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MEETINGS

Muslim Students Association will meet and vote on amendments today at 4 p.m. in EMU Century Room A. For more information, call 346-0622.

Student Projects will meet today at 5:15 p.m. in EMU Century Room D. For more information, call 346-2859.

MISCELLANEOUS

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Alliance will offer a drop-in group for women today from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St. For more information, call 346-3360.

Career Center will sponsor an office orientation workshop today at 12:30 p.m. in Room 221 Hendricks. For more information, call 346-3235.

Career Center will sponsor a Meier & Frank meeting tonight at 7 in the EMU Gumwood Room. For more information, call 346-3235.

Career Center will sponsor a job-finding workshop today from 3 to 5 p.m. in Room 221 Hendricks. For more information, call 346-3235.

■ CORRECTION

Soudary Kittivong's name was misspelled in an article about last weekend's environmental conference. The *Emerald* sincerely regrets the error.

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Oregon CSD in reformation process



NORTHWEST

SALEM (AP) — The state Children's Services Division was given a new name and new direction by the 1993 Legislature. Now it could get a new, slimmer look if this year's Legislature goes along with a proposal by Gov. John Kitzhaber.

The CSD, always thrust between children and parents in troubled households, is far from the state's most popular agency. It handles 25,000 reports of suspected child abuse each year.

"People faced with losing children find their challenge at first with the agency rather than with themselves," said Jim Dyer of Salem, who estimates he has cared for 250 foster children placed by the division in the past 10 years.

The 1993 Legislature passed a package of bills aimed at changing the way the CSD operates.

The reform largely was the work of then-House Speaker Larry Campbell, who felt CSD should move from a police-style approach to more of a service-oriented style, making preservation of families a top goal.

Campbell also thought there should be more emphasis on early prevention of juvenile problems and that some programs should move closer to the local government level.

The name change happens on July 1, when the CSD officially becomes the State Office for Services to Children and Families.

A key bill passed in 1993 also created a state Commission on Children and Families

as the top policy-making authority for children's programs.

New grassroots commissions also were established, with the idea of getting business and civic leaders and others involved in tailoring programs to local needs. The state commission is to evaluate the proposals and disperse state money to operate them.

Kitzhaber's proposed 1995-97 budget shifts \$16.5 million to the commission to allocate to local programs.

But the biggest change yet to come, if Kitzhaber's plan is approved, would remove juvenile corrections programs from the children's services agency altogether.

The governor wants to create a new Department of Youth Authority, by mid-1996, to take over operations of juvenile detention schools, parole and other programs for offenders.

Juvenile crime is soaring, and Kitzhaber proposes to add 300 juvenile corrections beds now and build four regional juvenile corrections centers by 1999.

Paul Drews, deputy administrator of the Children's Services Division, said removing juvenile corrections from his agency could make it easier to focus on remaining child welfare issues.

"It's hard to advocate for two populations," he said.

Those involved in children's programs say the reform plan is just getting past its infancy and that it's too soon to gauge success or failure.

"The implementation process hasn't really hit its full stride," says Dyer, who is pres-

ident of the Marion-Polk Foster Parent Association.

Campbell said he's pleased preventive programs such as Healthy Start, aimed at providing youngsters good nutrition, are expanding.

"If we're ever going to solve the problem of juvenile delinquent kids going to school without being prepared to learn, we have got to have a strong up-front program," the former House speaker said.

The Eugene Republican also said there's not enough in the governor's proposed budget "to make what I consider a necessary and giant leap in dealing with the problems of children. But that's easy for me to say because I didn't have to deal with the entire budget. He did."

Counties, meanwhile, are leery about taking over too many of the state agency's duties.

"The local people have done a good job of focusing on prevention," Drews said. But he said many are cautious about taking on more.

Drews said there's no control over much of the workload.

"Courts can commit anyone to CSD," the deputy administrator said. "We have continually faced the problem of open-ended intake and fixed-ended budgets."

Dyer said that as a foster parent, the changes so far have had little direct effect on him.

He said he has concerns, including that counties not be allowed to operate piecemeal programs with inadequate state direction.

