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Earth Day 2001

With Earth Day rapidly approaching, there's more to do than just hug a tree. **INSIDE SECTION**

Blue Chips

The Oregon volleyball team snagged two top-notch recruits who should help immediately. **PAGE 7A**

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Reduce, reuse, recycle



Adam Amato Emerald

Operations Recycling Coordinator Jim Fleck sorts paper at the Campus Recycling Center.

With effort, UO could be 'greener'

■ Despite the University's strong environmental programs, some say it could be doing even more

By Hank Hager
Oregon Daily Emerald

Countless protests and rallies over the years have made Eugene and the University nearly synonymous with activism, and some groups on campus push for a greener and safer environment.

But despite the University's reputation as an environment-friendly campus, many say more could be done.

Though the school's recycling program and the number of students who use environ-

mentally friendly transportation are two ways the University promotes environmental awareness, some people believe environmental programs are not living up to their full potential.

"We certainly have one of the best recycling programs," said Galen Martin, undergraduate adviser for environmental studies. "[But] there's always more you can do."

Martin said he would like to see more people carpool, which he said can cut

down on air pollution.

Karyn Kaplan, the recycling program manager for facilities services, said she believes the recycling program is top-notch, but it takes student participation to keep it going.

"If they're not willing to recycle, I can't put a gun to their head," she said.

The University has an environmental policy statement titled "Comprehensive Environmental Policy." In it, the University says it strives to "enrich the public that sustains it" by accepting "the challenge of an evolving so-

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Affirmative action debate draws crowd

■ Speakers Tim Wise and Dinesh D'Souza went head-to-head Thursday night on the merits and problems of affirmative action

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After the crowd's applause for his opponent died down, Dinesh D'Souza said he felt like a mosquito in a nudist colony.

Facing popular affirmative action advocate Tim Wise in a heated debate on the subject, D'Souza spoke in opposition to affirmative action.

Wise, a social critic and political speaker, and D'Souza, an author and speaker, faced off Thursday night in a debate at the Knight Law Center. The presentation, which drew more than 200 people, was part of the Multicultural Center's 2001 Dr. Edwin Coleman Conference, "Reawakening Remembrance and the Radical Reality."

Wise argued that affirmative action is necessary because of "ongoing blatant discrimination" in today's society and institutional barriers that affect people of different ethnicities.

"Discrimination studies for years have shown that employers find merit



D'SOUZA



WISE

in people who look like themselves," Wise said.

Wise referred to California's Proposition 209, which passed in 1996 and barred racial and gender preferences in public hiring, contracting and education. Wise said that despite the passage of legislation such as Proposition 209, affirmative action is still necessary because of the history of injustice and discrimination that people in America have faced.

During the audience question-and-answer period, D'Souza suggested one solution to class-based affirmative action would be to give parents more educational options for their children in order to provide equality of opportunity in the public school system.

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Holocaust survivor will share experiences tonight

■ Despite the time he spent in concentration camps, Al Wiener has not lost his faith in humanity

By Kara Cogswell
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When the Russian army finally liberated Al Wiener from the concentration camps in 1945, he had no one to go home to.

His father was dead. So were his stepmother and his two brothers. Out of an extended family that had once included 124 people, he was the only one left. They had all been killed by the German army — and their only "crime" was being Jewish.

Today, Wiener will visit Eugene to tell students and community members about his experience as a Holocaust survivor. His speech, which is part of Holocaust Remembrance Week, will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Hillel House, located at 1059 Hilyard St.

Jewish Student Union Program Director Jessica Elkan said the group is fortunate that Wiener was able to fit a visit to the University into his tight schedule.

"We're really excited he's coming down on such short notice," she said.

Wiener survived the Holocaust, but just barely. After spending nearly three years in five different concentration camps, he was weak, emaciated, and on the verge of death. He weighed just 80 pounds, and his body had deteriorated so badly that doctors told him he would be dead within two years.

But two years passed and Wiener was still alive, and 54 years later, he is still here to remind people that the horrors of the Holocaust were real.

"There are people today who have the audacity to deny the existence of the Holocaust when I am still here," Wiener said. "And it hurts."

Despite the terrible things he has seen, Wiener said he has

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“When you hear a Holocaust survivor speak, it's real, it's true. They lived it, they breathed it.”

Shayna Kent junior

Holy Cow! Woody Harrelson is coming to campus!

For Earth Week 2001, actor Woody Harrelson has decided to take a long trip — on his bike. And at 3 p.m. today, he will take a slight detour to stand in the EMU Amphitheater, talk about the environment, and explain what people can do to save it.

Riding down the Pacific Coast Highway from Seattle to Santa Barbara, Harrelson is stopping at several colleges and universities with a hefty list of topics to touch on. Harrelson will speak about "the need for ecological reform," "the need to halt the destruction of the rainforest," and the "need for people to rinse themselves from the corporate grid," according to posters advertising his arrival.

Following Harrelson as he rides on his bike is a bio-fueled bus called the "Mothership," which runs on hemp oil and vegetable oil.

Harrelson's visit will also help kick off the annual HOPES conference, "Fostering Environmental Literacy," which runs through this weekend in Lawrence Hall.

"Woody is kind of a last-minute add-on," said Jessica Ellingson, the logistics co-chair for HOPES. "He just happened to be rolling through Eugene the weekend of our conference."

Sometime before he speaks, Harrelson will feast on some food provided by the Holy Cow restaurant in the EMU.

"We're feeding him a meal," said Holy Cow co-owner Kathee Lavine, explaining that because Harrelson is speaking for free, "one of his demands is that he be fed organic, vegan food... That's us."