

Society honors prof

Marketing professor Dennis Howard, a specialist on the marketing of sports stadiums, received high honors for his work

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Floating to the top

Point Guard Yasir Rosemond turned heads with his eight-point performance against UCLA

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TODAY

Student Orientation Staff will have a meeting today at 2 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Forum.

WEATHER

Today
Rain
High 52. Low 41.
Thursday
Rain
High 55. Low 40.

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LIBRARY HOURS



ASUO Controller Jason Bennett has Chevelle Packer sign a book as part of a campaign to keep the library open until midnight.

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Read around the Clock

The ASUO collected signatures in books and handed out condoms for its campaign to extend library hours

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Editor

The ASUO found the motto for its library access campaign in a condom ad: "24-hour lifestyle."

A 24-hour lifestyle requires better access to Knight Library and the EMU, ASUO Vice President Ben Unger explained. On Tuesday, the ASUO kicked off its campaign to keep the library open until midnight.

Staff members, interns and volunteers collected more than 300 books that students had autographed with requests for longer hours. They also handed out more than 600 LifeStyle condoms to drive home their motto.

"It's just something that catches your attention, more than anything else," Unger said.

Knight Library currently closes at 11 p.m. on week nights. Oregon State's main library stays open until midnight. The ASUO wants to at least bring the University up to Oregon State's standards, ASUO President Bill Miner said.

The University also needs better access

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Days of Action

■ Tuesday's campaign is the first in a series of "Days of Action." The ASUO hopes to gain support leading up to the Premiere Thursday night. Wednesday's campaign will focus on reauthorizing the Higher Education Act. Thursday's campaign will deal with renter's rights. The campaigns on Wednesday and Thursday will be held in front of Johnson Hall.

New support groups open to students

The counseling center added several group therapy options in response to student needs

By Kari Thorene
Higher Education Reporter

More students go to support groups during winter and spring terms, so the University Counseling Center is responding by offering more groups.

"We offer groups to meet students' needs throughout the year, but students seem to use groups more frequently during the winter and spring quarters," said Joy Lum, a staff psychologist at the counseling center.

The new groups offered this quarter include a relationship and personal issues group, a bereavement group, a gay men's therapy and support group and a group for older than average students.

"Dealing with the normal stresses of student life, understanding yourself more clearly, finding out you are not the only one dealing with a particular problem, understanding how you may be perceived by others, exploring past relationships and developing satisfying relationships are some of the ways groups are helpful to students," Lum said.

Lum leads the relationship and personal issues group. "I enjoy working with groups, so I wanted to offer a general relationship-personal issues group this term, along with my co-facilitator, Hussein Rajput," she said.

The parameters for discussion are pretty relaxed in this group, Lum said. "For this type of group, I trust that members will bring up whatever they feel to be important, so we may open a broad range of topics," she said.

Some of the issues group members might discuss include family history and trust issues. "Often past experiences affect how we experience the present, so sometimes it's useful for a person to explore past relationships and look at how this affects them in the present," Lum said.

The relationship and personal issues group has a limit of eight members that

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Local groups team up to increase minority marrow donors

The odds of finding a donor are 50 percent less for minorities than for Caucasians

By Chris Kenning
Student Activities Reporter

In an attempt to bolster ethnic bone-marrow donor numbers, local groups are sponsoring a first of its kind marrow registration drive for minority students at the University.

The drive, which is being held in the EMU Fir Room until Wednesday, is an ongoing program conducted through the Student Health Center. The ASUO teamed up with the health center, President's office, Portland Red Cross, and Lane Memorial Blood Bank.

Robert Wasson, ASUO multicultural advocate, is working with student leaders around the state to implement similar drives at other Oregon universities.

"If you are a person of color, your chances of a match are severely low," Wasson said.

For a person of color, the chance of finding a bone marrow donor — the only cure for as many as 60 fatal diseases — is about 50 percent less than that of a Caucasian, according to figures from the National Marrow Donor Program.

The current drive is federally subsidized through the national program, which funds the entire \$40 cost for persons of color and pays \$20 toward the cost for other students, said David Hubin, executive assistant to University President Dave Frohnmayer.

"The disparity is partially a reflection of where the active drives have taken place," Hubin said. "This is an attempt to reverse some of the barriers to people of color in

treating illnesses."

Diseases that require marrow transplants are genetic, and a perfect bone marrow match must come from the same race. Caucasians represent 58.82 percent of registered donors, while Asians make up 5.71 percent. Native Americans represent only 1.34 percent.

"This is just a first step, but we want to get as many students of color signed up," said Judy Ogasawara, supervisor of the health center lab. The Lane blood bank will be drawing blood type samples from eligible volunteers on Feb. 3 at the health center.

Then, if in the future a recipient is found to match your type, several more tests are

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