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TODAY

The Great American Smokeout takes place on this day each year; the event supports all smokers trying to quit



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Cloudy with scattered showers. High near 60.

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Smokers snuff out tobacco for today

■ **SMOKING:** National event attempts to help addicts kick the nicotine habit

By Jennifer Carter
Student Activities Reporter

It's a familiar scene on campus — people smoking on their way to class, people smoking while they drink their morning coffee, people smoking everywhere.

Today, University smokers and smokers across the country are being asked to participate in the Great American Smokeout by not taking a puff on a cigarette all day.

Lindall McIntyre, a peer health educator in the Student Health Center, said the event is an annual, nation-wide event that focuses on educating smokers about the health risks associated with smoking and options to smoking.

"The Smokeout is a good way to put out information about the effects of smoking," she said. "It's a good day to stop smoking."

McIntyre and two other peer-health educators are coordinating a Smokeout education table today in the EMU. Smokers can pick up information about ending their habit and become a part

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Why should I vote

The Senate race will have a greater impact on college students than some may think, ASUO president says

By Marcelene Edwards
Community Editor

Many students at the University do not believe they have a personal stake in the upcoming mail-in ballot election to fill the seat of former Sen. Bob Packwood, the ASUO president said.

But Jennifer Williamson, president for the student body at the University, wants students to know that viewpoint is wrong: students have a big stake in who controls the vote from Oregon. The new state senator will be making decisions on financial aid, higher-education funding and research money.

The U.S. Congress is making major cuts in funding that benefit post-secondary education.

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Grasping food with hand, Noella Valente, a freshman English major, participates in the National Oxfam Benefit Banquet at Chi Omega Wednesday night. The fund raising will help the homeless in Eugene.

Sorority hosts a banquet for hungry

■ **EVENT:** OSPIRG and Chi Omega team up to raise public awareness

By Jennifer Carter
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About 50 people gathered together in the dining room of Chi Omega Sorority Wednesday night to do something many people don't usually get to do — eat.

But what these people ate and the ways they ate it demonstrated a lot about those people who go hungry in America and around the globe everyday.

The banquet was designed by OSPIRG in conjunction with National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week to demonstrate the disparity between the amount of food produced and the amount of people who receive it.

Julia Stamis, OSPIRG's committee chairperson for homelessness and hunger, said the dinner visually teaches people about hunger on a global level.

"It gives us an idea of how things are really going on in the world," she said.

Banquet participants are divided into three groups: The wealthy eat gourmet meals on a regular basis; the middle and lower class people eat mediocre meals like beans and rice regularly, and the poor eat a bowl of rice, in many cases a cause for celebration.

In the sorority's dining room, people were divided into these groups by where they sat and how they ate: at a table with silverware, in chairs with forks or on the floor with their fingers. The separation between the wealthy and the non-wealthy became apparent even before

they ate their meals.

Cheryl Crumbley, the marketing coordinator for Food for Lane County, talked before the dinner guests ate about Eugene's growing hunger problem.

"Who's hungry in Lane County is very much like who is hungry around the U.S.," she said. "It's not unemployment that's the problem; it's underemployment."

Crumbley said Food for Lane County provides food to thousands of families each month. She said 75 percent of these people have at least one working family member and that many are dual-income families.

More people are also looking for food assistance because government programs are being cut, she said. The United States Department of Agriculture com-

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