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ASUO resigns from curriculum review group

Withdrawal: Student leaders said student concerns not included in the committee

By David Brotherton
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Frustrated that the University Assembly Committee on Multicultural Curriculum has turned into a forum "where true change can no longer take place," ASUO leaders announced Thursday they will not reappoint a student member.

Diana Collins-Puente, former ASUO vice president, vacated the APMC seat when she resigned from office last month.

The APMC, originally made up of nine faculty members and administrators and one student representative, was created in June 1993 to review the race, gender and non-European-American curriculum requirement created in 1988. It is currently examining a motion from the University Senate to modify this requirement, so as to more accurately reflect the needs of the University community.

The ASUO's decision to remove itself from the committee means there will no longer be a student member

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Eric Bowen and Leslie Warren announce at the University Assembly Committee on Multicultural Curriculum forum held Thursday that ASUO will not reappoint a student member to fill the APMC seat vacated by Diana Collins-Puente. MICHAEL SHINDLER/Emerald

Campus officials act quickly to clean up graffiti problem



The University has spent over \$4,000 last year cleaning up graffiti. John Stoops/for the Emerald

Vandalism: Number of incidents is increasing and removal is expensive

By Scott Rudi
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University student Helen Hoang returned to Eugene from a weekend in Portland with a nasty surprise waiting for her. While she was gone, someone had spray-painted an illegible and ugly piece of graffiti on her apartment complex.

"I wasn't sure if I was at the right place," she said. "It looked totally different from the building I was used to living in."

A recent increase in graffiti in the campus area has spurred officials to deal with the problem as quickly as possible, but the cleanup is costing the University thousands of dollars.

"The quick removal of graffiti is essential in deterring further acts of vandalism," said Uni-

versity Office of Public Safety Director Carey Drayton.

Drayton also said that by removing a "tag" — a spray-painted signature with possible gang themes — or other forms of graffiti quickly, the possibility of the same area being vandalized is reduced. In other words, a piece of graffiti left alone acts like a magnet for more graffiti.

To keep this from happening, as soon as an OPS officer spots a tag on campus, it is immediately reported to the University Physical Plant. All forms of graffiti on campus are photographed and filed for future reference. The problem usually is dealt with within a day, officials at the Physical Plant said.

This system seems to work. The proof is that while the number of incidents on campus is going up, the rate isn't increasing nearly as fast as in the

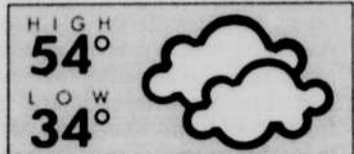
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GOOD MORNING

▶ WASHINGTON (AP) — Those fun-filled beer commercials at halftime may be influencing children to drink, according to research that found fifth-graders reciting slogans, reeling off brand names and saying they intended to drink frequently later in life.

And they get plenty of chances to absorb those commercials whenever they watch sports on TV. Researchers counted 685 alcohol ads during 122 televised sporting events, only three of which cautioned moderation in drinking.

"Their beliefs are being influenced, their beliefs about the positive consequences of drinking," said Joel Grube of the National Institute of Alcohol



Abuse and Alcoholism's Prevention Research Center. The institute is an arm of the government's National Institutes of Health.

The industry insists that it doesn't target underage consumers and that even if minors are exposed to the ads, it doesn't influence their behavior.

But Grube, in two studies to be published Friday in the American Journal of Public Health, found that not only are children bombarded with alcohol advertising, they link drinking with

"romance, sociability and relaxation."

Most of the 685 commercials Grube saw in 122 TV sporting events were flashy, fun-filled scenes with pulsating music that often contained celebrities — just the type to grab a child's attention, he said.

"I do not think the industry is intentionally trying to influence children," he said. "Whether it's intentional or not ... steps must be taken to make the ads less appealing to kids."

▶ CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Discovery's crew packed Thursday to come home after a mission that made history with its United States-Russian partnership but achieved mixed results on the science front.

Taco Bell plans for store on 13th Avenue

Franchise: Planners project opening date

By Lori Bettineski
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With the intent of catering directly to University students, Weber Enterprises will expand their Taco Bell franchise in Eugene by opening an express store on 884 E. 13th Ave. next to Big Town Hero.

"We have been wanting to get into the University of Oregon area for quite some time," said Ed Weber Jr., director of operations. "There is a lot of activity along the trade area on 13th right now that is worth investing in."

Although final permits have

delayed reconstruction on the former Red Dragon tattoo shop, Weber Enterprises' projected opening date is set for early spring.

"When we get the final green light, construction should move quite quickly," Weber said.

Despite the continued problem of vehicle traffic near the corner of East 13th Avenue, Weber doesn't expect traffic to increase with the new opening.

"I don't believe that there will be an increase in car traffic since we will be catering to high foot traffic," Weber said.

The competition among restaurants located near campus has

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