

Model United Nations to hold symposium focusing on U.N.

The group will represent the Russian Federation at a conference in San Francisco

By Chris Kenning
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Today is United Nations Day, and in celebration the University chapter of Model United Nations will sponsor a symposium at 4 p.m. in 177 Lawrence Hall.

The event will feature three guest speakers from various departments at the University who will address the importance of the United Nations, as well as current issues facing the organization.

Speakers will include political science Professor Robert Darst, Honors College Professor David Frank and international studies Professor Gerald Fry. Topics will include Israeli-Palestinian relations, peace-keeping issues and women's empowerment. Students are encouraged to come and join the discussion.

"We want to promote awareness of the issues and problems facing the United Nations today

and also help celebrate the work of the U.N.," said David Kellett, secretary general of the campus' Model United Nations. The group works to study international issues, bring speakers to campus and attend conferences with other Model United Nations groups.

"Even though we're not funded by the University, we still manage to go to the Model U.N. conference in San Francisco each year, where we represent a country at the mock general assembly," Kellett said. This year the group is representing the Russian Federation.

Sean Gjerde, public relations officer for the group, said the symposium was an attempt to provide a balanced assessment of the strategies and success of the United Nations.

"Sometimes [the United Nations] is not very effective, and while we're celebrating the U.N., we're also discussing its shortcomings," he said.

Gjerde said his group has received an e-mail from a female graduate student who wrote that

she and several friends planned to protest the event because all of the speakers were white males.

"We were really surprised and shocked that people would think it was controversial. We sent out invitations to faculty members of both sexes and all races; the ones that agreed to speak just happened to be white males," Gjerde said.

United Nations day will also be celebrated at the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum on Saturday at 11 a.m., when City Councilor Bobby Lee and sister city officials will plant a Port Orford cedar to symbolize international friendship and United Nations Day. Chinju, Korea, Eugene's sister city, was the birthplace of Lee's mother.

The arboretum was originally designated in the early 1970s to commemorate the United Nations by designing a "World Court of Trees."

Students wishing to get involved in Model United Nations should contact Dave Kellett at 344-1827, Sean Gjerde at 349-9002 or e-mail the organization at uomuno@gladstone.uoregon.edu.

OPS will auction abandoned bikes

The Office of Public Safety will make sure all bicycles purchased Saturday are registered by their owners

By Eric Collins
Community Editor

A part of Eugene's homeless problem just might be solved Saturday morning. It doesn't involve shelters or camping permits, and it has nothing to do with food boxes or donated clothing.

It deals with Eugene's homeless bicycles. Whether lost, left behind or stolen, many bikes have no one to house them. For just dollars on Saturday, many of these bikes will receive a new home.

The University Office of Public Safety will hold a public auction of several hundred impounded bicycles Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in the Agate Hall parking lot on the corner of 17th Avenue and Agate Street. The public can inspect the bikes from 8:30 to 9 a.m.

Paige Lawlor, OPS office manager, said many fairly nice bicycles are intertwined with some junky or vandalized ones. The bikes are not fixed up, but they will be sold in the same condition as they arrived, she said. Lawlor said the bikes have been ac-

cumulating since the OPS's last bike auction, around 1992.

In order to help prevent mistreatment of the bicycles, Saturday's bike owners must register the bikes with OPS before they leave, she said. This way, if the bike is neglected or stolen, OPS can have an idea of whom to get the bike back to, she said.

If bikes aren't bought, they will be shipped out of OPS's hands.

Lawlor said Eugene police and OPS officers bring in bikes that are vandalized, damaged or left for a lengthy period of time on bike racks. Many bicycles are also turned in as stolen. If attempts to locate an owner are unsuccessful, the bikes become OPS property.

While the auction does earn money, its primary focus is getting rid of the bikes, Lawlor said. Any revenue from the auction goes back into an OPS account, she said, where it is used for on-campus bike safety projects, such as storage facilities or better bike racks.

However, due to the expense of advertising, including a \$900 legal advertisement in The Register-Guard, and the auctioneer's cut, she said she is skeptical any money will be left.

Duck Saver cards benefit children

The Duck Saver card provides discounts and costs \$5, which goes to help children

By Felicity Ayles
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Whatever happened to those Duck Saver cards? You remember, the convenient folding cards with all those coupons that fit so snugly in your wallet? Well, the cards have arrived in Eugene again this fall, but this year you can do more than just save on your favorite meals.

The Children's Miracle Network has published the second annual Duck Saver card. You can find the cards at many banks and stores close to campus. But you may remember that last year the cards were issued free to the students. This year, it is a different story because the network is using the cards to raise funds.

This fall students can purchase the Duck Saver cards for a \$5 do-

nation. More than 60 percent of donations go toward a fund supporting the Children's Miracle Network, an organization that benefits infants and children at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Eugene.

Because there are many sponsors, the cards cost the charity nothing to distribute. The bulk of the funds will go toward benefiting the infants and children associated with the Children's Miracle Network.

The Duck Saver card offers students free food, discounts and up to 25 percent off at dozens of local establishments.

The goal for this fund-raiser is to make \$50,000 to benefit the charity from the distribution of the cards. The network hopes to make more than half a million dollars this year, with the Duck Saver cards being one fund-raiser to help reach that goal.

Some students may be concerned by the sudden rise in price

of the cards. Last year it was the decision of the individual merchants to distribute the cards free to students.

"It's like it's free anyway," said Robb Passon of the community marketing group for the network. "It's only five bucks."

The success of the card last year is what prompted the network to turn it into a fund-raising effort.

"The students used them, and the businesses did really well," Passon said. Therefore, he said, the network thought the cards would be a good tool for helping the charity reach its fund-raising goal this year. Because the Duck Saver cards have been so successful, the network hopes to continue their distribution for many years to come.

"It's like the Entertainment Book wrapped up into one easy-to-use card," Passon said. Anyone can check the listing of merchants on the card online at www.continent.com/ducksaver.



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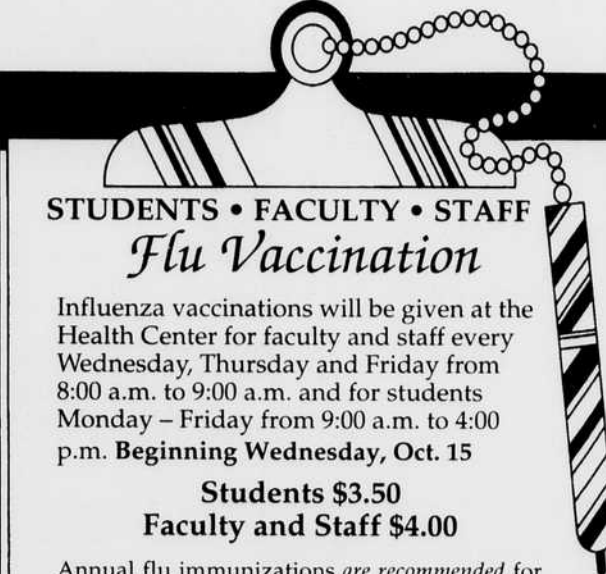
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2. Persons with long-term heart or lung problems.
3. Persons with any of the following: kidney disease, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, anemia, severe asthma and conditions which compromise immune mechanism.

Influenza vaccine may be given to persons wishing to reduce their chances of catching the flu, persons who provide essential community services and students or others in schools or colleges.

For more information, call the Health Center at 346-4441