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Weaving

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community.

Alisa Simmons, ASUO campus organizer, said she is looking forward to participating in efforts that work toward diversifying the campus. She also said the ASUO plans to implement changes to strengthen recruitment and retention of minority students, staff and faculty.

"Weaving New Beginnings is the perfect opportunity for students, staff, and faculty celebrate our diverse communities and pre-

pare to enrich the University experience," Simmons said.

Troy Franklin, assistant dean of student life for multicultural student programs, said Weaving New Beginnings is an opportunity for the University to show support to students of color, as well as to connect students with different departments.

He said the most important message, however, is to bring diversity to the student population. Franklin said he recommends students take advantage of the event and enjoy the night.

University President Dave Frohnmayer said the reception

What: Weaving New Beginnings, a reception honoring diversity on campus.

When: Tonight, 6:30 p.m.

Where: EMU Ballroom (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

Contact the ASUO office at 346-3724 for more information

SOURCE: ASUO

has become an important opportunity for community building and for renewal among students, faculty and staff of color. He said he encourages the University community to attend.

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is to broaden the possibilities and be ready for everything."

Beginning at 8 p.m. Dec. 31, more than 50 employees will be working 12-hour shifts at the command center to organize and hone city services into the new year. In addition to the high-powered back-up generator at the site, others will be stationed at city hall, a Eugene radio tower and police sub stations around town. Portable generators will be in place at key intersections throughout the city as well as temporary stop signs at several others.

Current information provided by the city is focused not just on potential computer problems, but as Weiler stressed, being ready for natural disasters such as an earthquake or flooding require just as much attention.

"If you needed an excuse to get your home ready, this is it," Weiler said.

The city manager's office produced a pamphlet titled, "Preparing for Y2K," which details the necessary components for getting area households geared with food, water, first-aid and access to infor-

mation in the event city services were delayed or halted — for whatever reason.

To address Eugene residents' concerns, a series of free Community Emergency Preparedness classes are being held through the end of the year. The three-hour-long sessions help citizens develop home emergency plans, create lists of supplies for at least 72 hours of self-sufficiency and educate the public on emergency communication systems.

Eugene Fire Department Planning Chief Ruth Obadal, serving as director of the program, said the classes facilitated by one police officer and one firefighter are designed to keep people safe and properly informed.

"As people gear up for Y2K, we wanted to get the right information to them," she said. "Given our resources, we felt this was a good way to do a lot more for a lot more people."

Recognizing the public's interest in getting help during an emergency, Obadal stressed that the more people are prepared themselves, the less of a burden will be placed on emergency services at the time.

"Part of knowing what to do if disaster hits is knowing when to

Upcoming Community Emergency Preparedness Classes:

■ Nov. 9, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Washington Park Community Center

■ Nov. 30, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Campbell Senior Center

Participants must pre-register by calling 682-6000. All sessions are free to the public.

SOURCE: Eugene Fire Department

call 911 and when not to," she said.

Fire Department administrator Rob Wilhite echoed this warning by stating that not tying up available phone lines in a disaster is a major point discussed in the classes.

"More people need to know what not to do in a disaster," he said. "It's just as important."

Wilhite said the classes suggest a host of good ideas people might not have considered, or that they may forget in the event of emergency.

"It's obviously better than being unprepared, or going on hearsay," he said.

Calendar

Tuesday, Oct. 19

A public hearing today offers a chance to comment on a proposed amendment to Oregon Administrative Rule 580-010-0086. The amendment would extend resident tuition rates, now available to spouses of employees, to same-sex domestic partners of employees. The hearing officer will be Vicki Falsgraf. The hearing will be from 10 to 11 a.m. in 121 Susan Campbell Hall. For more information, call Lynda Rose at 346-5795.

"Urs al-jalil (Wedding in Galilee)" will show at 7 p.m. in 122 Pacific Hall. The showing is part of the International Film Series. It is free of charge. For more information, browse <http://babel.uoregon.edu/ylc/Filmseries/filmseries.html> or call the Yamada Language Center at 346-4319.

Judith Baskin, historian and Jewish Studies scholar at the University of Albany, State University of New York, will discuss "The Sexual Politics of Piety: Studying Medieval Jewish Women." Her lecture will inaugurate the Harold Schnitzer Family Program in Judaic Studies. The lecture is at 7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge of Gerlinger Hall. For more information, call 346-3950. A reception follows.

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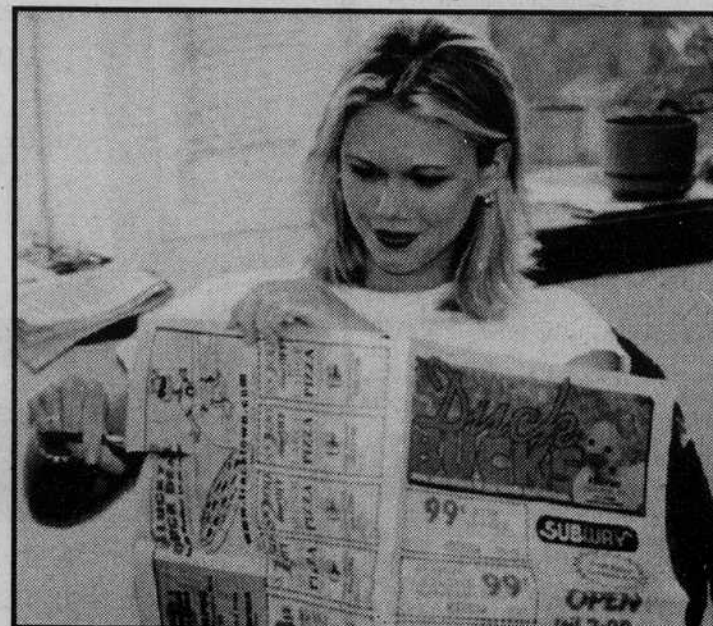
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