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Spine align



Bruce Gates, of the Oregon Vertebrarium in Springfield, gives a free demonstration of spine alignment to freshman Tate Sundance Monday in the EMU Lobby.

Photo by Jeff Paslay

Film to give voice to students of color

□ Professor videotapes interviews with students to provide insight that a panel discussion can't give

By Daralyn Trappe
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When University associate Professor Julia Lesage took part in the Affirmative Action Task Force on campus last year, she noticed the experiences of students of color were, in her opinion, lost in the "language of bureaucracy."

As a faculty member in the telecommunication and film department, Lesage put her knowledge of that medium to work in a project that is allowing students of color to give their opinions, share their backgrounds and relate their experiences in their own words.

Lesage and Diana Kale, special projects coordinator at the Office of Student Development, interviewed and videotaped 16 University students. Lesage is in the process of having the

film edited. Two of the individual interviews have been edited, and the IMC will receive the tapes for viewing as they are finished.

Lesage hopes to air the finished versions on a local cable access channel.

In addition, a tape which includes many students' comments will be compiled. A professional production house in Chicago is providing a grant to edit the film, which will be titled *In Plain English*.

Lesage said most of the students spoke about similar experiences at the University. Because of the relatively small number of minorities on campus, many told Lesage they are consistently expected to talk about their race and ethnic heritage by speaking on panels and otherwise educate students "against the grain of the curriculum," Lesage said.

The interviews focused not only on the experiences at the University, such as a Euro-centric curriculum, encounters with racism and the expecta-

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Local group collecting signatures to defeat golf course

□ Initiative would ban Lane County commissioners from going ahead with a proposal to build a golf course in Alton Baker Park

By Hope Nealson
Emerald Reporter

A Eugene group opposed to a proposed golf course in Alton Baker Park has been collecting signatures around campus to get an initiative on the ballot that would prohibit construction of the course in the park's eastern section.

Sharon Teague, a member of Alton Baker for All of Us, said a number of reasons exist for opposing a golf course in the park.

"It is a park," she said. "It was set aside as a park and should remain as a park."

Teague said her primary reason for not wanting the course is that she favors keeping the natural habitat intact.

Teague uses the heavily wooded area to educate children participating in the non-profit group, Nearby Nature, which offers classes that teach wildlife information first hand.

Teague said the area has also been used by elementary school classes to go on nature walks.

The 237-acre section currently includes meadows, woodlands, old filbert orchards, riparian forests, a pond, a canoe canal, bike trails, a BMX track and the Pre's Trail.

About 70 acres overlies the old Day Island Landfill, a residential landfill that was closed in 1974.

Teague said putting a golf course on top of an old landfill could pose an environmental threat if hazardous materials rise to the surface.

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— Ellie Dumdi
Lane County commissioner

"Dumping all the water on the golf course to irrigate it and maintaining a flat surface when there is all the garbage rotting underneath could be dangerous," she said.

But Lane County Commissioner Ellie Dumdi said both the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Environmental Quality have stated that the landfill would pose no threat with an added three feet of new soil over the top.

Dumdi said a golf course would not only produce needed revenue for the city, but would help maintain the park's natural beauty as well.

"It would beautify the area," Dumdi said. "It's conducive to the existing habitat because of the vegetation."

Although there are several golf courses in the area, she said not all of them are regulation size or open to the public.

Dumdi said she is aware of the anti-golf course group and has no problem letting the people decide what should be done through a vote.

"I know I've talked to a lot of people who are very supportive of the golf



Photo by Jeff Paslay

Eugene voters may decide the fate of a proposed golf course at Alton Baker Park.

course and haven't been as vocal as people who aren't," she said.

Teague said the initiative would not only prohibit construction of a golf course, but would set up a citizens planning committee to decide how the 237 acre area should be used.

"As a group we haven't come up with a proposal," she said. "We have a direction in terms of preserving natural values."

"We're not saying it should remain the way it is, but there are a lot of natural values of the area that should be enhanced."

Dumdi said there is a way to build a golf course and still have the BMX track, Pre's Trail and bike trails around the perimeter, perhaps by building a smaller facility.

Dumdi said the key is to get all the

tions out there and figure out the best solution for the park.

"We're trying to do something that would make it an attractive entrance to the park, and I don't think it's going to be left in its undeveloped state," she said. "There will be some kind of development."

Dumdi said if a golf course doesn't materialize, perhaps playing fields with lights and fences would.

Dumdi said the Lane County Commission is still in an information gathering mode, but the commission voted 4-1 to move forward in the process and screen potential bidders.

A golf selection committee has approved two companies in its initial qualifications, and one, the Texas based Golf Services is drawing up a proposal for an 18-hole golf course.