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Species topic of workshop

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Oregonians still live in a preserved environment and are relatively apathetic toward global environmental issues and particularly endangered species, said Bob Beisser of the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group.

"I come from New Jersey, and I've seen the environmental degradation there," Beisser said.

In order to raise awareness about the current loss of the Earth's bio-diversity, OSPIRG, the Survival Center and the Eugene Endangered Species Society will sponsor an endangered species exhibit, workshop and discussion, on May 25 and 26 in the EMU Fir Room.

The event will provide a global outlook on the issue, presenting educational displays and an exhibit on recovering endangered species to show that the trend can be reversed.

In an industrial world concerned with environmental threats and a growing population, numerous species such as tigers are threatened. Beisser noted the importance of the issue, since nature has remarkable powers of recovery but there is no recovery from extinction.

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Unlike prevailing opinions, Beisser said people seemed to show more concern about endangered species twenty years ago.

"Awareness is the first step before taking action. Today we are in a crisis situation," said Beisser, who regretted that general interest now tends to focus exclusively on social issues (homeless people, AIDS, etc.), neglecting wildlife problems.

In the same prospect, OSPIRG and the Eugene Endangered Species Society are currently working on a project of an Endangered Species/Wildlife library and museum. This would supplement the sources provided by the environmental studies department and create a unique community resource which would help litate the formation of wildlife clubs in local schools.

IFC meets for last time

By Amy Columbo
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The Incidental Fee Committee meeting was abuzz with excitement last night, as it marked the final time members would meet in an official capacity.

The meeting ended in record time, less than an hour and a half, with the committee granting budget line-item transfers for both Saferide and MEChA.

The members of the committee celebrated afterwards.

"It's an amazing experience. You get to meet some amazing people on campus," IFC member Shannon Wall said of her position on the committee.

Wall was among the majority of the members who said they would serve on the IFC committee again if given the choice.

However, IFC member Samir Kumar said he would not repeat his work on the committee.

"I'm a pre-med student and IFC and

pre-med are a lethal combination," Kumar said. He voiced the need to improve his grades.

Most of the members of the committee commented on the extensive time commitment. "School became very secondary," Wall said.

In reviewing the year, IFC Chairman Jian Liu said, "We gained back the respect of the administration and the programs."

Liu said last year's fee committee lost that respect.

IFC member Joey Lyons agreed. "Last year there was so much bickering."

The new ASUO constitution ratified this spring replaced the IFC with a new nine-member Senate Finance Committee. As of the end of Monday's meeting, the IFC no longer exists.

IFC member Caitlin Twain had words of advice for next year's committee: "Just toughen your skin now, 'cause your going to take knocks."

Another protest



FILE PHOTO

FROM THE PAST: Eugene police officers made 51 arrests during a January 1991 Gulf War protest at the Lane County Federal Building. Protesters blocked Interstate 5 at an exit near the Eugene-Springfield border.

SURVEY

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The center, which does public interest research, interviewed 3,667 adults, 18 years or older and 400 children aged 13 to 17.

The survey examines "many vehicles" on the information superhighway. These include computers, modems, on-line information services, faxes, ATM cards, cable television and satellite dishes. And, of course, the television set, which has become more than it was when America first gathered for *I Love Lucy*.

"Not only have computers entered tens of millions of American homes, but they have become indispensable tools for people who own them," the survey finds. "Two out of three computer users (65 percent) said they would miss their personal computer 'a lot' if they no longer had it."

By way of comparison, 64 percent said they would miss cable TV and 67 percent they would miss newspapers if they were no longer available.

"There is a clear generation gap with regard to computers and technology," says the study. People under 50 use computers more than older people "but the only significant misgivings about technology were expressed by people 65 and older - 39 percent disliked or had mixed feelings about computers but 93 percent of them do not use computers," the survey finds.

The study makes these other points, with survey data to back up the conclusions, about hi-tech Americans.

They read more, follow the

news more and know more about the world than those who are less technologically inclined. They spend less time watching entertainment television.

And in a finding that challenges the stereotype of computer users as nerds, they are as likely as non-users to say they go out "a lot" or take part in athletics and are more likely to join clubs.

The survey found the spread of technology to be uneven. Only two percent of those questioned had all of these four devices: a PC, fax machine, video camera and ATM card. But 2 in 3 had at least one of those.

Among college graduates with children, nearly half reported the child used a personal computer; of those with a high school education or less, only 17 percent reported children used a home PC.

But in PC-owning households, 75 percent of adults reported children sometimes or often used computers for school work; 64 percent said the children played games.

And, the office has moved into the home in a big way.

More than one in four of those questioned said they worked at home at least part of one day in the past week, including 7 percent who stayed home entirely that day.

The survey also found that no fewer than 60 percent of the millions who subscribe to an on-line service worked at home one day or more in the week, compared with 42 percent of PC users who do not have an on-line capability.



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