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Oregon freshman Luke Ridnour made headlines when he chose to become a Duck. **PAGE 7A**

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The University Senate debates the prospects of a branch campus in Eastern Oregon. **PAGE 3A**

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Marc Miller, an HIV prevention specialist with the Lane County Public Health, posts the year 2000 edition of the World AIDS Day poster. This display of posters is located in the main entrance of the Public Service Building, 125 E. 8th Ave., in Eugene.

Catharine Kendall Emerald

Alliance strives to end indifference

This is the second of a three-part series highlighting World AIDS Day, which is Dec. 1.

Wednesday: University raises money for the cause

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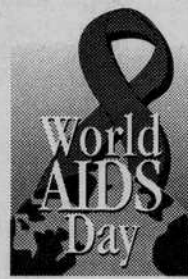
Friday: Student copes with loss of family member

■ The HIV Alliance in Lane County is still working to convey the message that the AIDS threat is not going away

By Lindsay Buchele
Oregon Daily Emerald

Since its discovery 20 years ago, the AIDS virus has become a worldwide problem, infecting 50 million people, with no cure available.

Thirteen years ago, Dec. 1 was named "World AIDS Day" in an attempt to raise awareness and bring hope to those living with the virus. The HIV Alliance, a Lane County agency that provides HIV and AIDS-related services, will be hosting an event this World AIDS Day to keep people aware that HIV and AIDS are a constant threat. Leslie Habetler, an HIV Al-



liance spokeswoman, said looking toward the future is especially important.

"People have developed a complacent attitude towards the virus because it seems like it's going away," Habetler said. "But in reality, there has been a rise in HIV infections."

More than 1,500 people in Lane County are estimated to be infected with HIV, with only a third of them knowing they are infected.

There has been a rise in infections within specific groups throughout Lane County and the nation. These groups include people under the age of 25, people of color, women and children.

World AIDS Day organizers say they hope they event will not only alert the public to the virus but also let people know about Lane County services for AIDS victims and their relatives.

HIV Alliance, which is a combination of the former Lane County organizations HIV/AIDS Resources and Lane County AIDS Hospice Services, offers many outreach services to people in these

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Gore appeals to Florida court

■ The Vice President asks the state Supreme Court to force a new recount

By Linda Deutsch
AP Special Correspondent

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Vice President Al Gore authorized a new appeal to the Florida Supreme Court on Wednesday, asking the justices who gave him one of his most important legal victories to force a new recount of disputed presidential ballots in a hurry.

The judge presiding over the election contest insisted on holding a legal hearing Saturday before deciding whether recounts should be done. The Gore lawyers said that would be too late and prepared to turn to the state Supreme Court.

George W. Bush's lawyers, though arguing that no recounts are justified, insisted on bringing more than 1 million ballots to the state capital instead of just the 14,000 requested by Gore's team.

Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls approved the massive transfer and set the stage for multi-vehicle convoys wending their way up from southern Florida with lawyers for each side riding in cars behind.

With political and legal clocks ticking, Gore's lawyers prepared a petition urging the state appeals court to yield jurisdiction to the seven justices of the Supreme Court.

"The issues in this appeal are of great public importance because they directly affect the outcome of the election of the president of the United States and determine the sanctity of the electoral process in Florida law," the Gore team wrote in a notice of their intent to appeal.

The request came during a whirlwind day of legal action spanning the state.

Democrats sought to speed up the counting of votes essential to Gore's effort to contest Florida's decision last Sunday to declare Bush the winner of the state's 25 electoral votes.

Republicans maneuvered on several

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Legal team
Gore
campaign

EMU budget hike passes, despite senatorial resistance

The Erb Memorial Union budget will be 6.4 percent larger than last year

By Emily Gust
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Despite resistance from several student senators, the EMU will get a 6.4 percent increase in its budget for next year.

Benchmarks are the financial goals for committees funded by the incidental fee such as the EMU and the ASUO Programs Finance Committee. They indicate a percentage increase or decrease in the funds the committee received for this year.

The ASUO Student Senate spent its past two meetings approving benchmarks for each committee, and the EMU passed with the largest increase.

For the past few years, the EMU has received budget increases, and Sen. Jennifer Greenough, one of the five senators who voted against this year's increase, said the EMU shouldn't get such a big boost again.

The EMU spent 4.8 percent more money this year than it did last year.

Greenough said she understands there are mandated increases for the EMU, but she believes there are places where it could also cut back.

"There's a certain level you do need to maintain service level, but you need to look at areas where you could reduce," Greenough

said. "I think there hasn't really been a focus [on that aspect]."

The EMU asked for extra money mostly to cover mandated salary increases, which will require the EMU to pay \$111,000 more next year. Other expenses include increases in postage and janitorial supplies.

Dissenting senators also worried that information about EMU staff salaries and job descriptions was not readily accessible.

Other committees such as the PFC, must provide detailed, itemized budgets and salary information. Greenough said the EMU should be doing the same and suggested attaching a rider to the

benchmark that requires the EMU to provide the senate with more detailed budget information. The idea was not pursued by any senator during the meeting.

The PFC's requested increase of 3 percent, however, passed without any debate. The PFC budgets money for all student programs on campus, and the extra money will go to cover state mandated increases as well as changes in what groups think they will need for next year.

"These numbers are just high estimates," PFC Chair Sen. Mary Elizabeth Madden said. "They're not set in stone."

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