

Africa Day celebrates culture

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International Week continues today with a celebration of Africa and its culture.

Africa Day will commemorate the first anniversary of South Africa's free elections, said Kevin Washington, director of the African Student Association.

Scheduled activities include a speaker, displays and slide and video presentations about South Africa and its political situation one year after Nelson Mandela was elected president.

Ibrahim Gassama, keynote speaker and University international law professor, went to South Africa last year to monitor the elections. He will speak about his experiences in South Africa and the result of the elections.

Before and after Gassama's speech, the ASA will show slide and video presentations about South



Africa and east African countries.

The multi-media presentations will include information about the African National Congress, led by Mandela, and travel opportunities.

Although South Africa is the focus of this year's Africa Day, Washington said the ASA would like to "get the campus to be more aware" of all of Africa, "not only as a continent, but as an array of distinct cultures."

Gassama's address will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the EMU Fir Room.

The slide and video presentations will begin at 11 a.m. and African fabric, jewelry and artwork will also be on display in the Fir Room.

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stantial revenue for a business.

"A lot of folks seem to think that someone with a machine is making a ton of money," Sustare said.

Graef also said tavern owners are being forced to bear the burden of negative attitudes about gambling and drinking. He said most people are happy to pass a tax that doesn't affect them and only hurts those who run "dens of sin."

"There is negative feeling toward us in many parts of the community and we are being forced to pay for that," Graef said.

City officials can begin collecting the tax once the results of the election are reviewed by the city recorder and proclaimed

passed by the mayor.

The tax will be collected on a monthly basis. Each retailer will receive a statement reflecting the amount due, which will be based on the previous month's gross income.

Bernice Edwards, manager of the Side Pocket Tavern, located at 846 W. 6th Ave., said the gross income appears high but is lowered substantially once payouts are figured in and overhead is accounted for.

The Eugene City Council originally enacted the video poker tax by ordinance on Sept. 12. However, a successful referendum petition campaign sponsored by the Oregon Restaurant Association brought the ordinance to the voters.

Tavern owners also dispute the dedication of the money to

support the community policing program. According to a news release from Phil Weiler, Eugene's public information analyst, community policing is supposed to develop partnerships with members of the community to prevent problems by addressing the root causes of crime.

Sustare said he is being forced to pay twice for the same program. "I already pay extra for a foot patrol in this area," he said. "Now I have to pay for a community policing program that does the same thing."

The fate of the video poker tax has not been completely settled though.

A bill is pending in the state Legislature that would prevent the taxing of video poker proceeds.

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versity would be the 18th largest with revenues and expenditures that exceed \$235 million a year, Frohnmayer said.

Of that \$235 million, \$140 million comes from outside the state in the form of out-of-state tuition, research grants and student aid dollars, he said.

Additionally, the University does business with more than 1,000 businesses in this region, and the money that comes from outside of Oregon is re-spent in the community, he said.

Since 1991, Oregon has consistently cut its higher education budget. If further cuts are made by the Legislature this session, Oregon will be the only state in the nation to disinvest in higher education.

"This is a travesty," Frohnmayer said. "Cutting the budget more would be horrible public policy, and there's no point in sugar-coating my words."

In the Oregon Legislature, the 1995-97 higher education budget is facing a 15 percent cut in General Fund money over what it received last year. Gov. John Kitzhaber also proposes a 4 percent tuition increase each year.

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this year.

"It really depends on the candidates," she said. "If candidates are out there, then students will vote."

Last year only 1,774 students, or 12 percent of the campus, voted at last year's student elections, Dziekan said.

"If your going to complain about the way the University is run, then you really should vote," she said.

Ballot measures for the upcoming election must also be submitted to the ASUO Constitution Court today by 5 p.m. The court must approve a measure's wording before it can appear on the ballot.

Primary elections will be held April 19 and 20, and general elections are scheduled for April 26 and 27.

If students are interested in running for an ASUO position, they can pick up an election packet in Suite 4 of the EMU.

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although the coalition supports moving the buildings to other sites for use as low-income housing, the coalition plans to continue fighting the University's demolition plans.

"We want to save and rehabilitate them right were they are," Ford said, "but we're willing to discuss and negotiate with the University alternatives that preserve low-income housing."

David Zupan, spokesman for the coalition, and Daniel Stotter, an Eugene attorney representing the coalition's case, were both out of town Tuesday and could not be reached for comment.

The coalition was awarded their first stay on March 27 by the state Land Use Board. The stay had halted all demolition at the site until Tuesday when the new stay was extended through April 27.

"This is a shameful waste of taxpayer's resources and money," said Mike Eyster,

director of University Housing. "It costs \$3,200 to maintain the empty Phase I site and that has come out of the pockets of student renters. When you consider that, it's a real shameful waste."

Eyster said if the board makes a decision shortly after hearing the coalition's appeal on April 27, the University would not miss its construction season, which would add an additional \$1 million to construction costs.

"We want to move ahead and obviously it's a tremendous frustration to wait while this meritless case wins its way through ridiculous processes," Eyster said. "But if we get a decision shortly after the 27th, we won't miss our construction season."

According to the order that was filed by the board Tuesday, the board issued the stay to "prevent any irreparable damage from occurring at the site until the coalition's appeal is heard."

The board's final opinion and order will be issued after oral arguments to the appeal are complete on April 27.

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APPLICATIONS: Applications are available at all Area Desks and at the University Housing front desk and are due back to any Area Desk or the University Housing front desk no later than 5pm Monday, April 17th, 1995. Applications may be screened on the basis of their quality and only completed applications will be guaranteed consideration.

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