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Big Mama

Blues legend "Big Mama" Willie Mae Thornton enthralled an audience of about 700 in the EMU Ballroom Friday night at the fourth annual Oregon Blues Festival. With backup group

the Ron Thompson Trio, she performed her own music, which included "Ball and Chain," made famous by Janis Joplin, and "Hound Dog," stolen, she says, by Elvis Presley.

Photo by Keith Allen

New rules give dorm residents hearing option

By LISA PETERSON
For the Emerald

Students faced with charges of violating their University dorm contracts now have more options for defense tactics.

This fall the University established a new rule and made changes concerning minor tribunals, or justice boards, in the dormitories. The changes are geared to better enforce the Code of Student Conduct and the provisions of the dorm contract.

The rule establishes three Area Standards Boards plus an Interdormitory Standards Board to serve as an appeal board for the other three. Violators of the dorm contract will also be given a choice of two hearings: the standards board or the "contested case."

According to Nancy Wright, director of the Hamilton/Bean dorm complex, the new procedures will serve students better by being localized, which will make them more sensitive and will ease the workload of the old standards board. The University also is legally bound to give students a choice of hearings.

Under the old system, some procedures and student rights were violated, says Don Chalmers, director of the Office of Student Advocacy. One student last year did not even receive the procedural complaint notice, Chalmers says. Students who complained about neighbors violating contract provisions and other problems were frustrated because of the lack of support, response and action from dorm authorities, he adds.

The most frequent dorm contract violations are the alcohol and quiet hour conditions, says Wright. "It's usually the violation of the noise policy that draws our attention to the students and other problems," she says, adding that it would be an asset if students could police themselves because it would "promote responsible freedom within students."

Wright says this is why she has urged the dorm's floor board and the resident aide to handle problems first.

But if the problem can't be handled within the dorm "we have a conduct system to insure a liveable environment," Wright says. The student manager of the dorm complex will then give the student the choice of the two hearings. If the problem needs to be solved immediately, the case will go straight to Vernon Barkhurst, the conduct coordinator.

The standards board hearing is informal. The board members are peers; no records are kept of the case and the punishment consists primarily of community service or a transfer to another dorm. This hearing option is fast; the board's decision is made the day of the hearing and the defendant is told the decision immediately.

The contested case hearing is much more formal. The case is presented before a hearings officer and penalties can include eviction from the University housing system and suspension or expulsion from the University.

Members of the standards board are appointed by the dorm President's Council and will consist of "students just interested in getting involved," says Wright.

ASUO events examine life in 80's

By DAVID STEINMAN
For the Emerald

A conference on "Surviving the '80s" will be the ASUO's greeting to the new decade, with appearances during the year by noted speakers who will address the issue with lectures and workshops.

"This event will be an ongoing process through the year," says Laura Geuy, ASUO's administrative assistant. "We are actively seeking support from the community and students to help in bringing important persons to speak and conduct workshops and seminars."

So far, speakers include Dr. John W. Gofman, chairer of the Committee for Nuclear Responsibility, Oct. 2; Frank Wilkinson, who will speak for the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation, Nov. 12; R. Buckminster Fuller, Nov. 13; and Frances Moore Lappe, author of "Diet For A Small Planet," Nov. 15.

Although they will speak at the University prior to the five-day conference

on the '80s, scheduled for Jan. 15-19, their lectures will conform to the conference theme: alerting people to alternatives for living in the '80s and to the decisions they will face.

The conference will cover a different topic each day and evening. "Citizen Participation In Government" will be the major area for the first day. "Food, Health and Shelter" will be the second day's topic. Activities will include workshops about yoga, co-ops, food and shelter. "Energy and Economic Development" is the topic for day three, and day four will cover "Human Rights and Employment."

A celebration with fair exhibits, music, dance and food will be held Jan. 19.

An open conference will be held Oct. 2 in Suite 4 of the EMU at 5:30 p.m. to encourage student opinions and gather volunteer help.

"We want students to voice recommendations on what they would like to see covered in January and we need volunteers to work at different tasks to prepare for the conference," Geuy says.

"This is a meeting for student involvement. We'll be needing students to do tasks like getting booths, reserving rooms and writing letters. It's the main event of the year for the ASUO."

"The conference is also dependent upon businesses in the Eugene area," she adds. "We are going to solicit them for sponsorships to help pay for speakers. We'll be needing students for this task too."

Other student groups taking part in the conference will be the Cultural Forum, the Food-Op, the Oregon Student Public Interest Group, the Student Bar Association, the Outdoor Program and Oregon Wilderness Coalition.

"The five-day conference is not just for University students," Geuy says. "It's for the entire community. The essential question we want answered is, 'How will my everyday choices affect and be affected by the events of the '80s?' And this is a question everyone needs to be concerned with."

For more information contact the ASUO office at 686-3724.

today

The worlds of religion, the ACLU, politics and "America First" take a beating today from Features Editor John Crowley in his first weekly column, "Things that go Bump on Friday." For an explanation of why Friday's column is in today's paper and some lively entertainment, turn to Page 6.

Abortion is expected to be a hot issue in the coming election year: many candidates will be running solely on a "pro-life" ticket. Differing views on the subject are provided by representatives of both Eugene's Right to Life Center and Planned Parenthood Association. See Page 11.

The University women's cross country team took seven of ten top places in the Garrie Franklin Classic at Lane Community College this weekend. Senior Ellen Schmidt set a new course record time of 13:12.9, and coach Tom Heinonen is pleased with the team's overall performance. See Page 12.