Man given death sentence for slaying

HILLSBORO (AP) — A jury on Monday sentenced suspected serial killer Cesar Francisco Barone to death for sexually assaulting and killing a nurse-midwife.

The jury deliberated 90 minutes before deciding the 34-year-old Barone deserved to die for killing Martha Bryant more than two years ago.

Bryant was attacked early in the morning of Oct. 9, 1992, as she drove home from a hospital after helping to deliver a baby.

Barone pulled alongside and shot her car full of bullets, dragged her from the vehicle and

tried to rape her. He then shot her in the head and dumped her body in the middle of the road about half a mile away.

Barone showed no reaction as the jury announced the death sentence verdict. He was immediately led from the Washington County courtroom in chains. Barone becomes the 18th person on Death Row at the Oregon State Penitentiary. No prisoner has been put to death in Oregon since voters reinstated capital punishment in 1984.

Barone still faces trial on charges he killed three other

women in Washington County. That trial is tentatively set for mid-May. After that, Florida wants to extradite him for trial in a slaying there.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Robert Hermann said Barone also is a suspect in more than one other killing in Oregon.

In his closing statement, Hermann told the jury no death penalty decision is easy. But, he said, "If there was ever a case where your decision became simple or easy, this is surely it."

One juror, who asked that her name not be used, said she has

had nightmares and migraine headaches since the trial began. Even though the decision on the death penalty was reached quickly, she said it was not easy.

"It was just going through my mind that he was a human being," the juror said, "but he did a lot of monstrous things. That was what decided it."

Hermann said that even the defense experts agreed that Barone would kill again and again if given the opportunity.

Hermann described the killing as a "brutal, senseless murder — killing for pleasure."

Slides, erosion on coast normal; El Nino pattern threat to Oregon

PORTLAND (AP) — Slides and erosion on the Oregon Coast this year are due to normal storm activity, but it still is too early to rule out major problems from El Nino, according to weather experts.

The warm ocean current strikes in cycles, disrupting normal weather patterns. In the winter of 1982-83, El Nino caused hurricanes in Tahiti, floods in the Midwest, droughts in the South, and heavy storms and high tides on the Oregon Coast.

The 1982-83 event was like a 100-year flood, said Paul Komar, professor of oceanography at Oregon State University. He said the period contained an unusual set of circumstances: heavy storms and high water levels.

At Waldport, the storms deflected the sandy entrance to Alsea Bay, shifting it northward. The mouth of the bay ate into the Alsea spit, threatening several adjacent homes, Komar said.

"We're not seeing anything like that right now," Komar said. "We've been having big storms, but the beaches are all cut back."

"I sense that the potential is there for erosion if we get storms in February and March," Komar said. "The beaches don't have much buffer capacity."

The storms this winter have not had the intensity and duration of those during 1982-83, said George H. Taylor, state climatologist.

"The surf has been big along the coast, and there have been persistent southerly winds," he said.

Over the past winter, erosion swallowed part of a road leading to a recreational vehicle park in Brookings. Officials at the Port of Brookings are seeking an \$800,000 grant to build a seawall for protection.

Slides earlier this month closed a popular beach trail at Ecola State Park near Cannon Beach and a section of U.S. Highway 101 between Gold Beach and Brookings. The roadbed dropped 30 feet and slid 55 feet closer to the ocean.

In Port Orford, Gayle Paige, manager of the port, said the erosion "is the worst it's been in a while."

Kitzhabers plan to honeymoon at White House

PORTLAND (AP) — An invitation to spend a night at the White House will give Gov. John Kitzhaber and his wife, Sharon, a chance to honeymoon at a historic site.

The couple surprised all but their closest friends and family when they got married on New Year's Day, just a week before Kitzhaber took office.

Kitzhaber had spent Friday attending the winter meeting of the National Governors Conference in Washington, D.C., and he was invited by President Clinton to spend tonight at the White House.

Also invited was Alaska Gov. Tony Knowles because he and Kitzhaber are two of the three freshmen Democratic governors this year, according to Bob Applegate, Kitzhaber's spokesman.

"John is awfully flattered," Applegate said.

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