

Paganism class will teach awareness, mystical magick

SEARCH class can also help locate parking places

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If the thought of a paganism and witchcraft class conjures up pictures of boiling potions and flying broomsticks, then be ready for a surprise. Instructor Stephanie Fox says she will wipe away those notions at the beginning of class.

"It's not spooky," Fox says. "I am aware of the ideas people have, but by the first 15 minutes of class those ideas are alleviated."

Fox is teaching a SEARCH class entitled "Paganism and Witchcraft: Theory and Practical Application," which begins Thursday. The class will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 102 Gilbert for six weeks.

Fox, a journalism graduate student, explains that paganism is derived from a variety of traditions.

"Paganism is a philosophy that is based on ancient European, pre-Christianity tribal religions similar to American

Indian beliefs. Lots of people think only the East has a mystical tradition, but there is also a Western mystical tradition which has been lost because of the Inquisition."

"Pagans have taken fragments of ancient beliefs and molded them to fit personal needs in the modern world, she explains.

"There's not any one set truth," Fox says. "Everyone must find their own path."

One of paganism's main credos is being "in tune and in touch with everything else on the planet," she says, adding that pagans try to "walk in tune with Mother Nature at a deep level — not just walking in the woods."

Fox doesn't expect the class to instantly accept her beliefs. She encourages people who don't believe in paganism to attend the class — for intellectual stimulation.

"People end up believing little parts of paganism," Fox says. "I don't want anybody to

take the stuff I say as true just because I say it. If it is not right for them it's not right. I want people to approach what I'm saying with just a grain of salt."

Witchcraft involves using the part of the brain people usually can't harness, Fox says. She adds that many psychologists estimate people only use about 15 percent of their brain potential, so she helps them use their own "natural energy to make changes in the real world.

"It's not terribly difficult to do, but it takes practice," Fox says.

When students try to make themselves 'invisible' in class so a professor won't ask them a question they don't know and somehow the professor passes right over them, they are demonstrating magick — spelled with a "k" to differentiate from the horror-type magic, she says.

The "tension in the air" a student feels when entering a



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Stephanie Fox says paganism isn't "spooky," but is a mixture of ancient philosophies with practical modern applications.

classroom is another example of magick, she says.

Fox uses "traffic magick" to ensure herself a parking space in the crowded University lots each morning. It usually works, she says.

"Teaching magick is just pointing these types of things out to people," she says.

But Fox says she also teaches ethical concerns about magick use.

She doesn't use magick to get better grades because it

would be unethical, she says. She does use magick to help herself study better, however.

Fox became interested in paganism through a reference in a book.

"For years I was one of those people who have their own religion," she says. "Then in my readings I came across books that said what I was believing anyway. It was amazing. The more I read, the more I found it agreed with me, not I agreed with it."

University Foundation kicks-off 'telefund'

Students, faculty and parents will take to the phones for 30 days next Monday when the University Foundation launches its annual "telefund."

The Foundation will attempt to raise its \$100,000 goal by calling alumni across the nation to solicit support for its annual fund.

The Foundation has lined up several student groups and is contacting more to phone alumni this month, says Joe Farmer, fund director.

For the first three days of the telefund, alumni, faculty and staff will work the phones. On the fourth night, a group of

parents will volunteer. The last 26 days, groups such as the Black Student Union, Student University Relations Council and several greek organizations will take over.

As an incentive, Farmer is offering prizes to the student groups based on the amount of money solicited.

A similar program last March paid students to do the phoning. In 16 months that campaign grossed almost \$60,000, Farmer says. Using volunteers may cut expenses and get more alumni aware of and involved with the University.

Another of Farmer's goals for the

telefund is to increase unspecified donations — funding not dedicated for a single purpose.

He says specified donations, which

comprises as much as 97 percent of funding, sometimes can be as specific as naming the faculty member to receive a research donation, he says.

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MEETINGS

The next meeting of the IFC will be held today at 5:30 p.m. in the Dad's Room, EMU. The agenda is expected to include: GALA transfer, BSU request, ASUO Exec. request for EMU, and program input on policies.

The Political Science Student Union will meet in Century Room B at 7 p.m. today. Open to all students.

Amnesty International will have a meeting today at 12:30 in Century Room B, EMU. Anyone interested in learning more about AI and our campus group is invited to attend.

