

ACORN CLUB

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body worker is brought in to provide massages.

Local restaurants donate food so there are always refreshments at the club, and Penman said she picks up flowers each week "so the place looks festive."

The Lane County AIDS Hospice Services Inc., a community non-profit corporation, created the Acorn Club in May 1991.

Financial support for the club comes from donations to the Lane County AIDS Hospice Services.

The club is run on a drop-in basis and about 15 people attend each meeting, Penman said.

Redfield said the club serves a dual purpose. It gives people who are HIV-positive "something to come out of the house for" and provides a needed break to care-givers who may be "totally run-down," Redfield said.

Willamette AIDS Council education and outreach coordinator Doug DeWitt said the Acorn Club provides psychological care for members, which is just as important as medical care.

"There is a major bias to HIV and people who are HIV-positive," DeWitt said. "The Acorn Club is a safe place to be and talk and avoid all this awful stuff directed at people with HIV."

Lane County AIDS Hospice Services' agenda includes the creation of an Acorn House, Redfield said. The proposed specialized living facility will house five to 10 people who are in the advanced stages of AIDS and who are unable to care for themselves. Also welcome will be those who are homeless or whose family and friends can no longer adequately meet their care needs.

Acorn House will be staffed by health care professionals who will be trained to provide 24-hour care to meet all of the needs of people with AIDS, Redfield said Lane County

AIDS Hospice Services staff are now writing for grants from private, corporate and federal sources to fund the house.

Once a person is found to be HIV-positive, he or she can never get beyond the harsh reality of the disease, Robert said.

"It's constantly on your mind," Robert said. "Everything you do is colored by it and everything you say is colored by it. AIDS is awful. I've lived with knowing that someday I'm probably going to get sick with a terminal illness."

However, services like the Acorn Club have provided comfort to people who are HIV-positive, Robert said.

"AIDS is a very intense disease which brings about very intense emotions," he said. "A non-threatening place can be good, even a healing tool. The Acorn Club was a very non-threatening thing for me to become involved with."

For more information about the Acorn Club, call Heather at 687-2139.

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"Should there be a challenge to the University's speech code, more weight will probably be given to the Oregon Constitution than to the federal Constitution."

Dave Fidanque, associate director of the ACLU in Oregon, said that the University's speech code may indeed be unconstitutional.

"The University of Oregon code is unconstitutional, or part of it. I think at least some members of the administration are aware of that," he said.

In Section 19 of the Student Conduct Code, the University prohibits harassment on University property or at University-sponsored or supervised activities on the basis of race, color, gender, national origin, age, religion, marital status, disability, veteran status or sexual orientation.

Section 19B prohibits hate speech in the following circumstances: "Specifically insulting another person in his or her immediate presence with abusive words or gestures when a reasonable person would expect that such act would cause emotional distress or provoke a violent response."

Fidanque said it is this portion of Section 19 that may be unconstitutional.

"It's fine for the University to prohibit students from intentionally provoking a fight, ... but they can't prohibit all conduct that might be considered offensive," he said.

Peter Swan, a University law school professor and legal affairs assistant to President Myles Brand, said the speech code is constitutional.

"I've taken great care, and made many revisions to make sure it is in accordance with the state and federal constitutions," he said.

Fidanque said that universities should use education, not punishment, to stop hate speech.

"The attempts to punish those kind of statements can make it more difficult to root it out, because it just gets driven further underground," he said.

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MEETINGS

UO/UES Sister University Project will have a general meeting tonight at 5 in EMU Century Room E. Call 689-1036 for more information.

The Fluency Support Group meets every Tuesday for people who stutter. New members and drop-ins welcome. The group meets from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Universal Clinical Services, 901 E. 13th Ave., Room 161. Call 346-3591 for more information.

EMU Board of Directors House Committee will meet tonight at 5. The Event Charge Review Committee will meet today from 3 to 6:30 p.m. in the EMU Board Room. Call 346-3720 for more information.

OSPIRG National Toxics Grass Roots Project meeting will take place tonight at 5 in the EMU Cedar Room C. Call 346-4377 for more information.

OPSIRG Toy Safety Project will meet tonight at 5 in EMU Suite One. Call 346-4377 for more information.

Amnesty International general meeting will take place tonight at 7:30 in EMU Cedar Room E. Call 683-4960 for more information.

Pre-Law Society general meeting will be tonight at 7:30 in EMU Ben Linder Room. Call 342-3076 for more information.

News Department meeting for KVAL has been canceled. Future meetings will take place on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in 215 Allen. Call 346-4091 for more information.

OSPIRG Recycling Project group meeting will be tonight at 5:30 in EMU Suite One. Call 346-4377 for more information.

RALLY

Support Rally for Professor Anita Hill will take place today at 2:30 p.m. in the EMU Courtyard.

MISCELLANEOUS

Blood Drive will take place today from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room. Call 344-1406 for more information.

Stress Management Workshop will take place tonight at 7 in the EMU Gumwood Room. Call 346-3218 for more information.

Health care forum will take place tonight at 7:30 in the EMU Maple Room. Call 484-6854 for more information.

Health care information table will be set up in the EMU Lobby today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 484-6854 for more information.

Ballroom Dance Swing Workshop will take place tonight at 8:30 in 219 Gerlinger.

Politics of the Ancient Forest is the topic of a program taking place tonight at 7:30 at the Roosevelt Middle School cafeteria, 24th Avenue and Hilyard Street. The program is sponsored by the Sierra Club.

OPPORTUNITIES

Bidding for the following companies takes place today through Wednesday in 244 Hendricks:
 Chevron Corporation
 Wal-Mart Corporation
 Wallace Computer Services, Inc.
 E & J Gallo Winery
 Great Western Life Insurance Co.
 Frito-Lay, Inc.
 Northwestern Mutual Life

CD-ROM Tutorial: PSYCLIT (psychology). Learn to use the library's computerized database to find information in psychology. The tutorial will take place today at 2 p.m. in the reference department of the Knight Library.

RELIGION

Praise gathering will take place tonight at 8 at the Wheeler House, 995 Alder St. All students are invited for singing, bible study, prayer and refreshments. Sponsored by Restoration Campus Ministry.

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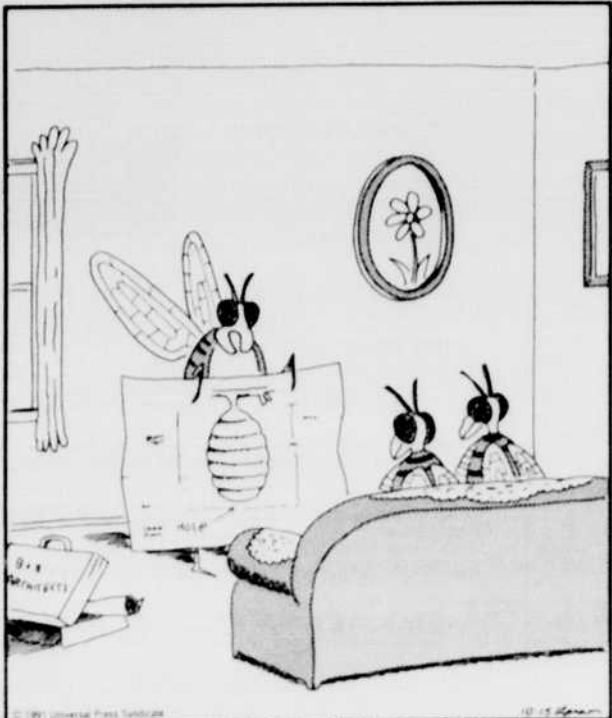
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