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DUCKS BEAT UCLA!

■ **OVERTIME:** The Oregon men's basketball team upsets Pacific-10 Conference leader UCLA 87-85 in overtime. Oregon's Henry Madden hits a jump shot for the game-winner



WEATHER

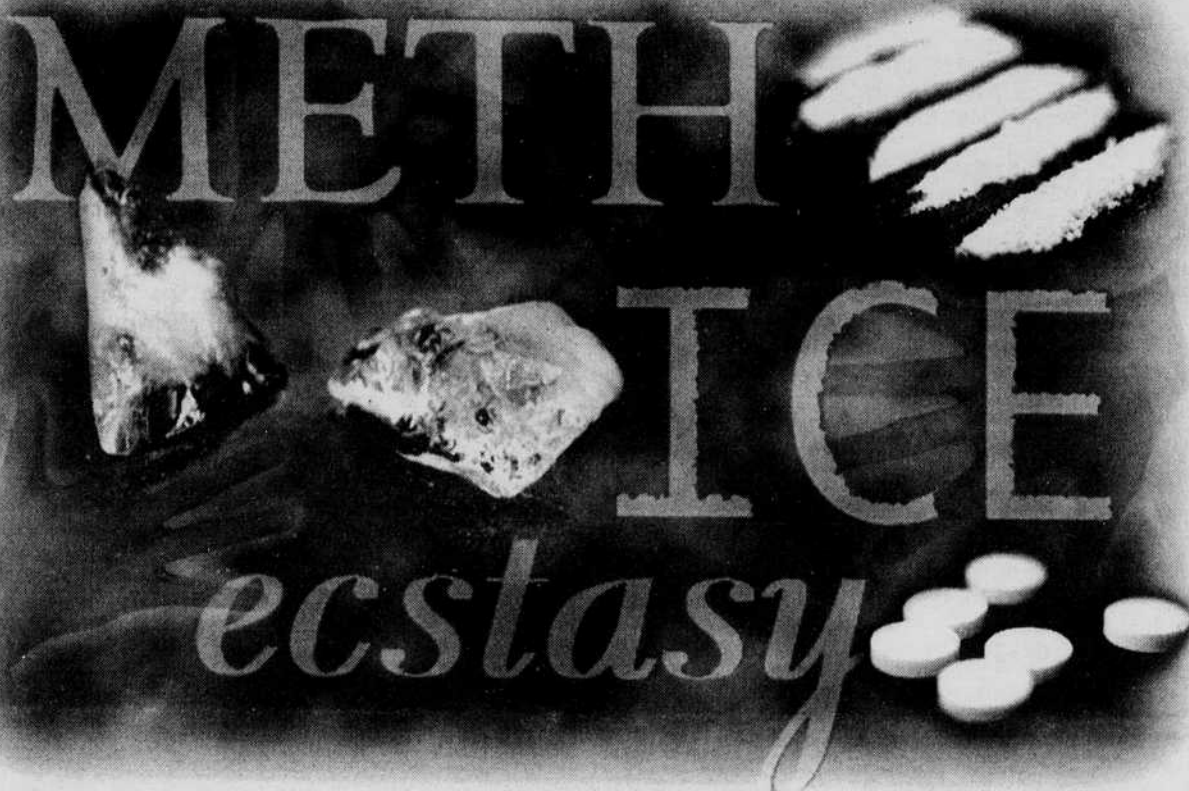
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IN FOCUS: DRUG USE



By Amy Palanuk
Higher Education Reporter

This weekend, 450 University students will study the effects of the drugs meth, ice and ecstasy in one of the top four cities in the country for methamphetamines use.

"For a number of years in the community, we've been number three or four in the nation for meth production," said Sgt. Rick Siel of the Eugene police department's Rapid Deployment Unit and a speaker at the seminar.

