

When the levee breaks...



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Water rushes into a gravel pit at Delta Sand and Gravel after a dike on the Willamette River broke. The entire quarry was filled with water that will take months to pump out.

POLICE BEAT

■ A graduate student lost \$195 worth of property when someone broke into his office in the Volcanology building at 1255 E. 13th Ave. The student said he had locked the office on Nov. 16, but later found someone had entered and taken his backpack. The burglary was reported on Nov. 19, but the property has not been recovered.

■ A non-student who lives at 1728 Ferry Street reported he had lost his checkbook after Payless Drug Store contacted him and told him someone was cashing his checks. Police do not know how much money was taken from the account and have not identified a suspect.

■ Stereo equipment worth \$315 was taken from a car parked at 492 E. 13th Ave. sometime between

midnight and 8 a.m. on Nov. 16.

■ A bicycle valued at \$700 was taken from the Delta Upsilon House at 1865 Alder Street between 11 p.m. Nov. 16 and 10 a.m. Nov. 17. It has not been recovered.

■ Someone took a wallet from a purse in Agate Hall between 12:15 and 12:45 p.m. on Nov. 19. An unspecified amount of cash and some credit cards were in the wallet and have not been recovered.

■ Someone stole a wallet that contained a bank card at about 8 a.m. from Sacred Heart Hospital Nov. 18. Using the card, the suspect took \$280 out of the account within 12 minutes. Police suggest people keep their personal access numbers separate from their bank cards.

— compiled by Doug Irving

The ASUO Student Senate convened Wednesday night in the EMU Boardroom.

■ After some debate, ASUO Legal Services received \$825 from the Senate surplus fund. The money will go toward funding work-study positions for law clerk research assistants.

Funding for the positions was originally denied during last year's ASUO Programs Finance Committee budget hearings.

"I have a hard time going above the PFC," Senator Doug Baker said. "If it's something [the PFC] didn't see as a need for the budget and we give them this special request, it's like we're going above their heads."

However, Senate President

SENATE

BRIEFLY

Kalpna Krishnamurthy disagreed, stating the work-study positions provided valuable services to University students.

"While I totally trust the PFC, when a program is doing a great job and training people, it's not in the students' best interests to limit these opportunities," she said.

■ The Senate confirmed Chris Jaeger and Sean Parlamen to Athletic Department Finance seats 8 and 9, respectively. All but one Senate position have been filled.

— compiled by Kristin Bailey

Java and the Muse gives a night to women performers

■ **EVENT:** The show allows women a chance to be on stage without being judged

By Kristin Bailey
Student Activities Editor

What started as some reflections over a cup of coffee for a University alumna has turned into a traditional event for the ASUO Women's Center.

Java and the Muse will take place again tonight in the EMU International Student Lounge at 7 p.m.

The quarterly event was developed by Jenny Root, a former student, about five years ago, said Bonnie Kanter, office coordinator of the Women's Center.

"The word 'muse' means an inspiring artistic force," she said. "Jenny wanted to do something for women to express their talent in a safe place. So one day she was having coffee and snacks, and there it was. Unfortunately, not many people know what 'Java and the Muse' means."

For those who still don't know, Java and the Muse is an evening of different performances from local singers, poets and dancers — all of whom are women.

"This is to showcase women's talent," said Edith Webster, Women's Center fund-raising coordinator. "The talent levels vary. It's not like we're expecting a lot of rock stars. It's women coming together and expressing themselves. It's powerful and a lot of positive energy."

Java and the Muse also serves to raise money for the Women's Center general fund. Attendees are requested to make a \$3 donation.

"It's important women know they have a place where they can come and not be judged if they don't perform well," Kanter said. "It's a good atmosphere. It can be very therapeutic as well."

Performances kick off at 7 p.m. and end around 10:30 p.m. An open microphone will be available for an hour after performances.

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