

Earth Week has OSPIRG celebrating its 20th anniversary

By Carrie Dennett
Emerald Reporter

The University chapter of Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group will celebrate its 20th anniversary tonight at 7 in the Gerlinger Lounge.

The event, which is part of Earth Week, is open to the public and will feature former OSPIRG executive directors Joel Ario and state Rep. Tom Novic, D-Portland, and state Sen. Grattan Kerans, D-Eugene, who was editor of the *Emerald* when OSPIRG first formed in 1971.

"Earth Day 1970 attracted a lot of speakers nationwide,"

OSPIRG coordinator Caitilin Twain said.

In October 1970, Ralph Nader spoke to an audience of more than 6,000 people at the University as an offshoot of Earth Day.

"The whole campus was really wanting to do something and not knowing how," OSPIRG member Mark Miller said.

Nader was directly involved in the Right to Know Act, and he encouraged the development of public interest groups.

After Nader's speech, 600 University students attended an organizational meeting with Nader and made the decision to

form the first PIRG in history.

The new organization was described as an "unprecedented experiment," combining student activism with professional expertise to make an impact on environmental, consumer and government issues.

In 1971, students at several state universities, private colleges and community colleges in Oregon gathered 27,000 signatures, representing 50 percent of the student population.

The petition and resolution read: "The purpose of OSPIRG shall be to articulate and pursue through the courts, the media, the institutions of government and other legal means,

the concerns of the students of the state of Oregon on issues of general public interest, in such areas as environmental preservation, and consumer protection."

OSPIRG was then approved by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education and incorporated as a non-profit organization.

"It's exciting to have it start here," Twain said.

Other campuses were trying to start PIRGs at the same time, Twain said, but the University was the first to officially organize one.

Twain said one of her efforts now is to educate the public

about what OSPIRG does.

"For some reason or other we've got a bad connotation in some groups," she said. "We're making sure people know what we're about."

"The first bottle bill in the United States was brought by OSPIRG," Twain said. "A lot of people don't realize that."

"I feel like OSPIRG is getting stronger and stronger on this campus," she said. "There was a lull for a while."

OSPIRG is currently working with students at Oregon State University to reinstitute a chapter there. OSU students are

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Candidate would shape up IFC

By Daralyn Trappe
Emerald Reporter

Incidental Fee Committee candidate Anthony Stumbo, one of eight students running for the three available one-year seats, said he thinks the IFC is currently financing unnecessary student expenses.

Stumbo, a sophomore sociology major, said he is concerned about "the abuses the IFC has perpetrated in the last couple of years," such as providing travel funds for trips that may not have been essential.

"I realize I can't change the system, but I can stop the worst of what they do," he said. "I'd like to see accountability on how funds were spent this year for next year's funding. It would be nice if they could tell you where the money went, which they can't do right now."

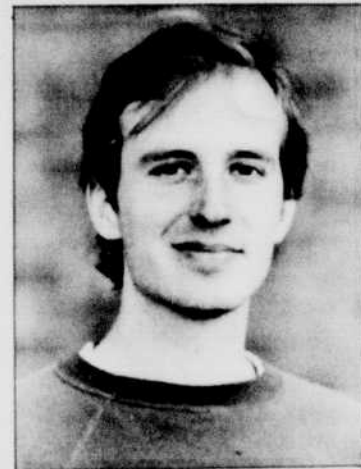
A member of the Survival Center and the Oregon Natural

Resources Council on campus, Stumbo said he believes the \$100 per term that students are currently paying in incidental fees is too high. He said cutting unnecessary expenses includes careful monitoring of how each group spends its money.

"I just find it interesting that some people are paid as much as \$300 a month out of the IFC funds," he said. "It's basically resume padding, such as some of the student officer positions."

"I'd like to see that the money they're budgeting for a group isn't being spent for something that's already on campus, such as magazines that are already purchased at the library, or that people aren't receiving stipends for two different groups at the same time, as happened this year."

Stumbo said, with all the student groups on campus, the IFC can only hope to cut the worst of the abuses, but "they



Anthony Stumbo

made no attempt to do that this year.

"I'd like to see a renovation to some degree of how records are kept — perhaps a computer system rather than a shoebox. It's \$4.1 million and they should be able to tell you where the money goes."

Film depicts life of Czar

MEETINGS

General "Mystery" Meeting for all ALD/PES Members in Cedar F-EMU at 7 p.m.

Students for Health Care meets for an organizational meeting in EMU Suite 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Amnesty International will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 179 Straub Hall.

Pre-Law Society meets tonight at 7:30 in the EMU Gumwood Room.

Asian/Pacific American Student Union meets for a general meeting to update weekend picnic information at 6 p.m. in the EMU Maple Room.

Christian Science Organization will hold a meeting tonight in EMU Century Room B from 5 to 6 p.m.

Jewish Student Union meets in EMU Century Room E at 6:30 p.m.

University Democrats meet for a general interest meeting in EMU Suite 1 at 7 p.m.

KRMA meets for a general interest meeting in Room 155 Straub Hall at 6 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

"Women Who Love Too Much" is the topic of a lecture planned tonight at 7 at Westmoreland Community Center, 1345 W. 22nd Ave. For more information call Nancy Kilgore at 344-1832.

Agonia (Rasputin) Klimov's film of Czar Nicholas II will be shown tonight at 6:30 in Room 115 Pacific Hall. The showing is part of the Soviet and East European Film series.

"Hiking the Central Oregon Cascades" is the topic of a slide presentation and a lecture by local author William Sullivan that will be shown tonight at 7:30 in Room 100 Willamette Hall. The event is sponsored by the University Outdoor Program.

CD-ROM Tutorial: PSYCLIT (psychology) for those who are interested in learning about the

library's computerized database to find information in psychology. The session will take place in the reference department of the Knight Library at 2 p.m.

CD-ROM Tutorial: MEDLINE (medicine) is a session for those interested in learning the library's computerized database to find information in medicine. The session will be in the Science Library's reference area at 10:30 a.m.

"The Second Coming of Christ" is the topic for the Round Table discussion at 7 p.m. in EMU Century Room F. The discussion is sponsored by the Restoration Campus Ministry.

"International Studies: A Major for You?" is the title of the workshop sponsored by the Academic Advising and Student Services at 3:30 p.m. in Room 164 Oregon Hall.

Cholesterol screening in the Student Health Center from 9:11-30 a.m. The test is free with University identification and is sponsored by the Lifestyle's Planning Program.

Life Choices/Reproductive Decisions will be the topic for discussion in EMU Century Room from 7 to 8:30 p.m. An interview is requested for this open group sponsored by Women in Transition. Call 346-4099 or 346-4085 for details.

Rape Survivors are invited to an open group discussion sponsored by Women in Transition from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. An interview with a facilitator is requested. For details and location call the WIT office at 346-4099 or 346-4095.

New Directions - Women over 35 is the topic at the open group discussion sponsored by Women in Transition from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room E. A facilitator interview is requested.

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