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Abbie Hoffman

Abbie Hoffman to speak at EMU

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Abbie Hoffman, a leading political activist in the 1960s and the founder of the Youth International Party, the Yippies, will speak in the EMU Ballroom tonight.

Hoffman has been on the radical political scene since the early 1960s when he worked in the civil rights movement organizing voter registration drives in the South. (Before the civil rights movement Hoffman was a clinical psychologist). In 1964 Hoffman became active and outspoken against the Vietnam War, and in 1968 he led demonstrations at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

As a result of his participation in the demonstrations, Hoffman and six others were charged with conspiring to incite a riot. Hoffman was indicted and became known as a part of the Chicago 7. During the five-month-long trial, Hoffman used the courtroom to bring attention to political issues at the time. Eventually the Chicago 7 convictions were overturned.

In 1973 Hoffman was charged with selling cocaine, but he jumped bail and lived underground under the alias of 'Barry Freed.'

While living as Barry Freed he organized an environmental group in upstate New York, campaigning against digging a barge canal, and was even praised by the governor of New York and a U.S. senator for his work in the group. In 1980 Hoffman turned himself in and served a one-year jail sentence.

Hoffman's most recent arrest (he has been arrested 47 times) was for participating in a sit-in at the University of Massachusetts (along with Amy Carter), to protest CIA recruiting. Hoffman said he broke the law because he wanted to show the larger crimes committed by the CIA.

In recent years Hoffman has been touring the campus lecture circuit giving speeches about life in the '60s and his impressions of the '80s. For example, Hoffman has said, students are more conservative today than they were in the '60s.

The number of students in the progressive grass-roots movements is lacking today, which is one reason he has modified his 1960s "Don't trust anyone over 30" statement to a version for the 1980s: "Don't trust anyone under 30."

Two years ago Hoffman told students at the University of North Carolina at

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Possible 4-J School District strike may put education students in bind

By Chris Norred
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Two hundred education students at the University may have to leave Eugene to fulfill their student-teaching requirements next term because of a possible strike by Eugene teachers.

Eugene School District and University officials announced Tuesday that education students who are scheduled for spring term student-teaching and practicum programs in Eugene schools will be moved to other districts, said Judy Small, the director of field experience programs at the College of Education.

"We will not be placing anybody in Eugene's 4-J District because of the uncertainty that those schools will stay open," said Judith Grosenick, the associate dean of the College of Education.

A strike by the Eugene Education Association has become a real possibility in recent weeks after the union rejected a fact finder's report and entered a 30-day, pre-strike waiting period required by the state Employee Relations Board. The 30-day period will end in early April, and the union legally can strike anytime thereafter.

The EEA and the Eugene School Board have been unable to reach a contract agreement after more than a year of negotiations, and both sides admit a strike is likely.

To receive an Oregon teacher certificate, education students are required to spend a minimum of nine weeks as a full-time student-teacher. If they began student-teaching in Eugene schools spring term, and a strike occurred, they probably would not be able to complete the nine-week requirement, and they would

would not receive credit, said Bob Stalick, the assistant superintendent of the Eugene School District.

Many education students are feeling helpless in the face of a possible strike, which has suddenly changed the course of their college careers.

"Our future has just been blown up," said Grace Burns, a senior in education. "We can't plan for anything."

Several students from the College of Education said they are willing to bet a strike will not occur and to go ahead with their plans for student-teaching in the 4-J district.

"Many of the student-teachers worked for a long time to get the position in 4-J," said Leeann Bennett, a senior, elementary education major.

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During end-of-term examination crush students turn to caffeine to stay awake

By Scott Maben
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If not for the late-night aid of stimulant chemical substances, many students might surrender to the desire — indeed, the need — for sleep next week.

Discounting the much-envied studious and well-prepared types, it is conceivable that a great many students will be lighting a Marlboro or brewing a pot of Folgers as they plunge into cramming for final exams.

One suspects such abuse runs the gamut, from the coffee-drinker's increased caffeine quota to another's ingestion of uppers.

Mary Pelletier, a senior business major, said she takes Vivarin caffeine pills when cramming for finals.

The Vivarin is stronger than No-Doz, and it only takes one to keep the midnight oil burning, Pelletier said.

"You do wonderful things to your stomach if you take too much," she said.

Her friend, sophomore psychology major Tammy McCollam, said she settles for two-liter bottles of Diet Pepsi to help her through last-minute studying. "I'm addicted to it," McCollam mused.

Both advise against using stimulants during finals but admitted they probably will break out the Vivarin and Pepsi next week anyway.

"It's better just to stay on top of your classes, but things pile up sometimes," Pelletier said.

Despite how hectic studies may become, it's best to avoid extra use of stimulants, according to one hospital pharmacist.

Greg Ripley, a registered pharmacist with Sacred Heart General Hospital, said three common over-the-counter decongestants — ephedrine, propylamine and pseudoephedrine — are closely related to amphetamines.

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Photo by John Giustina

Many students use substances containing caffeine to help stay awake during finals week.

'Unkosher' caffeine beverage bolts through local market

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Hey kids, there's a new pop on the market!

But wait, this one's bottled with a twist: all the sugar and twice the caffeine.

Don't say you haven't noticed the posters down at 7-Eleven. You know, the one's featuring that happy-go-lucky fellow with nervous hair who's toasting a 12-ounce can of Jolt Cola under the slogan, "Dare to want it all," a scene also plastered on area billboards.

Jolt promoters claim it tastes better than Coke and Pepsi and all the rest — big promises for a cola whose packaging design looks like a U.S.A.

Today weather map.

Granted, the one true measurement of a soft drink's success traditionally has banked solely on taste preference. On the average, each American drank nearly 500 12-ounce units of soft drinks in 1985, according to the National Soft Drink Association. Consumption grows about 7 percent annually.

Great taste isn't the only way to secure high sales, however.

Cola companies have launched campaigns to boost sales in recent years by removing "undesirable" additives from their products — Diet Coke and sugar-free Dr. Pepper come

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