"Meth, Ice and Ecstasy," a seminar sponsored by the University Substance Abuse Prevention Program, runs this Friday and Saturday at the Lane County Fairgrounds. Presentations by medical professionals, law enforcement officials and people with personal drug experience will highlight the two-day seminar. The seminar, open to students and community members, is full and has been for the last three weeks.

Siel will present background information about meth, ice

HIGHER LEARNING

Presentations by medical professionals, law officials and people with personal experience with drugs will highlight this weekend's seminar

and ecstasy at the seminar. After 15 years as a drug investigator, Siel has seen first-hand the effects methamphetamine use can have on people, families and the community. In addition to his work with the Eugene Police Department, Siel teaches classes at Lane Community College and the University on drug-related subjects.

"What I try to look at is the drug itself, explain what it is and what it does to you," said Siel. "That way, students will make decisions on how to fight it from an informed point."

The seminar's popularity stems from its topic—methamphetamines, said Miki Mace, program coordinator for the University Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

According to the National Clearinghouse for Drug Prevention, methamphetamines are illegal synthetic drugs that come in pill, capsule, powder or chunk form.

"Ice," the slang term for the crystallized form, got its name

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Photo Illustration by DENNIS BOLT & CHAD PATTESON/Emerald

University considers new major

■ **JUDAISM:** A committee is exploring the possibility of implementing a University Judaic Studies program

By Sarah Kickler
Oregon Daily Emerald

If things go as planned, the University may be adding a Judaic Studies program to its list of majors in fall 1998.

A committee, formed last fall and chaired by English Professor Dick Stein, recently released an initial curriculum proposal for the major.

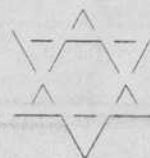
According to the Jewish Student Union winter term newsletter, the program will likely require two years of Hebrew in some form, and participating students may be encouraged to take a year abroad at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The committee consists of 10 faculty members, a graduate student representative and an undergraduate student representative. Jenna Balsavage, the undergraduate student representative on the committee and programming president at Hillel, said the program would be secular in nature, not theological.

She also said the aim of the program was to involve many disciplines, including history, literature, religious studies, philosophy, folklore, geography and anthropology.

Stein said the program is being designed to include both Jewish and non-Jewish students and faculty.

JUDAIC STUDIES

PROPOSED
PROGRAM

■ **CURRICULUM:** Two years of either biblical or modern Hebrew and a suggested study abroad at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Would involve classes in many disciplines
■ **START DATE:** Fall Term 98

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Women's conference celebrates cultural and ethnic diversity

■ **WOMEN:**

This year's keynote speaker is the only recognized female member of the Black Panther Party

By Angie Suchy
Student Activities Editor

Exploring issues pertaining to women of diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds is this year's key focus for the annual Women of Color Conference happening today and Saturday at the University.

"Expressions of Sisterhood and Color," an ASUO Women's Center event, is comprised of workshops, caucus sessions and a keynote speaker, Elaine Brown. Brown, the only recognized female member of the Black Panther Party, will give a speech entitled "Colors of Feminism," tonight at 7:30 p.m.



in the EMU Ballroom. This year's conference is slightly different than in the past, said Women's Center Diversity Coordinator Sandra Cho. The conference was designed to address not only women's issues, but concerns directly related to women of color.

"As I planned the conference this year, I tried to specify it to ethnicity issues and not just women's issues, and the workshops are geared toward this combination," Cho said.

Workshops are run by University, community and national activists. Topics include cross cultural friendship, career planning, domestic violence and women in art and literature. The format for each workshop will range from presentations to discussions, so participants will have the opportunity to learn and share ideas, said Women's Center Director Sho Shigeoka.

Shigeoka also emphasized that the conference is open to everyone, regardless of race or gender. Although

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CONFERENCE

Various events are scheduled all today and Saturday:

■ **TODAY**

WHAT: Keynote speaker Elaine Brown
WHERE: EMU Ballroom
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

■ **SATURDAY**

WHERE: Law Center
WHEN: 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For more info: 346-4095