

Events remember the Holocaust

By Christopher Blair
Emerald Reporter

A week of films, speakers and other memorial activities to remember victims of the Holocaust began Monday and continues through April 15.

While more than six million European Jews were killed in the Holocaust, other groups, including homosexuals and the differently abled, were not spared, said Jewish Student Union Director Stephanie Kustner. A film showing the plight of European Gypsies, whose culture and population Kustner says were "nearly wiped out by the Nazis," was shown Tuesday night.

An exhibit by Portland artist Lynn-Marie Kara, who creates charcoal renditions from photographs of death camps and their victims, will be held today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Fir Room.

Also at the exhibit will be poems, translated into English and displayed in calligraphy, that were found written on the walls of the Auschwitz death camp and the Warsaw ghetto.

A candle-lighting ceremony and more poetry readings will be the highlights of a memorial service to be held in the EMU Courtyard by members of the JSU and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance. The service will be held Thursday.

Later the same day, readings from Ellie Wiesel, Nobel laureate and Holocaust survivor, can be heard from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Koinonia Center.

Historian David Biale will speak Friday from noon to 2 p.m. on his opinions that, while there is still an apathetic attitude toward the Holocaust, Jewish people tend to remember it "too much."

"Jews get real defensive. They're on the guard about calling things anti-semitism. Non-Jews don't remember enough about what happened," Kustner said, adding that Biale's point will be to bring the two attitudes together.

Kustner said she encourages University students to attend the events, especially Thursday's memorial service in the courtyard.

"When they see us standing out there reading poetry, rather than just walking by, we'd like them to stop a minute and listen," Kustner said. "A lot of the poetry was written by children."

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The commemoration began with a panel discussion between children of Holocaust survivors. The panelists related stories told to them by relatives who witnessed the mass extermination of millions of Europeans during World War II.

"The reason it's the children of survivors is a lot of the survivors are getting older and dying," Kustner said.

"It was very difficult for us to find survivors in Eugene, so we started with their children so that they could tell their parents' story."



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Activities calendar

Wednesday, April 13

"You Can Make a Difference" is a presentation by Sarah Weddington sponsored by the Cultural Forum. Weddington is an expert on leadership, law and women's issues. She also

defended Jane Roe in the landmark Supreme Court case *Roe vs. Wade* in 1972. She will speak in the EMU Fir Room at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free for University students and \$3 for the general public.

Day two of the ASUO Primary Elections is sponsored by the ASUO and the ASUO Elections Board. All registered students are eligible and encouraged to vote.

Thursday, April 14

"Martin Luther King Jr. and the Expansion of the American Revolution" is a presentation sponsored by CARP. James L. Bevel, chief strategist for King during the civil rights movement, will speak on his experiences with King and the state of today's civil rights movement at 7 p.m. in Straub Room 146. Admission is free.

A calendar of events will run depending on space available. In situations where space is limited, the Emerald will list events closest to the publication date.

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in the Friday, April 8, Oregon Daily Emerald that some Vietnam veterans who were unable to heal from the emotional wounds inflicted by the war exhibited symptoms of delayed stress reactions and mental disturbances. Wording of this statement should have read, "This can be seen in the

symptoms of post traumatic stress disorders exhibited by some war veterans who have not yet completed the healing process." In addition, Barbara Suza, Continuation Center office manager, was incorrectly identified as one of the conference coordinators. The Emerald apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.

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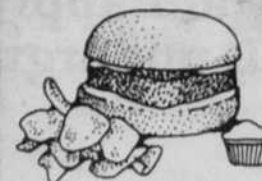


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