

ASUO shuttle service to premiere on campus

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Excessive drinking is *not* encouraged, but it does happen. The ASUO Designated Driver Shuttle (DDS) project wants to make sure that if people drink, they do so responsibly. If someone does happen to drink too much to drive, DDS steps in.

DDS, a new program implemented by the ASUO Executive, uses a former Saferide van to respond to calls from students and faculty who are unfit to drive as a result of alcohol.

"If all goes well, we can have DDS up and running by the third week of Spring Term," said assistant to the ASUO Vice President, Bill Washburn.

Washburn has been working with

DDS Operational Director Jen Reed and ASUO Vice President Mark Rhinard since last fall to organize a safe alternative for students and faculty who might otherwise drive after having a few drinks.

The shuttle service works like this: A student or faculty member visits

an establishment that serves alcoholic beverages — DDS will only be of service at places of business that cater to 21 and older in order to discourage underage drinking. If this person has too much to drink and realizes that they cannot safely drive home, he or she can place a quick

call to DDS. The person will be picked up from the establishment and dropped off at their home, no questions asked.

Business cards will be available throughout campus in order to get the word out. Hotline cards will also be given to the bartenders of popular drinking businesses, who could call DDS if they felt that a patron was unfit to make it home by themselves.

Every person who uses the shuttle will be asked to show UO identification. There is also a suggested donation of 25 to 50 cents to help cover the costs of gas and maintenance.

This program is strongly supported by MADD and other groups who have donated over \$1,000 to the DDS cause.

"Saferide has been a big help," said Washburn. "They've made a huge difference in the way DDS will be run."

The Hotline phone number for the Designated Driver Shuttle is 346-3888.



The former Saferide van is making the transformation into the ASUO Designated Driver Shuttle, offering its services to students and faculty. The DDS Hotline phone number is 346-3888.

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First annual dinner raises money for students' future

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The ASUO will soon be hosting a fundraising dinner for top University students and community business professionals and leaders.

The first annual Celebration of Students' Future Dinner will take place on Tuesday, April 11 in the EMU Ballroom. The event is not only an opportunity for students to interact with potential mentors, but will also raise thousands of dollars for the UO Student Future Fund. The dinner is the pinnacle of ASUO Executive's fundraising project to offset the rising cost of incidental fees and invest in the University's most valuable resource: its students.

The Future Fund was established last fall to maintain and improve the quality of student life provided by ASUO programs and services. According to ASUO

Fundraising Coordinator Paul Kalil, ensuring access to out-of-class activities is essential in maintaining leadership and career development opportunities for all incidental-fee paying students.

"Students' education, both in and out of the classroom, is an invaluable resource that we'll have for the rest of our

lives," said Kalil, who spear-headed the Future Fund throughout the year. "Businesses recognize the importance of tomorrow's leaders as well and that's why they're contributing to the Student Future Fund."

Kalil also believes the benefits of the Future Fund — from the dinner to the ASUO programs and services being maintained — to be a "launching pad for the proverbial rocket of students' future careers."

Kalil has asked for input on other ways the Future Fund can best serve the interests of the University student body. He can be reached in Suite 4, EMU or over the phone at 346-0628.



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ASUO CALENDAR

Spring offers a wide array of student activities that should be marked on everyone's calendars. Check them out!

- APRIL 3-7** — International Week (Africa Day today, Asia/Pacific Day on Thursday & Europe Day on Friday).
- APRIL 5 (TODAY), 11 a.m.-3 p.m.** — Africa Day at EMU Fir Room.
- APRIL 7, 7:30-11:30 p.m.** — Ballroom Dance (every Friday night) at Gerlinger Gym Room 220. Lessons start at 7:30 sharp.
- APRIL 14 & 15** — ASUO Designated Driver Shuttle startup (DDS Hotline is 346-3888).
- APRIL 7-9** — Eco-Design Arts Conference (for event details call Solar Information Center at 346-3696).
- APRIL 9, 5:00 p.m.** — International Cultural Night at EMU Ballroom.
- APRIL 14, 6:30 p.m.** — Passover Seder at Hillel House.
- APRIL 19** — Lobby Day at Capitol on House Bill 2933 (contact Leslie Warren at 346-0624 for more info).
- APRIL 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.** — Renewable Energy Faire at EMU Courtyard.
- APRIL 23** — Hawaii Club-sponsored Luau at EMU Ballroom (time T.B.A.).
- APRIL 24-28** — Shoah Week (contact Jewish Student Union at 346-4366 for more info).
- APRIL 26, 7:30 p.m.** — Outdoor Program Spring Equipment Swap at EMU Ballroom.
- APRIL 28** — Take Our Daughters To Work Day.
- APRIL 28** — Take Back the Night March (contact Women's Center at 346-4095 for more info).
- APRIL 28, 7-10 p.m.** — 2nd Annual Chicano Explosion at EMU Ballroom.
- APRIL 29** — Women's Empowerment Night (contact Black Women of Achievement at 346-3194 for more info).
- APRIL 29** — Cultural Student Union Retreat at Yachats, Oregon.
- APRIL 29, 8 p.m.** — Project Saferide 10th Anniversary at Agate Hall.
- May 1-5** — Cinco de Mayo Celebration display at Multicultural Center.
- MAY 3-5** — ASUO Spring Street Faire on 13th Street.
- MAY 10** — Women of Color Conference at the EMU.
- MAY 13-18** — UO Community Involvement Week (contact Kevin Easton at 346-0632 for more info).
- MAY 15-19** — Greek Week (contact Kaira Esgate at 346-0629 for more info).
- MAY 15-19** — LGBTQ+ Pride Week (contact LGBTQ+ at 346-3879 for more info).

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