

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Workshops offered

The Educational Opportunities Program will offer two workshops this month for all students who are interested in pursuing graduate school.

"Planning for Graduate School" will be offered Wednesday, Oct. 15, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room. This workshop will focus on the basics: selecting a graduate school, completing applications, meeting deadlines and de-

veloping planning strategies.

A second workshop intended specifically for prospective graduate students is "Graduate School: Personal Statements and Résumés." Designing personal statements, selecting information for résumés and understanding the expectations for graduate schools are among the topics the workshop will cover. It will be offered Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in EMU Century Room E.

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ASUO hopes petition will help extend class add-drop deadline

Student leaders plan to use the petition to lobby the University Senate

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Editor

They stood on street corners and in the EMU. They tried greek houses and residence halls. They visited classes and special events.

And by today, ASUO campaigners hope to have 2,000 signatures on their petitions to extend the class add-drop deadline.

"That's an immense amount," ASUO Head Controller Christa Colwell said. "How many people really want to stop and sign a petition?"

Students currently have six days to drop a class without having a "withdrawal" marked on their transcript. They have eight days to add a class.

That's not enough time for students to decide whether they want or need the class or can get

along with the professor, ASUO Vice President Ben Unger said. Students need more than two classes to judge the course, he said.

But faculty members have said an extended deadline will allow students to stay in classes for weeks before dropping out and opening up a space for someone who wants to take the class. That could force professors to play "catch up" until the fourth week.

"Our message is going to be the exact opposite," Unger said. "But it'll take a little bit of effort to get everyone on the same path."

The ASUO originally hoped to get 1,500 signatures by last Friday. It reached that goal on the second day, said Jim Paustian, ASUO voter education coordinator.

Student leaders will use the petition to lobby the University Senate to make the changes, Unger said. They plan to file a motion

with the Senate to change the deadline as soon as possible, although the Senate probably couldn't act on it until at least December.

The number of signatures should strengthen the ASUO's platform, Paustian said. That kind of participation shows that students are becoming involved in their government.

Signature gatherers made a conscious effort not to just stop people on the street, Colwell said. Instead, they went to classrooms and residences, giving students a chance to get involved on their own time.

The ASUO will probably use that method in future petition drives, she said.

"People are starting to see us as not just people out to bug them," Unger said. "Part of being a student should be signing petitions and getting involved. We're starting to get there."

Proposal: Council members will make decision on wetlands this Wednesday

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agreed. "I consider Eugene to be under assault right now by a corrupt company," she said.

Spencer also encouraged activists to organize environmental protests against the plant.

But a small segment of the audience said they are in favor of the city's proposal to let Hyundai seek an environmental impact statement from the Corps of Engineers.

Eugene resident David Hauser said the Hyundai proposal makes sense, and he is confident that a reasonable decision will be made.

In an Oct. 2 letter to Lane County officials, Hyundai requested that its site be removed from the West Eugene Wetlands Plan amendment package. City and county planning commissions are currently considering changes to the third phase of the Hyundai development plan that would af-

fect local wetlands. At present, Hyundai is not authorized to build on the wetlands under ex-

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Jan Spencer
Eugene resident

isting Corps of Engineers and Oregon Division of State Lands permits, but the company hopes things will change if the decision is left to state and federal officials.

In the same letter, Hyundai President James Hartman requested that the additional site be removed from the plan amendment package. Instead, Hyundai would submit an application for a wetland fill operation during the

third phase of its operations to the Corps of Engineers.

"We agree with the city that an environmental impact study in connection with the wetland fill permit application offers a greater opportunity for public review and comment and will ultimately produce a more informed and better balanced outcome," Hartman wrote. "We respectfully request that the Hyundai site be removed in its entirety from the plan amendment package and the community rely instead upon the existing state and federal wetland permitting process to resolve wetland issues."

Hyundai is just now putting the final touches on a factory that was part of the first phase of development and has approval to fill wetlands for phase two.

A decision on Hyundai's proposal is expected to be made at Wednesday's City Council meeting.

Vote: Students must register by today

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forms.

You can also download registration information and forms from the Internet through the Oregonian's website at www.oregonian.com/votersguide/index.html.

The registration cards must be postmarked by today or dropped off in voter registration boxes in front of the ASUO by 5 p.m. to be taken to the Lane County Elections Office.

Dakota Elder, 21, a Spanish major, plans to make up for past apathy by voting on Nov. 4.

"I feel guilty because I didn't register or vote in the presidential election," he said. "This time it will be nice to put my voice in."

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