

Campus briefs

Workshops address grad school concerns

The Educational Opportunities Program at the Academic Learning Services is sponsoring two graduate school planning workshops that will address concerns by juniors and seniors who are interested in applying to graduate and professional schools.

Today from 12 to 12:50 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room, there

will be a workshop to focus on selecting graduate programs, completing applications, getting letters of recommendations, planning strategies to meet deadlines and locating financial aid resources.

A second workshop at the same time will focus on writing the personal statement that is usually required in the graduate school application. EOP instructors and advisors will be present to answer questions.

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Lane OSPIRG alleges environmental pollution

The Lane chapter of OSPIRG released a report documenting environmental pollution by four oil companies.

The report requests ARCO, Exxon, Chevron and British Petroleum be prevented from drilling in the Arctic Wildlife Refuge. The

refuge is the only area along Alaska's north slope not open for oil and gas. The coastal plain's 1.5 million acres are home to caribou, musk oxen, bears, wolves and migratory birds.

The area is also home to the Gwich'in people, who depend on caribou for food, and the report said the subsistence of the culture depends on preventing the oil drilling.

"Trusting these companies with this pristine and fragile

refuge would be like having the wolves guard the hen-house," said Ilysia Shattuck, OSPIRG's Campaign Director.

Two bills H.R. 900 sponsored by Rep. Bruce Vento (D-MN) and S.B. 531 sponsored by Sen. Philip Roth (R-DE) would permanently protect the area as a wilderness area. The Arctic Refuge Wilderness Bill would add 1.5 million acres — the coastal plain of the refuge — to the National Wilderness System.

20-02 would fund library improvements

No opposing statements have been filed against the measure, but some Bethel citizens disagree

By Felicity Ayles
Oregon Daily Emerald

Proponents of Eugene Ballot Measure 20-02 say the improvements to the Eugene library system could be beneficial for students, but the measure's few opponents feel it is a waste of the city's time and money.

If passed, this measure would allocate money for furnishing the new Eugene library and making vast improvements to the current library system.

"It will be a great place for students," Library NOW co-chair Bill Sullivan said.

More University students check books out of the public library than the Knight Library, he said.

The measure would provide \$2.1 million for two branch libraries, an increased book budget and restoration of Sunday hours at all branches, according to the Eugene city manager's office.

It would also pay for furnishings, books, reading rooms and an Internet center for the new library at 10th Avenue and Olive Street in downtown Eugene.

Library NOW is an organization in favor of Ballot Measure 20-02. For the last several months, Sullivan said, several library groups have been doing research to find out what people want.

"We've found that people want more books and longer hours," he said. "That's what this levy is. More books, longer hours and more programs."

Measure 20-02 is currently running unopposed in the 1998 election, said Kate Fieland, City of Eugene deputy city recorder. Nobody has applied to make an

Past failed library measures

NOV. 8, 1994:

Measure 20-30: General funds for the construction of a new library. Shall the city issue

\$26,134,808?

Yes: 24,512

No: 24,644

MAY 17, 1994:

Measure 20-09: Bonds for new library equipment and facility repair. Shall the city issue \$56,207,287?

Yes: 15,269

No: 15,603

SOURCE: Kate Fieland, Eugene deputy city recorder

opposing argument against the measure.

But that doesn't mean that no one opposes the measure, she said.

Active Bethel Citizens member Jim Lynch doesn't care for the measure at all.

The Bethel neighborhood doesn't really use the Eugene public library and usually relies on the Bookmobile, he said.

Lynch said he's not too happy about the way the city proposed the measure. He said the city is not going to be able to staff the library fully using their current staff, he said.

But the City of Eugene voter's pamphlet is ready to be mailed, so it is too late for an opposing application to be filed, Fieland said.

"We have not received any paperwork on file organizing any opposition to this measure," said Mary Newson, administrative aid to the Eugene city recorder.

Two previous library ballot measures failed in 1994.

The measure on the ballot in November 1994 would have allocated city funds for the construction of the new library. A similar previous measure in May 1994 included bonds for emergency equipment and facility repair for the new library.

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