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Multicultural Center hires GTF

By Daniel West

The graduate teaching fellow for the Multicultural Center was recently named.

Diane George, who has a master's degree in industrial relations from the University, is a law graduate from St. Louis University. George is currently employed at Lane Community College in affirmative action.

"She showed a real understanding for the dynamics of the task to launch a program like this." said Frank Geltner, EMU assistant director. "She was very friendly and personable. I suppose that the students sized her up and they felt she would work well with peers."

Although it may seem that George is the perfect person for the job. this position is temporary, and hiring for a permanent GTF will resume in June of next year. Until then, she has a lot of work ahead of her.

Specifically, George's position is to assist in the supervision of the Multicultural Center. Also, she will aid in the implementation and direction of the center.

George's responsibilities include working with students. administrators and faculty in fostering the ideals and goals of the Multicultural Center.

Although the GTF will play a crucial role in the supervision and the shaping of the center, it's important to note that overall operations of the center will be conducted by a board of directors

"The center will be guided by a board of directors. In hiring a GTF, we didn't hire a director,' Geltner said.

The board of directors mainly will comprise all interested students, including one representative from each ethnic student union and international student union, and Eric Ward, a graduate of the University and the originator of the center. This board will oversee the center and organize programs that the center will feature.

In general, the purpose of the center is to bring together the various groups and organizations on campus to expose them to the complex issues of multiculturalism in the community. Also, the center aids the advancement of the academic and cultural experience of the students at the University.

The Multicultural Center is scheduled to open early next year. The center will feature art exhibits, poems and lectures from people of various ethnic backgrounds. It will also have presentations and conferences on the issue of multiculturalism.

Auction to benefit AIDS services

By Kim Challis-Roth regon Daily En

The high bidders at the "Gifts from the Heart" benefit auction Saturday in the EMU Ballroom may walk away with original art, an antique desk or a weekend vacation package, but the real winners will be the people of Lane County, organizers say.

All proceeds will be used for support services for people with HIV or AIDS and for local HIV prevention education, said Genna Southworth, director of HIV/AIDS Resources, Inc. She said she expects the auction to be a success.

"People like to give money to non-profit orga-nizations." Southworth said, "but they also like to get something tangible in return. An auction is more fun than sticking a check in the mail.

Last year the auction brought in \$23,000, and Southworth said the goal this year is \$25,000.

The auction will be co-hosted by state Rep. Cynthia Wooten. Wooten said she believes it's important to keep HIV/AIDS information in front of the general public.

'Over 1,300 Lane County residents have died from AIDS-related illness," Wooten said. "It's important to realize it's not a trend or a phase ... it's not going to go away. We need to remain vigilant in getting information to people about safe sex and the danger of AIDS and we need to start locally."

Wooten said she is involved with the auction for another reason as well.

Look at the timing. It's the perfect way to start the holidays," she said with a grin. "And besides, it's a lot of fun.'

Southworth agrees. "Auctions are fun in themselves, but we also have some surprises lined up," she said. "For \$10 a person, you can buy a balloon with a number in it that corresponds with a mystery prize.'

Other donated items up for bid include an antique secretary desk, erotic art prints from China and a coastal getaway package complete with bed and breakfast accommodations and horseback riding on the beach. Bids open for the silent auction at 5 p.m. and will continue until the regular auction begins at 7 p.m. Larry Tardie will serve as auctioneer.

Tickets, which include light hors d'oeuvres, are \$10 in advance and \$11 at the door. For more information call HIV/AIDS Resources, Inc. at 342-5088.

Hate Free Week ends with workshop

By Jenni Stone

For the Oregon Daily Emerald

Hate Free Week events end today with a sexual assault prevention workshop, which complements the Violence Against Women Campaign beginning in December, according to ASUO Safety Affairs.

"The workshop will start people thinking about increasing safety for women," said Shannon Wall, executive assistant for Safety Affairs. "The Violence Against Women Campaign is basically doing the same thing."

Wall will facilitate the workshop with another executive assistant for Safety Affairs, Derby Johnston. Both women have been trained in sexual assault prevention.

Split into three one-hour sec-

tions, the workshop will focus heavily on group participation in different discussions.

Planned for the first hour is a discussion on facts, myths and definitions of sexual assault. A video will be shown with a discussion following.

The workshop will conclude with a review and group talk on the resources available on campus that deal with sexual assault and its prevention.

"It's an opportunity for people to learn skills for their future," Wall said. "It all starts with education and prevention."

Wall said there has been a great deal of learning throughout the week. Many stereotypes, she said, have been taken apart by those participating.

"This week has gone really

well," said Troy Shields, ASUO Safety Affairs coordinator. "It's my view that Hate Free Week will turn into something big."

Wall said she was pleased with the week on the whole, though there wasn't a huge campus response. She blamed low student participation on the preoccupation with Measure 5 ramifications, lack of free time and midterms

Safety Affairs is preparing for the Dec. 6 kickoff of the Violence Against Women Campaign and planned the sexual assault workshop accordingly.

It will get people actively thinking and becoming involved with violence issues, Wall said.

The workshop begins today at 1 p.m. in EMU Century Room A and is open to the public.

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 The bicycle path, playing field and parking lot south of Knight Library will be closed Saturday morning as a heli-copter will lift two air-conditioning units onto the library's roof.

The closures are necessary to maintain a clear flight path to lift the units, which together weigh nearly two tons. The equipment will be picked up from the University parking lot on East 16th Avenue - between the library and the School of Music - between 7:30 and 8 a.m., and noise from the helicopter may disturb residents near the area.

When in place, the equipment will provide an air-conditioned environment for storage of rare books, manuscripts and photo materials in the library's Special Collections department. The work is part of the \$7.67 million renovation of the 237,000-square foot library. • About 1,600 prospective University students and their families will visit the campus this weekend to learn about college life and what the University has to offer.

A preview for prospective music majors titled "Prelude: An Introduction to the School of Music" will be Saturday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the School of Music.

"Duck Preview Day," Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., will give interested students and their families the opportunity to attend sample academic courses and talk with professors from each department.

Seminars about career planning, housing and financial aid are scheduled, and campus tours will be given. Event participants must check in at McArthur Court.

To attend either of the events, contact the University Office of Admissions at 346-3201, or call toll-free in Oregon, 1-800-BE-A-DUCK.