

Observatory: Internet link added

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mid-April to mid-October. Snow-fall and extreme weather make public access difficult during the rest of the year.

A group of experienced amateur astronomers from Bend and the Friends of Pine Mountain Observatory help Dunaway run the weekend programs and tours, he said.

In addition to being open for public observation, the observatory hosts many school groups that come on field trips.

"Astronomy and dinosaurs, that's the way to get the kids," Dunaway said.

He points out, however, that the observatory is not only used for public education.

"We're not a planetarium," he said. "We're a research facility."

The observatory is set up to do an extensive deep-sky search of

the Northern Hemisphere to find unlocated galaxies, Dunaway said.

To facilitate this kind of research, the University is outfitting the observatory with equipment, such as optical encoders and sensitive remote focusing mechanisms, that will allow it to be operated from anywhere, he said.

The project, which was started in the early 1990s, includes the addition of a T-1 Internet connection that has opened the door for the Electronic Universe Program, Dunaway said.

The program is designed to turn the observatory into a remote classroom for Oregon students of all ages. Teachers and students can request that images from the observatory's telescopes be sent via the Internet directly to classrooms, he said.

Visitors to the observatory are strongly encouraged to wear warm clothes and rugged footwear. A \$2 donation is requested for adults and children 10 and older to help offset some of the observatory's costs. Visitors should arrive at the observatory at about 8:30 p.m., just before dusk, to familiarize themselves with the terrain.

To reach the observatory, take Highway 20 east out of Bend. Travel 26 miles to the town of Millican, turn south on a dirt road just beyond the city, and travel eight miles up to the top of Pine Mountain.

For more information or to make a group tour reservation, contact Dunaway at (541) 382-8331. There is also information available at the Pine Mountain Web site, which can be found at <http://pmo-sun.uoregon.edu>.

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"There is a non-violent message, and there is a non-violent way to work on these issues," he said. "We're hoping that we'll be able to spark some dialogue within the community."

Many students in the Multicultural Center face racism daily, Banfield said. Most people in Eugene are tolerant, but the issue is still important, he added.

"A lot of people know this already, but you have to keep reiterating it," Banfield said. "Violence is everywhere in our society."

Violence is something Mohandas Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. dealt with routinely. Arun Gandhi's parents sent him to live with his grandfather in 1946 for 18 months to learn to deal with his anger. He has since written multiple books.

Yolanda King was born in Montgomery, Ala., two weeks before Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat to a white passenger. She is currently co-director

of NUCLEUS, a group of performing artists promoting positive energy through the arts. She and Gandhi will be available for questions after their speeches.

Multicultural Center members are excited about the speeches.

"You couldn't ask for a better way to open up the amphitheater," said Robert Wasson, a member of the Multicultural Center's Board of Directors. "It's a form of activism that I think needs to be embraced and understood."

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