

Campus events to be slated on public access computer

By Stan Nelson

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One call or hard-wire connection is all it takes.

With the start of a campus-events University Calendar this week, various informational sources for University events will be consolidated and made user accessible on the University Digital Electronics Corp. mainframe computer, according to Gaye Vandermyn, University News Bureau director and chairwoman of the electronic calendar task force.

"Our hope is, once the calendar is fully running, it will be the source of information on campus. It will be the place you can check and know where events will be happening," Vandermyn said. The calendar lists events from the present until 1999.

Consolidating campus information should lead to a greater awareness of events happening

on campus, said Frank Geltner, University program consultant and electronic calendar task force member.

"We all wanted something like this for a long time," Geltner said. "Imagination is the only limiting factor of what can be done with this."

The EMU is in the process of training an employee to enter its data information, he said.

The University Calendar in time could be of great assistance in raising student and community awareness of inter-collegiate athletics, yet University Sports Information Director Steve Hellyer said he has no expectations at present.

The idea originated last winter as a result of an invitation from the Eugene Parks Department to participate in a universal community calendar, which became operational in December 1986.

The University Calendar may

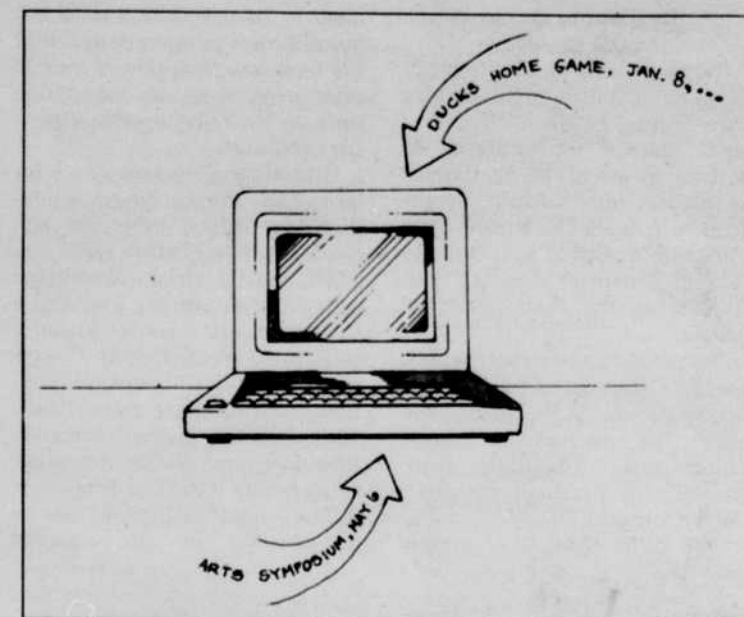
eventually be submitted to the Community Calendar and have its information dispatched on the Parks Department's mainframe computer, but the information transfer still has to be worked out to avoid double-data entry, Vandermyn said.

The University Calendar eventually might be made available to the general public on the public-access channels on cable.

The calendar may be viewed on any word processor or computer that can be connected to the DEC by a hard-wire or telephone hookup. The calendar program can be accessed by dialing the DEC on the computer dial-up lines: 686-4391 for 300 baud or 686-5416 for 1200 baud. A baud is a measurement of speed of telephone signals.

When the DEC prompts the user to "log in," type cal. A very brief calendar will then appear on the screen. The user then will have the option of selecting very specific or general entries based upon the category requested.

A long-range goal for the calendar is a slight modification in the program that will create computer readouts of the calendar listings, serving those without access to a terminal, Geltner said. The readouts eventually will be made available at the EMU schedul-



Graphic by Lorraine Rath

ing desk at a yet undetermined time, he said.

Any student, faculty, staff, department, group or organization with University affiliation may submit events to the University calendar. To enter an event, prospective entrants must fill out pink calendar entry forms and either bring or mail the form to the news bureau.

The faculty/staff newsletter, "Inside Oregon," will print weekly updates of the University Calendar. To meet publication deadlines, the calendar entries must be entered in the

calendar nine days before publication.

When fully operational, the EMU scheduling office will enter information on student, faculty and staff events normally scheduled in its scheduling office.

The University Sports Information Network will enter information about all inter-collegiate athletic events. The University News Bureau will cover all other University-sponsored events.

Program to help ASUO attract interns, increase participation

By Sarah Kitchen
Of the Emerald

A new program initiated by the ASUO Executive this term will enable students to get involved in student government — and receive credit at the same time.

The ASUO internship program was set up for two basic reasons, said ASUO Vice President Caitlin Cameron.

The program allows students to participate in student government, allowing for the creation of additional aide positions where in the past there might have been no open positions, Cameron said. This will allow students the opportunity to participate in student government who were not attending the University when the ASUO hired its staff members, she said.

The internship program also was established to bring in additional help to the ASUO office. Often, there is more work

available to do than there are resources to hire additional staff members, Cameron said.

"Our budget is limited, and there are only so many people we can hire, and there is just too much work to go around," she said. "It is always nice to have a job that somebody can do where they can learn on the job."

"It is an easy step into the ASUO and much less stressful than being hired into a position," she added.

The ASUO has had a volunteer program for the past two years, but it was not very successful because the ASUO could not offer the volunteers anything extra for their efforts, Cameron said.

Cameron has had the idea of an internship program for some time now, which is based in part on a similar internship program at the University of California at Berkeley, she said.

Students can receive one internship credit through the

ESCAPE office for every three hours of work completed each week.

Students may earn credit as a position intern, a specific intern or a general intern.

A position intern may work as an assistant to the ASUO president and vice president, Project Saferide assistant, internship organizer or United States Student Association regional conference coordinator.

Correction

An article in Friday's Oregon Daily Emerald implied that Ken Brownell has AIDS. Brownell has tested positive for the AIDS virus. It is estimated that only 20 percent to 30 percent of those with the AIDS virus will get AIDS.

The Emerald regrets any confusion this error may have caused.

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