

Student Senate looks at toxic waste

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Emerald Reporter

Problems regarding toxic waste under the playing fields by the Autzen footbridge was a main issue discussed at the Student Senate meeting Thursday night.

Student Sen. Brian Hoop brought up the issue and suggested students take the initiative to start their own investigation of the toxic chemical waste dumped in 1976 before the playing fields existed.

The University and the city of Eugene have chosen to put the issue aside, Hoops said. He added that University Vice President for administration Dan Williams has known about the incident for the past three to four years.

Kirk Bailey, ASUO University affairs coordinator, said he discussed the toxic waste issue with Williams, who gave three reasons why an investigation has not started.

The first reason is the primary professor who was in charge of the dumping has died. No accurate reports exist containing detailed information of what and how much was dumped. It also is unknown if the waste was dumped in containers.

A press conference was held last month to discuss this issue after reporters pressured city officials. However, students were denied the right to attend the conference, Hoop said.

The Senate proposed a committee be estab-

lished to discuss the issue and possibly carry out an investigation.

Hoop also gave a report on the University and police forum held Wednesday evening.

Some of the main issues students raised included hate crimes, problems with transients in the Eugene business district and the increase in tickets for minor crimes such as jaywalking, Hoop said.

Another police forum will be held winter term to discuss issues and increase communication between the Eugene Police Department and students, said Bailey, who coordinated the forum.

Dalene Lovie, Student Senate member, discussed grievances filed by students. She said both the Senate and students are unsure of the policies regarding the number of finals allowed in one day.

Tiffany Weed, Student Senate chairwoman, asked Lovie to clarify the rules with the administration and post them in the grievance booth located in the EMU.

The Student Senate also confirmed Rachel Kelly for the Constitution Court, a committee that reviews the University Constitution and ASUO executive regulations.

Rosa Alba Valerino, Bethany Strasburg and David Funk were confirmed for positions on the Student Projects Inc., a board that oversees Foot-

Speaker to discuss South Africa

MEETINGS

Student Health Insurance Committee meets today at 1 p.m. in EMU Century Room D to discuss a mandatory insurance enrollment system.

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SPEAKERS AND LECTURES

Fred Drake from the African National Congress will speak on the current situation in South Africa Saturday night at 6 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room.

MISCELLANEOUS

International Coffee Hour is held every Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. in the EMU International Lounge. Free coffee and tea will be served, and everyone is welcome.

Newman Center's Twilight Retreat begins with supper tonight from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St.

"These Stories Don't Have Trees in Them," or "The Last Literary Aesthetic of the Planet

Earth," a work in progress, will be presented by Glen Love, professor of English. The event will be held today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and is a brown bag lunch.

University German Club invites all who are interested in the German language and culture to the Nikolaus Fest on Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Koimonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St. Those who attend are asked to bring baked goods and the holiday spirit.

Hanukkah vegie-potluck will be held Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call Jonah or David at 686-4366.

Chilean elections will be the topic of an open discussion today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 260 Condon Hall. A MEChA/Latin American Support Committee student delegation will go to Chile for the elections.

Project Saferide will be running the on-campus route Friday and Saturday. Please call 686-4239 or stop by EMU Suite 3 to confirm the off-campus/reserve van because of a shortage of drivers.

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