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WEATHER

Clearing today with highs in the mid 60s.

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Flu vaccine available at Health Center for low price

■ **FLU:** Influenza immunizations advised for UO students and faculty

By Mara Stine
Higher Education Reporter

Students who can't afford to stay in bed for a week but do have \$3.50 should get influenza immunizations, said a registered nurse in the University Student Health Center.

Starting today, the one-injection vaccination will be available every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. The vaccine costs \$4 for faculty and staff.

Students are encouraged to be vaccinated because they often live in close quarters with other students in dormitories, apartments and fraternity and sorority houses, which makes them more susceptible to catching and spreading the illness, said Jayne Carey, a registered nurse.

"People are in close contact in classrooms, which is dangerous because [the flu] is an airborne disease," she said.

In addition, students tend not to get enough rest or eat as nutritionally as they should, which lowers their resistance to influenza, according to Carey.

She encourages students who fly home for Thanksgiving and Christmas to be vaccinated.

"Very often we see illnesses in the East that migrate west," Carey said.

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Coffee Talk



NATALIE MONTGOMERY/Emerald
No more drinking cool refreshing drinks outside while studying. The rain is here, forcing students to take refuge in coffee shops, drinking lattes and hot chocolate dreading the walk home in the cold uninviting rain.

Discussion group explores issues of race, gender

■ **WOMEN:** ASUO Women's Center gives women of color a place to share feelings

By Jeff Reynolds
Freelance Reporter

In an effort to provide a haven for women of color to shed feelings of isolation and build strong support networks, the ASUO Women's Center is presenting a weekly discussion group, "Wearing a Mask: Duality of Racism and Sexism."

The group, which meets Mondays at 4 p.m. in the University's Multicultural Center, will explore situations and dilemmas experienced by women of color on a predominately white campus.

"This is a place where we can connect as women and as people of color," said Edwina Welch, Director of the Women's Center and co-facilitator of the group. "It offers us an opportunity to understand that the problems we have are not individual problems."

One of the Women's Center's goals is to be a resource for women of color who are seeking information on jobs or scholarship opportunities, and help them cut through University bureaucracy.

"We want to be able to help these women in as many ways as possible," Shigeoka, co-facilitator of the group said. "We want to be accessible to offer the information and support that is needed."

Shigeoka emphasized that the newly-formed discussion group will continuously adapt to better meet the needs of its participants.

"This is not a class, it is simply an open forum where women of color can come together to share and talk," Shigeoka said.

About 12 percent of University students are people of color, and slightly over half of these people are women.

"The challenges faced by women on campus are multiplied if they are a person of color," Welch said. "This is particularly true if they are on a mostly white campus like ours."

Women of color are continuously battling American society's expectation to divide their loyalty between gender and race, Welch said.

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Kantrowitz elected to help budget ASUO student programs

■ **MONEY:** Last year's Student Senate member is already familiar with budgeting process

By Jennifer Carter
Student Activities Reporter

Student programs now have a representative on the Programs Finance Committee, a seven-student committee responsible for allocating money to all ASUO student programs.

The program representative, Chris Kantrowitz, was elected by student group members at the Program's Council meeting on Monday.

Kantrowitz, a member of last year's Student Senate and Programs Finance Committee, said he is in a good position to help student groups because he is

already familiar with the budgeting process and student group members.

"Last year I ended up spending more time talking to programs than I spent in the office," he said. "I want to stay visible so people in programs feel comfortable talking to me."

Kantrowitz said he also wants to work with students to find a balance between using student fees and adequately funding programs.

"I want to make sure that student programs have a chance to grow, but I also want to be responsible with student fees," he said.

Last year, the Programs Finance Committee decided to fund student groups with a zero-percent increase. Kantrowitz said this kind of budgeting,

along with inflation, hurt student programs.

"Programs are going to suffer if they don't get a chance to grow," he said.

In order to keep student fees down and still allow student groups to grow, Kantrowitz said he wants to look for outside funding sources.

As a member of the Programs Finance Committee, Kantrowitz will be working with three Student Senators, two students elected to the committee last spring and a student appointed by the ASUO Executive.

Michelle Summers-Thompson, one of the Student Senate committee members, said the committee is holding an open forum to get student input on how their fees will be spent.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The Programs Finance Committee:

3 Finance Senators

2 Academic Senators

1 ASUO Executive Appointment

1 Student Programs Appointment

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"This forum is our mandate from the student population. It is an opportunity for students to talk to the Programs Finance

Committee," Summers-Thompson said.

She said students need to tell the committee whether they value what they are getting with their student fees. She said the committee can only represent students when they present their views to committee members.

The open forum marks the beginning of this year's budget process and will be used by the committee to decide whether to increase, decrease or maintain student program funding.

The forum will be held on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. in 115 Lawrence. The Programs Finance Committee encourages students to speak at the forum or submit letters to the committee in EMU Room 28 by Oct. 26.