

COMMUNITY

New class gives students community education

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Dubbed a "social survival class," the University's new course, The Community, offers students a chance to explore community government, economics and social interaction.

Every Tuesday evening, a group of about 170 students gathers to hear speakers discuss their experiences with such topics as home birthing and activism.

The three-credit course is taught by graduate student Tim Ingalsbee. Ingalsbee said The Community is "a social survival class exploring how we can survive in a socially harmonious, ecologically sustainable, and personal planetary responsible manner."

Ingalsbee said he always wanted to take a course like The Community during his 12 years at the University, but the school never offered one. The class invites speakers because they give examples of the community that the students are studying, he said.

"The guests offer flesh-and-blood living examples that validate some of the abstract information that we get from lectures," he said. "They are the most powerful because they speak from their hearts."

Jennifer Cook, a general science major, said the speakers are eye-opening.

"It does hit home," she said. "It's not college-educated. It's people out there from the world. It makes you question your own lifestyle and your

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In one class, 10 adults from Lost Valley Educational Center, a non-profit educational community located in Dexter, spoke about home education.

The center focuses on educating people about sustainable agriculture, human-made environments, and personal and spiritual growth. It also specializes in teaching the children in the community at home.

Speaker Elise Schaljo, a member of the center, told the class she preferred to have her children taught at home because she didn't want them to be in an environment in which they had to learn a specific subject at a given time.

"When the children and I are in synchronicity, there is a tangible feeling in the air," Schaljo said. "We are connected. It is a

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BLM to allow public tree cutting on 2 sites

People who can't find the right Christmas tree from the local parking lot vendor, can hunt down and chop their own tree this year at one of two government sites.

The Bureau of Land Management will allow public tree-cutting on two of its sites the first two weeks in December.

Permits for cutting, which can only be obtained at the tree-cutting sites from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, cost \$3 a tree. Each family or group is limited to cutting three trees.

Maps to the tree-cutting locations can be picked up at the Eugene BLM office at 2890 Chad Drive from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Christmas tour to feature historic home

This holiday season Eugene-area residents can attend the "Victorian Christmas Tour," a tour of a historic house built by a relative of Abraham Lincoln.

The Douglas House, built in 1908 by Lincoln's cousin, Samuel Douglas, will be open Dec. 14 for public viewing from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tour will feature elegant Christmas decorations, refreshments, a country store and drawings for prizes.

Tickets are \$5 at the door and proceeds go to the Springfield Museum's permanent exhibit fund.

The house, located at 961 South 32nd St. in Springfield, is an example of turn-of-the-century architecture and has a third-floor ballroom.

Before the house was moved to its present location it was on a dairy farm owned by Douglas.

Basketball fans get LTD shuttle service Dec. 5

Lane Transit District's park-and-ride shuttle bus service for University men's basketball fans will begin with the Dec. 5 Fresno State game.

The LTD shuttle service will continue through the remainder of the 1991-92 basketball season.

The shuttle bus fare is 75 cents each way for adults and 35 cents for children 11 and under.

People can catch the shuttles from South Eugene High School at 19th Avenue and Patterson Street every 15 minutes, beginning 58 minutes before tip-off.

The shuttle will leave the River Road Transit Station every 20 minutes, beginning an hour and 15 minutes before tip-off. The Springfield Transit Station will pick up fans every 25 minutes, beginning an hour and 10 minutes before tip-off.

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