this week at the University by a group of writers and scholars.

The conference, organized by University English Prof. Ralph Salisbury with a \$1,500 grant from the Oregon Humanities Committee, is scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Included in the day and evening sessions at the University, Lane Community College and other Eugene locations are several prominent writers and scholars of Native American descent.

Participants include William Stafford, Oregon's poet laureate, as well as Wendy Rose, Jim Barnes, Don Jordon, Bill Sweet, Anita Endrezze-Danielson and Salisbury.

Salisbury says the conference will focus on the resurgence of interest in Native American concerns and how that interest has manifested itself in contemporary literature.

The program includes:

Tuesday — Sweet and Salisbury will read from their works and discuss publishing today from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in 101 EMU. Particular emphasis will be given to the influence of the

Native American tradition on the works of currently publishing non-Native

American writers. Salisbury and Sweet will also read from their own work and relate it to the conference theme from 8 to 10 p.m. in 101 EMU, with an emphasis on nature, drugs, alcohol and prison awareness.

Wednesday Jordan and Sweet will read from their works at 2 p.m. on the north lawn of Lane Community College. A symposium will address the conference theme at 4 p.m. at 101 EMU; Stafford, Danielson, Jordon, Barnes and Rose will participate. Danielson and Stafford will also read from their works at 8 p.m. in 150 Geology.

Thursday — Rose and Barnes will read from their work and discuss Native American concerns as reflected in writing, visual arts and society at 4 p.m. in the Native American Longhouse, 1606 Columbia. Rose and Barnes will also read from their works 8 p.m. in 150 Geology.

Conference sponsors include the Native American Student Union, English department, Festival of Arts and Assembly and Lectures Committee, the Indian Programs on Drug and Alcohol Awareness, the University Fine and applied arts department, the University anthropology department and the English department at Lane Community College.

OSPIRG cut 10%, IFC budget evened

ASUO Pres. Ramon Herrera has sliced 10 percent from the allocation given the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group to balance the incidental fee budget.

Herrera cut the OSPIRG budget to \$37,530 from \$41,700 to bring the budget in line with its own 7 percent increase limit.

The ASUO Constitution Committee earlier this month authorized Herrera to balance the budget after the Incidental

Fee Committee missed its May 4 deadline for submitting the budget an overallocated by \$1,600.

Herrera also increased the ASUO executive budget by \$900 offsetting budget cuts the IFC had made earlier.

Herrera says the 10 percent cut shouldn't seriously affect OSPIRG because program representatives had indicated earlier that a \$38,000 budget would be adequate.

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This young dancer didn't let the weight of a heavily beaded and feathered costume stop his feet from keeping up with the beat of the drums during a dance competition last weekend at the 11th annual Native American Student Union Pow Wow at Mac Court. Men and women dancers of all ages, donned their brightest and best costumes for several competitive and specialty tribal dances to the drumming and singing of groups from around the Western United States. Religious ceremonies at the NASU Longhouse concluded the Pow Wow Sunday with a salmon bake. Craft tables and displays also sold many of the raw materials seen in the Native American costumes.



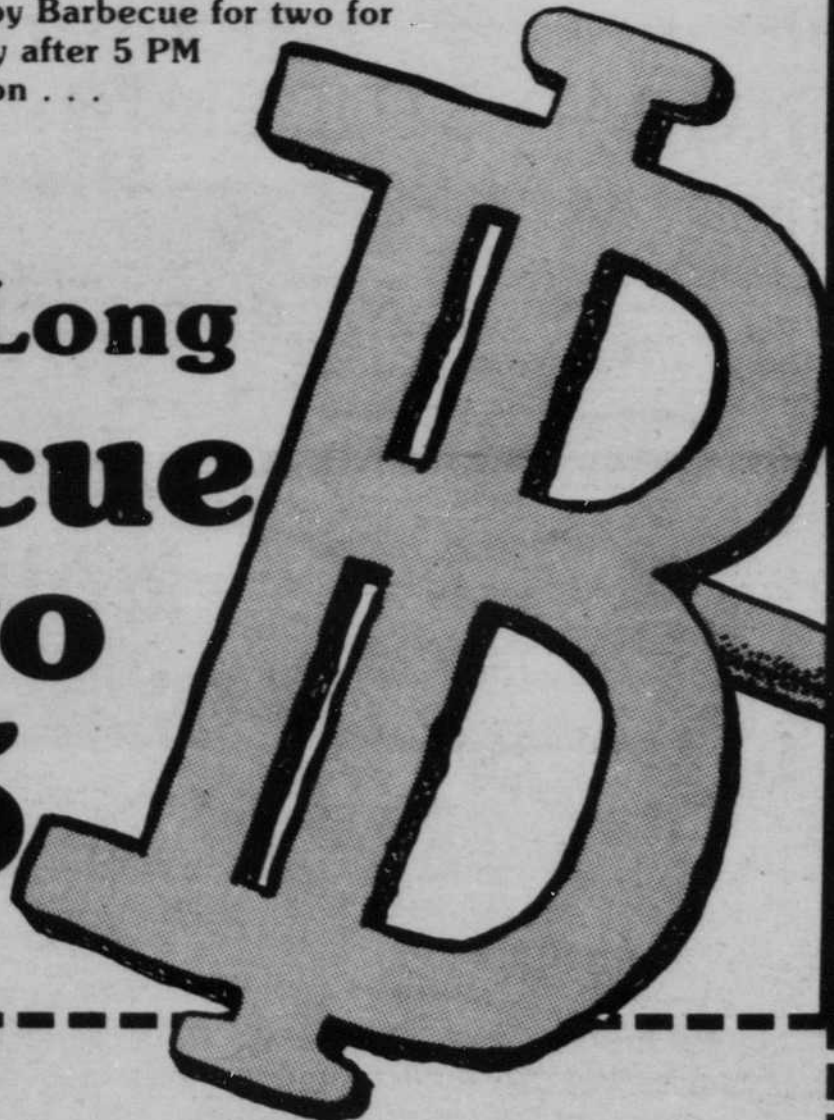
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