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Calendar

Friday, April 14

The International Coffee Hour will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. in the EMU International Lounge.

Humanities Work-in-Progress Talk: Lynn Stephen, Anthropology, discusses "Mexico's New Zapatismo: From Chiapas to the Nation." Noon to 1 p.m. Room 159, PLC Hall. Free. For information, browse darkwing.uoregon.edu/~humanctr/ or call 346-3934.

International Week: World Forum

Day features "World Game," a dynamic interactive workshop on learning about and solving world issues. Noon. Room B54, Gerlinger Annex. For information, browse darkwing.uoregon.edu/~oieehome/events/index.html or call 346-4387.

Tax Drop-in Session: Student-led small-group sessions for international students and faculty who have done their tax forms but may have a few questions. 1 to 4 p.m. Century

Rooms D, E and F, EMU. Free. For information, call 346-3206.

Saturday, April 15

The Friends of Buford Park and Mount Pisgah will be holding a volunteer orientation for those interested in learning more about protecting native land and wildlife habitat. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., EPUD Cafeteria, 33735 Seavey Loop Road.

The LGBTQA Dance will be held at 9 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room.

WRC support

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she said.

One part of the WRC's vision is to make available to consumers information about working conditions in factories that produce university apparel.

"This will let the public make informed decisions about what they buy," Roeper said.

The WRC plans to gather information through voluntary disclosure on the part of apparel manufacturers, worker complaints and investigations of factories with a history of violations, she said.

In the months leading up to the WRC's first meeting, April 7, in New York City, organizers consulted with labor and human rights experts and workers from Central

America and Indonesia.

The WRC is trying to set up a network of internal monitors, rather than external monitors who are "often given doctored versions of what really goes on in the factories," Roeper said.

Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Eugene, joined 31 members of Congress in signing a letter in support of the WRC.

He said he was part of a minority in Congress that wants to overhaul institutions such as the World Trade Organization and change international trade relations.

"We're very supportive of the WRC," he said.

In another letter on April 5, DeFazio wrote to University President Dave Frohnmayer and called the WRC "the best way for colleges and universities to ensure that li-

censed products are made under decent working conditions, without sweatshop labor."

DeFazio described the WRC as having the necessary principles — public information and public pressure — to be an efficient monitoring agency.

"The WRC requires truly independent monitoring, full public disclosure of information about factories and working conditions, and allows universities to develop flexible penalties for non-compliance," he stated in the letter.

The local labor community was pleased with student efforts in support of workers' rights.

"The student movement has been particularly effective in making us aware of the issues," said Tim Nesbitt, president of the Oregon AFL-CIO.

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discuss what sustainability means and what works and what doesn't. ... The whole conference is mostly a service," said Mat Taylor, one of the event's three co-chairmen.

During the weekend, participants will use Eugene as a model for design projects and ideas. Taylor said Eugene city planners have long fought to implement rules and city codes that consider ideas of sustainability.

City planners "have made new rules so now they can do it right," Taylor said of the development project, which is the culmination of their efforts.

HOPES organizers said anyone, not only artists and architects, can benefit from the information that the keynote speakers, panels and workshops will provide.

"Universities have a unique opportunity and responsibility to become leaders in environmental sustainability," said Christine Thompson, who will lead a panel called "Greening the Campus," Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

The four keynote speakers have come from all over the country and Canada to speak at the conference.

Patrick Condon, who is also leading the charrette, is a professor at the University of British Columbia. He specializes in landscape design theory and sustainable urban design.

Samuel Mockbee, who teaches at Auburn University, focuses his work on ways of developing af-

fordable housing. He came up with the idea of a rural studio, which takes student architects to areas where people need housing.

Clare Cooper Marcus is a professor emerita in architecture and landscape architecture at the University of California at Berkeley.

"She is one of the most powerful women I have ever encountered," Taylor said of Marcus.

The final keynote speaker, Steve Loken, is a nationally recognized building technology expert.

In addition to workshops, panels and keynotes, there are activities for children.

Jess Ellingson, who is the kid's workshop coordinator for the conference, said there will be a variety of demonstrations and hands-on workshops children can participate in, including how to compost with worms, how to recycle and a workshop on solar energy.

"The younger you start, the better," Ellingson said.

There are also \$500 and \$250 cash prizes for winners of the "design challenge." Some of the designs include using license plates for house siding, recycling bathroom porcelain to create luxury bathroom sinks and using tires filled with dirt as housing foundations.



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