

Student drug abuse

Ritalin, a stimulant for patients with attention deficit disorder, is being used by students as a study pick-me-up

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Pac-10 frustrations

The men's and women's tennis teams each won only one top-flight match at the Pac-10 Championships last weekend in Ojai, Calif.

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TODAY

Pride Week begins with a rally at 11 a.m. followed by live music on the EMU East Lawn.

WEATHER

Today

Sunny
High 73. Low 42.

Tuesday

Sunny
High 75. Low 44.

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EARTH-SHAKING FESTIVITES



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Attendees at Sunday's Earth Festival dance to the marimba sound of Kudana on the EMU East Lawn.

A Green Party

Food, music and a protest at the river were all part of Sunday's Earth Festival

By Matthew Conover
Freelance Reporter

Dancing to music best described as "eco-folk," the coordinators of the second annual Earth Festival said they hoped their event was the cap they needed for the end of Earth Week. Survival Center workers did most of the organizing, but the Women's Center, Jewish Student Union and Student Senate co-sponsored the festival.

Katie Higgins, a coordinator for the Survival Center and co-coordinator of the Earth Festival, said she wanted to get all the social, environmental and animal justice student organizations to come together

in a fun atmosphere.

"I want people to be able to get in touch with different organizations on campus," Higgins said. The festival sponsored information tables for CISCAP, the Green Party, the Lost Valley Educational Center, and other eco-conscious organizations trying to get their word out.

"Environmental advocacy groups are intent on getting more active," Higgins said. One way to do that is to get more people involved, she said.

Five fewer organizations than last year signed on to attend the festival, Higgins said, but information booths were a small

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Rally held to protest recent signs of hate

The rally was held at the Ferry Street Bridge, where a swastika was hung last week

By Jesse Sowa
Community Reporter

Approximately 200 people showed their opposition to recent displays of hate by taking part in a rally April 24. Participants walked across the Ferry Street Bridge, where a Nazi swastika was hung earlier in the week.

The rally began at the Eugene Water and Electric Board plaza, where several speakers told the crowd to stand up for what they believe in.

Rev. Dan Bryant of the First Christian Church said he discovered several hate banners and spray-painted swastikas in an alley behind the church between Oak and Willamette streets earlier in the day.

Also painted in the alley was

"Zyklon-B," which is a reference to a chemical used to create poisonous gas in Nazi death camps.

"When someone in our community paints these kind of words in the alleys of our city, what are they saying to us?" Bryant asked protesters.

"The only thing that stops it is when people like you band together to say, 'No, not here.'"

Scott Britt, a former local neo-Nazi recruiter, said racists see Eugene as a "prime recruiting area" because of its many schools, including the University and several colleges. "They prey on vulnerable youth," he said.

Britt added that it is not enough to show up at such a gathering.

"We have all taken action coming here today, but the action needs to be taken tomorrow as well."

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Greek system raises its GPA requirement

Chapters that fall below it will be able to hold only half as many functions per term

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Editor

Greek life might include a little more studying next year.

The University's greek system will raise its minimum grade point average requirement from 2.75 to 2.85 beginning fall term.

Any chapter that falls below that requirement will lose the right to three of the six social functions it can hold each term.

The greek system will regulate itself on this standard, with the Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils notifying houses when they fall below it.

Fraternities passed the by-law amendment April 15; sororities followed on April 22.

"It's basically just saying, 'Well, let's work harder,'" said Rena Adelstein, Panhellenic Council vice president of public relations. "Why settle for what we're already getting?"

The change will bring the greek system back in line with revised University standards.

The University endorses fraternities and sororities in 10 categories, including grades, live-in requirements and safety. Its minimum GPA for endorsement will jump to the new requirement beginning in the fall.

Endorsement means the University recognizes the chapter as an asset and will promote it to incoming freshmen, Adelstein said.

Sororities generally average higher than 2.85, said Laurie Yee, Panhellenic Council

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