Students for Weaver will have a volunteers meeting in 112 EMU tonight at 7. All are welcome.

SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

Fat is a Feminist Issue, A Support Group for compulsive eaters, will begin today at 10 a.m. This ten week weight awareness group is designed for women who wish to explore their relationship to food and find alternatives to the frustrating cycle of dieting and binging. An evening group will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. For information call Nina Bernstein, A.C.S.W. at 484-6104.

"Preparing for graduate school." How early to apply. How to select a graduate school. When to take graduate admission tests. The Office of Academic Advising & Student Services is holding a workshop today at 3:30 in 164 Oregon Hall to answer your questions.

The Eugene Family YMCA is currently offering a progressive fitness program for all fitness levels. Participants are evaluated and referred to the level appropriate for their needs. For more information call the Eugene Family YMCA at 686-YMCA.

Peacemaking through Communication: a study on communication styles and skills, and their role in peacemaking in our society. Listening as well as speaking skills will be stressed. Non-credit course free and open to anyone interested. First class begins tonight at 6 at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid. Call 484-1707 for more information.

Human Rights Policy in Nicaragua will be the topic of a discussion tonight at 7:30 p.m. The talk will be presented by Dr. Aviles, a Nicaraguan lawyer and member of the Human Rights Commission in Nicaragua. The event will be held at the Latin American Cultural Center at 1236 Kincaid St. and is sponsored by the Eugene Council for Human Rights in Latin America. For more information call 484-5867.

The Wesley Foundation, United Methodist Ministry, is holding a class each Thursday from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. to discuss questions about "Sex and God." You may call 686-4694 for more information.

SPEAKERS

A free introductory lecture on the benefits of the Transcendental Meditation Program will be given tonight at 7:30 in the Eugene Public Library. For more information call the Eugene Transcendental Meditation

Program at 686-1378.

Ross Anthony, Republican candidate for Congress (4th District), will speak at the Law School today at 7:30 p.m. in Room 125. Open to all students.

Professor Scott DeLancey, Department of Linguistics will speak today on "A gentivity and causation: Data from Hare" at 3:30 in 154 Straub.

MISCELLANEOUS

A free Christian Concert featuring Faye Burgess, a blind concert pianist and vocalist, will be held tonight at 7:30 in 198 Music Building. The concert is sponsored by the Baptist Student Union.

"The Arms Race is Already Killing Us," the first Clergy and Laity Concerned peace and justice forum of the fall, will be held today at 6 p.m. at the Emerald Baptist Church, 19th and Patterson. Free childcare and special children's program will be provided. Soup supper will begin at 6 p.m. and Rev. Austin Ray of the Black United Front will begin the program at 7 p.m. For more information call Darelle Baker, CALC, at 485-1755.

The University School of Architecture and Allied Arts will hold an AAA Exhibition Oct. 4 through Oct. 14 in Gallery 141, the school lobby and courtyard. The Gallery is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Sull Order of Eugene will be sponsoring an evening of music and joyous activities Sunday night. There is no charge. Call 345-4554 for location and information.

An American Heart Association Certified Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class will be offered by the CPR Lifeline at the Eugene Hospital and Clinic. The class will be held tonight from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. and pre-registration is required. For registration and additional information call the CPR Lifeline at 726-9692.

Rhodes Scholarships are post-graduate scholarships to Oxford University. Applicants must be 24 years old or less, U.S. citizens, unmarried, and have academic standing to assure the completion of a bachelor's degree before Oct. 1983. All students interested in applying contact Joseph Hynes in 114 Friendly Hall. A meeting of all students planning to apply will be held today at 3:30 p.m. in 109 Friendly.

Marshall Scholarships are for post-graduate study in British universities. Applicants must be 24 years old or less and preference is given to unmarried applicants. Applications are available from Joseph Hynes in 114 Friendly. A meeting of all students planning to apply will be held today at 3:30 in 109 Friendly.

Mellon Fellowships in the Humanities are new awards to be administered by the Wilson Foundation. Students must be nominated by faculty members, rather than by themselves, by Nov. 5, 1982. The award is intended for humanists only, it must be used at a United States university, and may be extended through the acquiring of the doctorate. Brochures may be picked up in 114 Friendly.

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