

# OSPIRG volunteers help children clean up stream

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A box spring, a purse, a baby chair — these are but a few of the items pulled out of the Cal Young Middle School drainage ditch by the school's Environmental Solutions class and some OSPIRG volunteers.

The project is funded by a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency and is coordinated by Ken Shindledecker, a biology teacher at Cal Young.

Shindledecker said the purpose of the project is twofold: to significantly improve the environmental quality of the stream and its inhabitants, and to involve students in creating and implementing environmental solutions in their community.

The intent is to return the stream to its natural state, including replacing existing blackberry bushes with indigenous species and to maintain a channel for flood control and drainage, Shindledecker said.

Shindledecker said the project would take 10 to 15 years to complete but believes that the students have created a partnership with the environment and will continue to take an interest in the project even when they leave Cal Young.

"I think people should be more considerate of where they throw their trash. I think they are very thoughtless," said Bethany Ford, 12.

Colden Baxter, Tanya Stiller, Kurt Lachcik and Sue Owen, all University students, volunteer their time to the project through OSPIRG.

"It's an opportunity for University students concerned with the environment to actually do something and see results," said Baxter, who will receive degrees this June in both biology and geology.

The project also provides experience for people interested in humans interacting with the ecosystem in a sustainable way, Baxter said.

The clean-up process happens once a week. This week the class and the OSPIRG volunteers are



Bethany Ford, 12, and University student Colden Baxter remove debris from the Cal Young Middle School drainage ditch as part of the school's Environmental Solutions class' effort to restore the stream.

taking a field trip to the Fern Ridge Reservoir to inspect streams that are in their natural

state. Shindledecker is planning on sending his students door to door

in a couple of weeks to try and inspire the community to take part in the project.

# Vigil brings JSU, LGBA together

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Sunday night a small group gathered in the EMU Courtyard for a candlelight vigil, marking the closure of Gay Pride Week and the beginning of Shoah Week, the remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

The vigil was a joint effort of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance and the Jewish Student Union.

"I feel it's important for student unions to do things together," said Yohanna Kinberg, co-director of the JSU and organizer of the vigil.

Gay Pride Week has gained more recognition with students on the University campus recently.

"We had a huge crowd for Queer Fest both last year and this year," said Sarah Ross, co-director of LGBA.

The vigil was seen as an important addition to pride week because it recognizes the oppression of homosexuals in Nazi Germany 50 years ago.

"When I was growing up, I was taught to not only remember the oppression but also to remember the resistance," said Alice Kinberg, a local Jewish community leader who joined the University vigil to show her support, along with her husband Rabbi Myron Kinberg.

"If I had lived in another time in Germany, even though I am a blond-haired blue-eyed German, I would have been persecuted because I am a lesbian," said Elisabeth Alsen, an international student from Germany. "When you become a lesbian, you change your whole entire history."



A Sunday night vigil in the EMU Courtyard remembered the homosexual victims of the Holocaust.

Several people in the vigil made reference to the Oregon Citizens Alliance when speaking about the Holocaust, reminding each other to not believe that oppression toward minorities was over.

The Queer Fest is probably the most memorable, if not most noticed, event of Gay Pride Week in students' minds. Friday's Queer Fest show was a lip-sync show with long-legged queens baring names like Mona and Camille and hip-hop groups like the Little Dykettes.

# Holocaust remembered

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Shoah Week, the Jewish Student Union-sponsored remembrance of the Holocaust, is more than an examination of past atrocities.

"Societies have the power of mass extermination," said Yohanna Kinberg, JSU co-director. Remembering the Holocaust "opens our eyes about genocide and ethnocide in our communities today," she said.

Kinberg used the past and present treatment of Native Americans as an example. "The government has made a deliberate attempt to put political and economic interests above nations of peoples," she said. "It is like what happened in our Holocaust."

Drawing links to current issues was central in the planning of Shoah Week. A panel of Holocaust survivors and liberators — those who helped Jews escape concentration camps — will speak today on issues ranging from the conflict in Bosnia to Oregon's Ballot Measure 9, an anti-gay initiative.

"We want to talk about our own communities," Kinberg said. "We have defeated Measure 9, but what's next? Who's next?"

Tuesday, Dalia Offer of Hebrew University in Jerusalem will speak on U.S. foreign policy. Like today's Haitian refugees at Florida's coast, Jews were turned away from New York harbor during World War II. "They were sent back home to die," Kinberg said.

Shoah Week, so named for the Hebrew word for Holocaust, will continue through Sunday. "It is a powerful time," Kinberg said. "It is a time to remember what happened, and to remind us of justice and equality issues today."

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