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Native Americans provide outreach

□ Tribal Outreach, an inter-tribal organization, uses University-owned longhouse for weekly potlucks, socializing

By Lisa Millegan
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The brightly lit windows of the house make it stand out in the dark parking lot. Inside, children are playing, women are talking, and two men in the corner are beating drums and chanting.

One woman nibbles on a piece of bread, but most people have finished eating. Plates of food waiting to be taken home line several tables.

Located near the University Museum

of Natural History, next to 15th Avenue and Agate Street, the long, white house has become the site of weekly potlucks organized by the American Indian group Tribal Outreach.

"There's a lot of people there that otherwise would not see each other during the week," said Tribal Outreach board member John Yellowbear.

Based in Eugene, Tribal Outreach is a non-profit intertribal organization that aids Native Americans.

The longhouse, which is owned by the University, was vacant and was in bad condition when Tribal Outreach approached the school about using it.

In return for making some repairs, including painting the building, the University agreed to let Tribal Outreach use it for free. The Native American Student

Union also uses the building.

Scheduled from 7 to 10 p.m. every Friday night, the potlucks are designed to offer often financially strapped students an inexpensive way to socialize.

"There's not much here for you to do unless you have money," said Cherokee Schmerber, Tribal Outreach co-director. "Pick a sport for Friday and you have to have \$35 in your pocket (for your family) to do it."

Schmerber and her husband, Joe, who is the group's other director, said only three or four people were attending the potlucks when they started this summer. Now, the gatherings average about 50 people.

"They give people something to look

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Lionel Carroll drums at the longhouse used by Tribal Outreach, a Eugene-based intertribal organization that aids American Indians.

Fiddlin' in the rain



Violinist Carl Carter entertains passers-by on 13th Avenue on a rainy Wednesday.

Duck Call changes will help seniors

By Karen Engels
Emerald Reporter

A restructuring of the Duck Call access schedule for spring term registration should cause seniors less anxiety this time around.

Seniors with a minimum of 165 credits will now register before their counterparts with 150 credits or less and those at the junior/senior borderline of 135 credits.

In the new registration schedule, juniors, sophomores and freshmen are also now each divided into three divisions by number of credits earned.

The change is in direct response to

student concerns, said Registrar Herb Chereck. During the November winter term Duck Call, several students from all class levels visited Chereck's office, concerned about their late registration times and availability of classes. Some were just shy of the number of credits required to schedule at the next class level up and had late scheduling times with the class below.

The change should remedy those problems, Chereck said. Duck Call adjustments were primarily done "in fairness to the seniors," he said. "They need their credits to get out the door."

The number of credits or transfer credits earned by Feb. 17 indicates a

student's registration time. Winter term credits or finished incompletes not officially recorded before Feb. 17 are not included in this total, Chereck said.

During the last Duck Call, many students erroneously counted fall term credits toward their totals while figuring their registration times. They were then unpleasantly surprised when they tried and failed to access Duck Call at the erroneous times.

Duck Call will begin Feb. 24 and will continue until March 13, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. The access schedule and instructions for the touch-tone registration are in the spring term time schedule, available at Oregon Hall.

DUCK CALL ACCESS SCHEDULE	
Registration by credits	
Graduate	0 - 999 Feb. 24
Senior	165+ Feb. 24 - 26
Senior	150 - 164 Feb. 27 - 28
Senior	135 - 149 Feb. 28 - Mar. 2
Junior	120 - 134 Mar. 2
Junior	105 - 119 Mar. 3 - 4
Junior	90 - 104 Mar. 4
Sophomore	75 - 89 Mar. 5
Sophomore	60 - 74 Mar. 5 - 6
Sophomore	45 - 59 Mar. 6 - 9
Freshman	30 - 44 Mar. 9
Freshman	15 - 29 Mar. 9 - 10
Freshman	0 - 14 Mar. 10
Community Ed.	0 - 999 Mar. 13

Source: Spring Term Schedule

Graphed by Jeff Peeler

TOXIC TIDES

Two University professors will join other experts this month in Oregon to discuss a toxin affecting shellfish off the West Coast.

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INJUNCTION

A federal judge in Portland issued a preliminary injunction Wednesday blocking logging in northern spotted owl habitat.

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AT HOME

The Duck women play Arizona State tonight at Mac Court.

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