

Acclaimed poet to give reading

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Nationally acclaimed poet Charles Wright will give an open poetry reading tonight at 7 in the Alumni Lounge at Gerlinger Hall, 1468 University St.

Wright, who has published 10 books of poetry, will read from his latest work: *The World of the Ten Thousand Things*.

Wright's poetry concentrates on three main areas: landscape, language and God.

"These seem to be my mental obsession," Wright said. "... over the years they've coalesced into a triangulation of things, the center of which might be found in the nature of what these obsessions are."

"It seemed to me that you could use poetry and landscape in its organization in the same ways that painters like Cezanne used landscape paintings to transcend their surface value into something different," he said.

Wright was recently awarded *Poetry Magazine's* \$60,000 Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize and a \$40,000 lifetime achievement in poetry prize from the Ingram-Merrill Foundation.

Wright is considered one of the most important poets in the United States today. He has been an English professor at the University of Virginia since 1983.

At the reading tonight, Wright will announce this year's recipients of the University's Kidd Undergraduate Writing Prizes. The prizes are sponsored by the creative writing program's Kidd Tutorial, which is designed to give undergraduates intensive

writing and reading experience.

The three to four student groups, each led by a graduate student, are modeled after graduate writing workshops, which allow for greater attention and help for student writing.

"It's one of the best creative writing programs in the country," said Tracy Dougherty, acting director of the Kidd Tutorial program.

"It's one of the best opportunities I've seen at the undergraduate level," said Siobhan Briley, a senior English major in the program. "My writing has improved more than I ever thought."

"It's trained me not only to be a better writer, but to be a better reader and a better critic," she said.

The Kidd Tutorial was established in honor of Walter Kidd, who endowed the writing program with more than \$1 million for the advancement of undergraduate creative writing.

The three prizes in poetry and in fiction amount to \$3,000 and are some of the largest writing prizes given at the undergraduate level at the University.

While in Eugene, Wright is holding personal conferences with graduate students in the creative writing program to discuss their work.

"I'm very impressed by the writers here," he said.



Charles Wright

Health center offers new test for disease

By Jim Davis
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To pee or not to pee.

The question has been made a whole lot easier for the sexually active male population on campus.

The University Student Health Center has adopted a new chlamydia test in which males can be tested for the sexually transmitted disease through a urinalysis.

"The new test is less invasive for males than the test we had been using," said Dr. Gerald Fleischli, director of the health center.

The former chlamydia test for

males involved a cotton swab thrust up the urethra of the penis.

While this urethra swab test is still offered, the new test has proven to be a bit more popular.

"We started offering the test a month ago," said Judy Ogasawara, the medical laboratory technologist supervisor at the center, "and people have generally been opting for the urine exam."

Women can also be checked for chlamydia by a urinalysis, but they are regularly checked for the disease during routine pap smear exams.

Chlamydia is the most common sexually transmitted disease in the United States. Symptoms for the disease include vaginal discharge, abnormal bleeding, discomfort in the lower abdomen and painful urination.

The disease easily can be cured with a week-long dosage of antibiotics.

The test is offered at the health center Monday through Wednesday at a price of \$18.70. The only criteria is that the patient cannot have urinated anytime during the week preceding the exam.

Environmentalists demand decision on threatened fish



PORTLAND (AP) — Environmentalists demanded Wednesday that the government hurry up and decide whether to protect sea-run cutthroat trout on the Umpqua River.

The Oregon Natural Resources Council and The Wilderness Society filed notice that they will sue within 60 days to force a decision due last March on their petition to protect the fish under the Endangered Species Act.

Merritt Tuttle, senior policy analyst for the National Marine Fisheries Service, said the cutthroat case "is a very difficult science issue and that's what has caused the delay." He said the fisheries service expects to announce its decision in about a week.

Blaming heavy logging that sends silt into spawning areas and removes trees that shade the water, the petition seeks protection for sea-run cutthroat runs on the North Umpqua and South Umpqua rivers. Biologists counted just 10 of them on the North Umpqua in 1991 and none in 1992.

About 30 percent of the South Umpqua and 65 percent of the North Umpqua are within the Umpqua National Forest, once one of the leading timber producing forests in the Northwest.

Much of the North Umpqua is within what is called an adaptive management zone, where innovative forestry techniques are supposed to be tried out under President Clinton's Northwest forest plan.

"Since past logging contributed to the population declines, future logging should be restricted," said Bob Freemark of The Wilderness Society.

ET ALS

MEETINGS

Returning Students Association will meet today at 5 p.m. in the RSA office. For more information, call 346-4305.

MISCELLANEOUS

Asian/Pacific American Student Union will present a former assistant dean of the law school, Peggy Nagae Lum, to will lecture on taking the University "Kicking and Screaming" into the 21st Century" tonight at 7 in Room 100 Willamette. A reception follows from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room.

Muslim Student Association will present a lecture by Saffat Gatoric, councilor to the United Nations for Bosnia and Herzegovina, today at 4:15 p.m. in the Gerlinger Lounge. For more information, call 346-3798.

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