

# UNIVERSITY

## Budget cuts reduce services for veterans

By Daniel Brown  
For the Oregon Daily Emerald

Four work-study veterans face not only loss of employment but reduced services. Lane County Veterans' Services office recently announced a reduction in services for veterans, their surviving spouses and dependent children.

In a press conference Friday morning at the county veterans' services office, Clint Heath, a veterans' services officer, explained the results of budget cuts.

"Not only have the cuts hurt the staff here in the office, but we had to cut all outreach services too," Heath said. "That means no services for house-bound veterans in towns

like Florence, Cottage Grove and Junction City and such."

Services the veterans services office provides include some coordination between the host of veterans' organizations in the area, information and support for veterans trying to get benefits from federal Veterans' Affairs, and compassionate humanitarian aid to veterans. Lane County contracts operation of the office to Vietnam Veterans of America #114, the oldest chapter in the state. The local office consists of an office manager, three veterans' services officers and four work-study veterans.

There are about 35,000 veterans in Lane County. The United States

Department of Veterans' Affairs indicated that last year they received more than \$24 million in benefits and other monies. Much of it, as Heath said, was through assistance and support from the veterans services office.

"It's quite an investment, if you ask me," said Tom Stewart, a veteran of the Vietnam conflict. "For the \$50,000 the county invests we return \$24 million."

Stewart went on to suggest the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs is "the adversary" and veterans are forced to earn their benefits twice — "once in military service and once through the V.A., and this office is an invaluable help."

## Classes on law offered to public

By Julie Swensen  
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University students and community members who have legal questions about topics ranging from bankruptcy to how to clear a credit report can obtain free legal information through a program offered at the University School of Law.

The People's Law School has presented lectures to the public for years on those topics and others such as employment discrimination, personal injury, and what to do if you're charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. The lectures, which are taught by local practicing attorneys and law school students, will be presented in an eight-week series beginning next month.

While the classes can't offer specific legal advice on a particular case, the lectures do provide general legal information and can educate members of the community on what rights exist for them in the judicial system.

"It's important for people to realize that the law school is not just here to educate students, but that it also wants to provide for the community," said Angi Lee, director of the People's Law School.

The organization, which has been around since the 1970s, was established out of a desire for community outreach on behalf of the students and local attorneys, said Dave Frohnmayer, dean of the law school.

"There's a great hunger for legal knowledge, and a great need for it," Frohnmayer said. "There ought to be ways people can get that without attending three years of law school."

The classes are beneficial because they allow people who are considering filing for bankruptcy, for example, to learn about the options available to them without having to pay a consultation fee to a private attorney, Lee said.

The program also benefits the lawyers, who are given an avenue to perform community service, and the law students, who are considering going into a certain area of law, Lee said.

There has been a good response from the community to the program, said Teri Lemman, executive assistant to the dean at the law school. People often call the law school to ask what the topic for the next class will be, and some people come every night that the lectures are offered.

"There's a regular group of people who count on it," Lemman said.

All classes start at 7 p.m. and are held in Room 129 of the law school. The schedule of topics for February through March is as follows: Bankruptcy, Feb. 2; Juvenile Law, Feb. 9; Criminal Law, Feb. 16; Wills and Trusts, Feb. 23; Personal Injury, March 2; Employment Discrimination, March 9; What to do if you get a DUI, March 16; and Consumer Rights — How to clear your credit report, March 30.

For more information, contact Angi Lee at 345-5847.

## ART BRIEFS

• Stanford law Professor Ian Ayers will present a free lecture titled "Racial Discrimination in Bail Setting" at 4 p.m. today in Room 129 of the University School of Law. For more information, call the Black Student Union at 346-4379; the School of Law at 346-1561 or 346-3836; or Diane Wong at 346-2980.

• The University Lundquist Center for Business Development will sponsor an Oregon Enterprise Forum today at the Valley River Inn, 1000 Valley River Way, Eugene. The social hour with no-host cocktails begins at 5 p.m. and the program will last from 6 to 7:15 p.m. The Burley Design Cooperative, a tandem-bike manufacturer, will present its business plan, and panelists and the audience will be allowed to point out the strengths and weaknesses in the plan. The forum offers exposure to what's going on in the business community and how experts in operations, marketing and finance give advice to companies at a critical stage of development. The cost is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door, but University faculty and students can attend for \$5. For more information or to register, call Karlin Conklin at 346-3312.

• The film *A Celebration of Origins*, part of the Southeast Asian Brown Bag Talks, will be shown at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26 in EMU Century Room F. There is no admission charge. For more information, call 346-1521.

• Adventurer Liane Owen will share climbing slides and stories

from Chile's Torres del Paine to Denali at noon Wednesday in EMU Room 37. There is no admission charge. For more information, call 346-4365.

• Avalanche expert Jim Blanchard will offer a free presentation on avalanche safety and rescue procedures at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Room 242 of Gerlinger Hall. For more information, call 346-4365.

• Chris Daly will give a free presentation about the new Oregon precipitation map as part of the geography tea series at 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 in Room 106 Condon. For more information, call 346-4555.

• The University Museum of Natural History will present a lecture by Dave Brauner, an associate professor of anthropology at Oregon State University, entitled "Between the Lines: Early French-Canadian Settlement in the Willamette Valley," on Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the museum, 1680 E. 15th Ave. A \$1 donation is encouraged. The lecture is part of the museum's "How the West Was Really Won: Prehistoric and Historic Settlement in Oregon" series which will continue each Thursday until March 3. For more information, call the museum at 346-3024.

• Undergraduate fiction and poetry writers will read from their work as part of the University Kidd Tutorial Readings at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 in the Gumwood Room of the EMU. There is no admission charge. For more information, call 346-0540.

• The University School of Music Faculty String Quartet will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday at Beall Concert Hall, 961 E. 18th Ave. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and seniors. For more information, call 346-5678.

• "Soaring at the Soreng: Dance '94" will be presented by the University dance faculty and guest artists the Creach/Koester Dance Company at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, at the Soreng Theatre in the Hult Center. Faculty choreography and student dancers will be featured. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$6 for students and seniors. For more information, call Lisa Arkin at 346-3386 or 346-3387.

• *The Heidi Chronicles*, a play by Wendy Wasserstein, continues in the University's Robinson Theater, 1109 Old Campus Lane, at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$8, \$6 and \$4.50. For more information, call 346-4191.


• Saturday art classes for children will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at Lawrence Hall, 1190 Franklin Blvd., and will continue through March 5. The classes, which are taught by University students under the supervision of art faculty, offer students from kindergarten through the fifth grade an opportunity to participate in designed arts activities. The program is sponsored by the University Arts and Administration Program and the Continuing Education Office. For more information, call 346-4231.

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