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Bach talk



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A wide spectrum of academic and religious leaders were represented in the five member panel which discussed the issues of Bach and the Gospel of John. From right to left: Anne Dhu McLucas, Rabbi Yitzhak Husbands-Hankin, Thomas Somerville, Reverend Daniel E.H. Bryant and Michael Marissen.

Quite maddening

The Mad Duckling Theatre anticipates the July 5 opening of the production 'My Emperor's New Clothes,' a Hans Christian Andersen classic. **PAGE 5**

The Flash

Art in the Vineyard a blend of arts

The 17th annual Art in the Vineyard music and art festival will be held at Alton Baker Park June 30 through July 2. Organizers tout the event as a gathering of fine local and out-of-town artists who must be hand picked by a jury in order to participate. Wine-tasting, music and children's storytelling highlight the festival. **PAGE 5**

Hikers have bountiful options for scenery

Mountaineers and novice hikers can enjoy the beauty of Hardesty Mountain, just miles outside Eugene. The hike includes scenic vistas and treks through pastures of wildflowers. **PAGE 5**

Supreme Court rejects abortion ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans in Congress soon may push forward with legislation that would ban so-called partial-birth abortions now that the Supreme Court has given guidance on how to make such a bill constitutionally valid.

On Wednesday, the nation's highest court threw out Nebraska's ban, saying it violates women's constitutional rights by imposing an "undue burden" on their decisions to end their pregnancies.

GOP lawmakers, who have been waiting on this decision, now will take the ruling and rework their already-approved "partial-birth" ban in hopes of avoiding any constitutional questions.

"This opinion will be studied intensely," House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said.

Bach song considered anti-Semitic

Public debate

A second discussion, titled "Lutheranism, Anti-Judaism and Bach's St. John Passion," is scheduled for Friday at 3 p.m. in Music 198.

SOURCE: Bach Festival

■ The song 'St. John Passion' has stirred a passion of its own among the Jewish community, putting heat on the Bach Festival for performing the controversial piece

By Rebecca Newell
Oregon Daily Emerald

"Music Beyond Boundaries" is the theme of this year's Oregon Bach Festival and boundaries were the topic of discussion Wednesday night at Beall Hall. A five-person panel addressed the controversy surrounding tonight's performance of Bach's masterpiece "St. John Passion."

When performed in 1995 at the Festival to commemorate

the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, the presentation was met with dissension and protest. After five years without the piece as a part of the event's lineup, the Bach Festival organizers are bringing it back.

Commentary during the piece, which is sung in German, includes phrases from the Gospel of John that many believe are anti-Semitic. The discussion sought to address the

concerns regarding the piece's selection as part of the festival, and opened up dialogue among the 200 people in attendance at Beall.

Representing the spectrum of academic knowledge, community religious leaders and musicologists, many gave their opinions about "St. John Passion."

The panel discussed the meaning and background of Bach's lyrics, and how they should be critically examined.

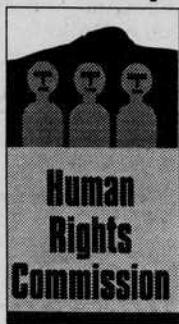
"Is there anti-Judaism in the text? In my opinion, yes," said

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“Every time that piece is played... the issue comes up.”

George Evano
OBF
director of communications

Commission looks ahead after public discussion



■ A public discussion airs concerns of observers and protesters related to the June 17-18 anarchist protests downtown

By Jack Clifford
Oregon Daily Emerald

As the Eugene community continues to struggle with questions and concerns relating to the pro-anarchist rally that turned into an arrest spree, the city's Human Rights Commission is looking at the bigger question of, "What now?"

Approximately 25 people, including members of the HRC's neutral observer program and several individuals from the total of 67 arrested during the weekend of June 17-18, spoke out Tuesday evening at the Lane County Courthouse. Some people connected to the anarchist movement have said that the city's neutral observer program can't be trusted to make fair assessments during protest situations and is just an extension of the Eugene Police Department.

The event's total attendance was close to 100, a number that Eugene's Human Rights Program Manager Greg Rikhoff said was lower because of what he calls a sense of mistrust among certain segments of the population.

"There's a large chunk of the community who still feel unsafe to participate," Rikhoff said, re-

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Bill would allow release of sex offenders' status

■ Legislation that recently passed in the U.S. House of Representatives could allow universities to post information about students convicted of sex crimes

By Kristy Hessman
Oregon Daily Emerald

School officials and local law enforcement agencies are unsure of how to deal with the logistics of a bill that recently passed in the U.S. House of Representatives. The legislation, would require colleges and universities to make known on their campuses the identities of students and employees who are "registered sex offenders."

The House on June 12 unanimously passed the bill, but it has not yet been reviewed by the Senate. The bill is expected to pass easily in the Senate.

The measure, was prompted by an incident that occurred last summer involving an Arizona State University student. Fifty-five year-old Arun Sharma was a convicted sex offender enrolled in the school and he was later arrested for assaulting six women in a movie theater. University officials were, at that time, unable to release criminal history on the student because it violated

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“... it is not really clear yet the impact this will have on campus.”

Joan Saylor
admissions lieutenant from the Office of Public Safety

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