

Office space tight in EMU

■ Kultural Philipinas and the Designated Driver Shuttle are among groups looking for more space

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According to some student organizations, there is not enough space in the EMU to accommodate all student groups.

The house sub-committee of the EMU Board reviewed the office space applications of three student groups Wednesday. Kultural Philipinas, the Vietnamese Student Association and the Designated Driver Shuttle have submitted applications for new office space in the EMU.

The committee invited representatives from the organizations to attend the meeting and explain their situations and reasons for the requests.

Since KP and VSA are international student groups, the committee's executive members suggested moving these two groups into the office of the International

Student Association. The executive members of the ISA attended the meeting, but no one from KP and VSA showed up.

ISA co-director Alberto Albuquerque said the office space is not large enough to accommodate both the group's officers and executive members from other international student groups at the same time. He also said due to the lack of space, people have to work outside the office, or they have to sign up in advance to use the office equipment.

However, Haya Matsumoto, co-director of the ISA, said the office stays open so students from different groups can work in the office. The ISA also encourages different student groups to schedule office hours around each other.

There are 16 ethnic student groups at the University. The ISA and five ethnic student groups have office space in the EMU.

Matsumoto said the ISA office is so crowded that the group has to remove some of the furniture to allow more moving space for students who work there.

Insufficient space is also a problem in the DDS office.

DDS is now located in the south side of the EMU. DDS co-director Brian Wise said the small office space cannot accommodate employees during operation. Wise and DDS co-director Jeff Krueger said the location of the office is isolated from the rest of the building, and employees are unable to gain access to restrooms in the EMU when the building is closed.

Krueger said DDS needs to be in a location close to an open space that allows signals for the radio and dispatcher to be clearly transmitted. Wise said the locations of the Greek Life office, the ASUO office and office space on the first floor of the south side of the EMU would be suitable for DDS.

After hearing from representatives of DDS and ISA, committee members suggested relocating DDS to the ASUO office.

Members from the committee said they will contact the ASUO Executive and discuss the issue of allowing DDS to move into the ASUO office.

Kiss your Butts goodbye

■ Last year nearly 89,000 smokers participated in the Great American Smokeout

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According to the American Cancer Society, 400,000 people will die from smoking-related diseases and approximately 3,000 adolescents will become regular smokers this year. The University Health Center said nearly a third of all students smoke regularly.

To combat this epidemic, the ACS is sponsoring the 23rd Annual Great American Smokeout today. The ACS is asking smokers to test-drive a life without cigarettes by kicking their habit for just one day.

"We're trying to support adults that wish to become non-smokers and educate young adults on why they would not want to be smokers," ACS Spokesperson Pat Cookson said. "People don't realize how addictive smoking is."

In conjunction with the Smokeout, the University Health Center is offering a three-day acupuncture-therapy session. The session, offered by local acupuncturist Tom Williams, starts today at 4:30 p.m. in the health center library and runs

through Monday.

Each session lasts for one hour. Participants must attend an educational workshop at 4:30 p.m. today to be eligible for the therapy sessions.

Williams said that acupuncture therapy has a 50 percent success rate in getting people to quit their habit.

"In my experience, just about everyone said it was helpful," Williams said. "It benefits a person's long term health and has a calming effect on their central nervous system."

Williams is volunteering his time and hopes students who take advantage of his free service will make a donation to the American Lung Association.

"I get a sense of satisfaction from helping people quit smoking," Williams said. "Since so many college-age people smoke, I see it as an opportune place and time to intervene."

Director of Health Education Joanne Frank, a 10-year veteran of the health center, said she has seen a noticeable increase in tobacco use on campus.

"There has been a really strong anti-smoking campaign over the past few years," Frank said. "For some reason smoking has become more acceptable — it's come back as a trendy fad."

Frank blames the recent increase in tobacco use on campus on cigarette ads targeted at young adults.

"The ads are geared and aimed at youth to say that if you smoke you'll be strong and sexy," Frank said. "People don't realize

they're being duped."

If students are considering quitting, Frank said there are any number of ways to do it. She said smokers need to identify which method works best for them, and stick to it.

Senior architecture major Matt Miller said nixing the tobacco is not the hard part.

"There's just something about smoking with a bunch of friends," Miller said. "Quitting smoking isn't hard. The act of smoking is the hard part to quit."

But Miller plans to put away the habit for at least one day.

"I think it's a good place to start," Miller said. Cookson said that if only one person succeeds in quitting as a result of the Smokeout, it would have been well worth it.

"Ten percent of the nearly 89,000 people who participate in last year's Smokeout were still smoke-free five days after it," she said. "We expect a lot of people to quit for more than just one day."

Smoking Stats

90 percent of all adult smokers started smoking before the age of 18.

More than 60,000 Oregon children use tobacco

More than one-third of these children will die from their addiction.

60 percent of adults say that store owners should have a license to sell tobacco.

SOURCE: Oregon Health Division, April 1999

News briefs

Two shot; one of the suspects later terrorizes neighborhood

SWEET HOME — Police say one of two suspects in the killing of a man and the wounding of another later forced his way into several homes near Lebanon while trying to find a getaway car.

The two men were shot in a residence in Sweet Home at about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Dean Pruitt died and John Pruitt was hospitalized in serious condition and police are seeking two suspects — Marc Holcomb Junior and Corey Burdick.

An hour after the shooting, police received calls that an armed man was breaking into homes near Lebanon, trying to get a car. At one house, he blasted shots through a front door before confronting a 16-year-old boy who shot him in the chest.

The wounded man went on to steal a van at another house and escape. The van was later found abandoned.

Prison increases security
PENDLETON — After a convicted sex offender became the first inmate to break out of the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution in its 14-year history, the

prison has taken steps to intensify security measures.

James Kinney, 39, escaped last month by hiding in the prison's chapel after a religious service.

Modifications include microwave sensors installed to trip alarms whenever there is unauthorized movement on the prison grounds; added long-range security cameras, and improved lighting of the prison grounds.

The have also increased the randomness of security operations and added a layer of razor ribbon at the very top of the mile-long perimeter security fence.

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