

Petition may make rape awareness mandatory

Education: Student wants dorm residents to see assault presentation

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University undergraduate Heather Fowler is circulating a petition she said she hopes will help to implement a mandatory sexual assaults awareness pre-

sentation for new dorm residents every fall.

Fowler said she wants to include rape awareness in the annual mandatory residence hall meetings. Information about dorm rules concerning alcohol and having guests, for example, is discussed at these meetings.

Rape awareness for new students is just as important as learning about dorm rules, Fowler

said, and should be mandatory for both men and women to hear.

"I understand it's difficult to make things mandatory," Fowler said. "But, there comes a time when you have to say creating more awareness about rape, which is a health issue, is more important than just making it a choice for students to attend."

During New Student Orientation Week for dorm residents,

various informational and optional presentations about rape are available to students. However, Fowler said the problem is few students attend.

Sally Smith, the assistant director for residence life in University housing, said while she agrees that more students should attend the presentations, she doesn't think making them mandatory is right.

"It would have to be a policy decision to make them mandatory," Smith said. "We tend to not feel making things mandatory is the best route for students."

She said the sooner rape awareness information is available to freshmen and new students, the better. However, presenting the information in their own settings, such as when they are having

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Marketing Director



Sandy Mills stands guard over the hottest joint in town. The Cow Creek Gaming Center, just 95 miles south of Eugene on Interstate 5, offers a little bit of Las Vegas in a family atmosphere.

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Betting on Cow Creek's future

Bingo hall turned gaming center has become an entertainment destination for the whole state

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It's the bright lights without the big city. The Cow Creek Gaming Center, located 95 miles south of Eugene on Interstate 5, offers some of the amenities of the Las Vegas casinos minus one thing — Las Vegas. The two-year-old facility, which was built onto an older bingo hall, sits in the small city of Canyonville, an area more familiar to loggers than gamblers.

Where Las Vegas casinos are flanked by

hotels, high-rises and theme parks, this center is surrounded by tall evergreens and Oregon wilderness.

And where Las Vegas boasts card games, roulette, craps, glitz and glamour, this gaming facility is a little more modest. The Cow Creek center offers 250 electronic gaming machines including slots, video poker and video keno.

It also houses a restaurant with a non-alcohol bar. It does not offer card games or off-track betting yet, but there are plans

to install those options soon.

Ian Hay, marketing director of the gaming center, sees large-scale growth in the future of the business. "There are definitely plans for expansion," he said. "There could be a hotel, convention center and maybe even something like a theme park."

"I think this could become a sort of baby Taj Mahal," Hay said.

The center currently draws an average of 1,500 people a day during the week and 2,500 people a day on the weekend,

according to Hay. "The numbers go up in the summer," he said. "That's our peak season."

Hay said the center is becoming an entertainment destination for the whole state of Oregon. "I-5 is our reason for success," he said. "We get people here from all over. The main areas they come from are Portland, the coastal towns and Eugene."

Close to 20 percent of the total visitors to Cow Creek come from Eugene, Hay said.

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Proposed ballot measure passes House

Education: If senate approves legislation, lottery revenue may help fund all state schools

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A proposed ballot measure allowing the use of lottery funds for education passed in the Oregon House Thursday and will go to the senate in the next few weeks.

House Joint Resolution 15 adds all levels of state education as recipients of proceeds from lottery dollars. The proposed measure would go to the voters at a May 16 election.

Floyd Prozanski, D-Eugene, said he approved the proposal because there

is a dire need to get any and all revenue into education.

But he said the proposed ballot measure is not a long term solution. The Legislature needs to start looking at other methods to fund all levels of education.

"It is a Band-Aid fix," Prozanski said. "It is like triage for a pretty big wound."

Lottery dollars are not a stable source of income for the state, and the state needs to revamp the means of

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■ GOOD MORNING

► PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP) — Break out the gardening gloves and fire up the charcoal grill: spring is almost here.

At least according to Punxsutawney Phil.

The chubby groundhog, possibly the world's most famous forecaster, failed to see his shadow as he was hauled from a man-made burrow Thursday, indicating, according to legend, that winter is almost over.

A crowd of about 7,000 cheered loudly as the

announcement was made under overcast, chilly skies.

"I was right, I was right!" exulted John Stoffan, a salesman from Mahanoy City, who said he had foreseen Phil's prediction. He planned to "get an early tan," but conceded he might wait a week or two before oiling up.

It is the 10th or 11th time since 1887 that the groundhog has predicted an early spring, depending on whose count you believe.