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TODAY

"Perspectives on Peace," a discussion about the Middle East, will be in Room 133 Gilbert from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.



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Grim Reaper warns of dangers of alcohol abuse



Brandon Howell, a marketing senior, stands in front of the plastic tombstones and reads the names and stories written on them. The mock graveyard is a memorial for those who have died in alcohol-related accidents.

■ DRUNKEN DRIVING: The project targets college students just before Memorial Day weekend, hoping to prevent alcohol-related deaths

By Kristin Bailey
Student Activities Reporter

The man woke with a pounding headache and walked outside to his pick-up truck. Plastered to the grill was the body of a five-year-old boy. The hung-over man never even knew he had hit anything.

A white laminated headstone in front of Knight Library tells this story and many more.

Students who walked past the library quad Wednesday noticed more than 80 headstones sprinkled across the lawn in observation of Alcohol Awareness Week, sponsored by the Peer Health Education Program.

"We're targeting drinking and driving and alcohol-related deaths," said John Dodd, Grim Reaper event coordinator. "Especially with the long weekend coming up, we're hoping to get people to realize their own mortality before they do something stupid. There are an awful lot of deaths that can be prevented."

Each headstone told the story of an alcohol-related death.

"I've found a lot of them are males between the ages of 18 and 21," Dodd said. "A lot of them have a fairly detailed description of what happened."

The names and stories were provided by friends and family of the dead. Volunteers at the Grim Reaper project said people can still submit a headstone to the project.

"I thought people would just walk by or take just a glance at the display," volunteer Jenny McClure said Wednesday afternoon. "But people are actually stopping and reading the headstones. And a lot of people are making more."

The headstones are just one part of Alcohol Awareness Week. Earlier in the week students served "mocktails," non-alcoholic drinks to people walking by the EMU Fish Bowl.

"We want to prove that drinking can be fun without alcohol," Stephani Shaver said. "I'm always designated driver, and I'm excited to know there's something to drink other than Coke."

According to statistics provided by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, college students spend approximately \$5.5 billion on alcohol every year. Ninety-five percent of violent crimes on campus are alcohol-related, and 90 percent of rapes occur when alcohol is being used by either the assailant, the victim or both.

"Alcohol touches everyone in some way. By promoting awareness, hopefully we won't lose so many people," Shaver said.

"Leave the Pack Behind," a 3.7k run today, will also commemorate Alcohol Awareness Week. The run begins at 4:30 p.m. at Alton Baker Park.

"It's for people to get out and run for a cause," Shaver said. "It's also an opportunity for people who have lost someone in an alcohol-related death to get out and talk to people."

Oregon Grind to jive at Bean courts

■ MUSIC: The festival had to be moved from the Folk Fest site to give the EMU lawn a chance to heal

By Jennifer Schmitt
Higher Education Reporter

The First Annual Oregon Grind, sponsored by the EMU Cultural Forum, will take place at the Bean basketball courts on the corner of Moss Street and 15th Avenue.

"This is a good place," said Ben Samrick, national music coordinator for the Cultural

Forum. "It is big, and it is on pavement so we can't ruin anything."

The music festival will take place on May 27 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Oregon Grind was going to be on the EMU East Lawn, but was moved to prevent further damage to the grass where the journalism and architecture school graduation ceremonies are supposed to be.

Members of the Cultural Forum, who organized the event, asked various groups around campus to find a place to hold the festival. University

Housing officials agreed to let them use the basketball courts.

"We had to pull some teeth, but now we've got a place to hold [the grind]," Samrick said. "Housing was the only group on campus that would let us use their space."

The festival will feature contemporary music from local and national bands.

The Oregon Grind music festival is free and open to the public.

"It is totally free," Samrick said. "We just want people to come and have fun."

Administrators examine how to raise minority enrollment

■ RETENTION: A survey will help create Oregon's program to attract and retain minorities

By Jean M. Bond
Higher Education Reporter

The Oregon State System of Higher Education and the Oregon Student Lobby are both looking at ways to keep minority students in Oregon

universities.

The state system is developing a survey to assess campus climates, said Tom Coley, assistant vice chancellor of academic affairs for the system.

In addition, Oregon Student Lobby is comparing minority retention programs at other colleges to those in Oregon colleges to determine what kinds

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