

UO Housing presents fifth Hunger Banquet

Students who pay to attend the banquet will learn real-life lessons about world hunger

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The world is not always fair, and tonight's hunger program will be a tangible presentation of this fact.

The Hunger Banquet in the EMU Ballroom will be the fifth in University history. After being absent several years, the Hunger Banquet has been resurrected by University Housing.

"Hopefully, it will raise awareness that hunger is an issue," co-director David Lester said. All of the banquet's proceeds and leftover food will be donated directly to FOOD for Lane County.

The purpose of the program is to show students the distribution of world wealth. Although everyone will pay the same amount to attend, only 10 percent will get to eat a full meal. The largest chunk — 60 percent — will eat only beans and rice, and 30 percent will have a meal somewhere in between. This corresponds to actual distribution of First, Second and Third World countries, Lester said.

This distribution will demonstrate to students what the world is like on a smaller scale, Lester said. Those who were chosen to

eat the First World meals will see those who appear cheated and only get beans and rice. On the other side of the issue, the Third World members will watch the 10 percent in the First World with envy.

A band called Crimes Against the State, which is known for addressing political issues, will perform at the banquet, and a representative from FOOD for Lane County will speak.

"[The representative] is going to talk about being hungry and his humbling experience of accepting donations from FOOD for Lane County," Lester said.

The banquet, which is sponsored by the Residence Hall Association and International Student Association, will give \$500 in door prizes, which recipients can donate to charity.

Tickets cost \$5 for students and \$6 for the community; extra donations are welcome. Tickets will be available at the EMU Ticket Office today and at the door at 6 p.m. There were about 100 tickets left Monday afternoon, Lester said. He hopes to raise about \$2,000.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Deadline is today to register to vote

Today marks the deadline to register to vote in the May 19 primary election. All Oregon voters must deliver a voter registration card to their respective county elections office by 5 p.m. this evening if they want to vote. If a new registration card is mailed, it must be post-marked by that date.

Voters can find registration cards at every county elections office and at many post offices, libraries and other public

buildings. Voters registered by today's deadline may request an absentee ballot any time prior to election day; however, ballots will not be mailed after May 14.

Lane County voters who decide to vote absentee after May 14 must pick up a ballot at a Lane County elections office. All primary election absentee ballots must be received by county elections officials by 8 p.m. on May 19. On election day, voters may also hand-deliver ballots to any county elections office.

OSPIRG: Group will go if election results stand

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"I would say this is merely just beginning," Unger said.

With the outcome of the election in question, OSPIRG has not decided what it would do if the University chapter was defunded.

OSPIRG pools its funding from four Oregon schools, but the University chapter covers about 67 percent of that, according to the group's draft budget submitted to the Programs Finance Committee last year.

The loss of the University chapter's funding would be heavy, said Glenda Marshall, OSPIRG state board chair. But the University also receives more resources than the other campuses, she said.

The loss could also hurt morale within the PIRG system, Marshall said. The University was the birthplace of the movement; its chapter was the first in the nation. OSPIRG has been a

campus group since 1971.

But Marshall said the other Oregon chapters would continue, with or without the University's funds.

"It would be very serious to the movement," she said. "It might be a stumbling block, but it's not like the organization is going to go down."

The group is in a "wait-and-see phase," Marshall said — waiting to hear from the Constitution Court before it decides on its future.

It will leave campus this summer if the election stands, Marshall said. Students would then have to ask the OSPIRG board to return a chapter to campus if they wanted the group back.

Until then, the group plans to continue its activities on campus, Marshall said.

"We're not going to not do things that we always do," she said. "But students are the ones who are losing."

Pride: Week to conclude with dance

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the community and offer something back," said Sandy Macke, LGBTQA office coordinator.

On Tuesday, workshops and lectures in the EMU will focus on the queer race, bisexual identity and "Queers in the Media." Evening events will feature a panel discussion — "Guess the Straight Person" — in the Carson Gold Room at 7 p.m. WYMPROV, a popular four-women comedy troupe based in Eugene, will perform in the EMU Ben Linder Room at 8 p.m..

The week commemorates the Stonewall riots, when police raided the Stonewall Inn, a New York gay bar, and harassed the patrons in 1969. The event was a rallying point for the gay rights movement.

"People don't view us as a race, but we are a minority within the community," Gould said.

Wednesday will showcase a

writer's workshop in the EMU Walnut Room at 3 p.m. and a keynote address by Leslea Newman at 7 p.m. in the Gerlinger Lounge.

Newman is a Jewish lesbian author of 25 books including "Out of the Closet and Nothing to Wear" and the controversial children's book, "Heather Has Two Mommies." She will address the current issues surrounding gay and lesbian families and present a 20-minute video.

Following the address Wednesday night, the LGBTQA will show two movies: "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert" and "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar" in the Carson Gold Room at 9 p.m.

On Thursday, there will be a workshop on "Quality Queer Relationships" at 3 p.m. in the Carson Gold Room and two lectures by Morris Kaplan, a speaker from San

Francisco currently working at Stanford University. Kaplan will discuss "Political Equality and Social Difference" at 3:30 p.m. at a location to be announced and "Same-Sex Marriage, Sexual Freedom and Forms of Domestic Life" at 7 p.m. in the Ben Linder Room. At 8 p.m., Doug Dance will give a presentation about discrimination and living with AIDS in the Carson Gold Room.

Friday's activities include another lecture by Kaplan addressing the emergence of homosexuality in Victorian London at noon in the EMU Ben Linder Room, followed by a discussion of gay people of color in the Multicultural Center at 1:30 p.m.

This weekend there will be a dance Saturday night at the Collier House beginning at 8 p.m., and bowling this Sunday at 2 p.m. at Southtowne Lanes.

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