

Columnist William Pfaff visits University, lectures

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Students will have the opportunity to hear the man known to many as America's best foreign affairs columnist.

William Pfaff, a recent appointee to the Wayne Morse Chair of Law and Politics, will visit classes at the University and lecture in Eugene throughout this week.

Pfaff, who currently lives in France, is a regular columnist for the *International Herald Tribune*, which is syndicated by the *Los Angeles Times* and is found in newspapers throughout the world, including *The Register-Guard*. He has written several books concerning political change and nationalism.

Pfaff's most recent publication, *The Wrath of Nations: Civilization and the Furies of Nationalism* (New York, 1993),

continues his reputation for in-depth analysis of modern nationalism and as a political commentator. Pfaff is also known for his insights into some of the world's societal issues, such as the importance of community in democratic societies and the roots and consequences of political alienation. Many of his writings focus on Europe's political developments and the evolution of U.S. foreign policy.

His book, *Barbarian Sentiments: How the American Century Ends* (New York, 1989), was a finalist for the U.S. National Book Award, and was awarded the City of Geneva's Prix Jean-Jacques Rousseau. His publications have attracted acclaim for their clarity of thought and perceptive analysis.

The Wayne Morse Chair of Law and

Politics was created as a memorial to the late Wayne Morse, U.S. senator from Oregon and dean of the University's School of Law. People appointed to the chair, as Pfaff was recently, demonstrate qualities associated with Wayne Morse—statesmanship, integrity, foresight, independence and fearless championing of the public interest.

Pfaff was born in Iowa, raised in Georgia and is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame. Recently he was awarded an LL.D. honoris causa from Notre Dame. He traveled the world as an editor of *Commonweal* and was involved with several international organizations, such as the Council on Foreign Relations and the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Pfaff arrived in Eugene April 16, and

he leaves this Saturday. He has been attending luncheons and dinners with various groups, including the editorial board at *The Register-Guard* and University President Dave Frohnmayer. He spoke Friday at the Portland City Club and participated in a radio talk show on Sunday, "Critical Mass," on KLCC (NPR).

Pfaff will have a similar schedule this week, but there are two public events tonight and Friday.

He will deliver a public lecture tonight at 7:30 in the EMU Ballroom. Friday at 11:30 a.m., he will lecture to the Eugene City Club at the Eugene Hilton, which will also be open to the public.

Pfaff will visit several classes this week, including the Honors College Western Civilization classes.

Outdoor Program students will clean Rogue River this weekend

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Outdoor Program participants will spend Thursday through Sunday cleaning up an 18-mile stretch of the Rogue River during the fifth annual Rogue River Cleanup.

Almost 60 people signed up for this year's cleanup, but only about 25 will be allowed to go. If too many people go out at the same time, they begin to damage the ecosystem they are trying to clean, according to trip initiator Dave Smith.

Smith, who has initiated the Rogue River Cleanup every year since 1991, said participants will split into two teams. Each team will cover one side of the river by "leapfrogging" their rafts down the river. When a group finishes cleaning an area,

it floats its raft past the other rafts to start working on a new area.

The cleanup will focus on the riparian zone of the river, according to Outdoor Program director Bruce Mason. The riparian zone is the area from the water line up to the high water mark and is the most fragile part of the ecosystem, Mason said.

Debris will be collected in the rafts and taken to four dump sites along the river. The Bureau of Land Management will lift the trash out by helicopter during the summer, said Smith, who works for BLM in the summer.

Smith predicted this year's cleanup would pick up more garbage than usual because of high water levels this winter.

When the water level of the river rises, old trash is kicked up from the river, Smith said.

This year's cleanup also marks the Outdoor Program's first year of involvement in Oregon's new Adopt-A-River program. The program allows groups to "adopt" and clean a two-mile stretch of river. Because of the Outdoor Program's history and dedication to river cleanup, the organizers of Adopt-A-River allowed the Outdoor Program to adopt the Rogue River's 18-mile designated Wild and Scenic stretch, according to Mason.

The Rogue River is in Southern Oregon and flows from Grants Pass to the coast. The section adopted by the Outdoor Program runs from Rainie Falls to Mule Creek

Canyon.

Cleanup participants each pay about \$25 for supplies, food and transportation, but many of the supplies are donated by local companies that want to support the cleanup, Mason said. Some of this year's donors included Sundance Natural Foods, Humble Bagel Company, Euphoria Chocolate and River Runner Supply.

"The Outdoor Program has been involved in cleanups in general for several decades," Mason said. Other major cleanups have taken place on Mt. McKinley and the Lower Salmon River in Idaho. Smaller cleanups are also an important part of the Outdoor Program, he said.

"The environment benefits ... but I think the big benefit is the

personal satisfaction, the personal growth that the participants get," Mason said.

Although it is too late for students to participate in this year's Rogue River Cleanup, students can initiate other cleanup trips through the Outdoor Program, Mason said. Community members can also participate in Outdoor Program events if they join the Outdoor Program for \$5.

"[The Rogue River Cleanup] is too much fun. It really is a great trip, and there's no reason ... why we couldn't have two or three of these types of projects if students were interested in doing that," Mason said. "[The Outdoor Program] is the perfect resource to make those things happen."

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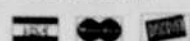
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