

Everything under the sun

■ This year, 91 vendors will participate in the ASUO's spring street fair

By Kara Cogswell
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It's spring. The sun is out, the school year is almost over, and many students may be more eager to lie in the grass than to sit in the classroom.

And beginning today, they will have one more welcome distraction.

Kicking off today and running through Friday, this year's ASUO spring street fair will be just that, with temptations ranging from professional massages to tasty cuisine.

A tradition at the University for more than 20 years, the street fair is put on by the ASUO every fall and spring term, ASUO Marketing Director ThuVan Hoang said.

As in the past, the line-up for this spring's fair is nearly full, ASUO Programs Director Tambi Boyle said. With 91 vendors signed up, she said, there is only spot left.

Boyle said this year's fair features an eclectic group of vendors. Some of the more unusual services being offered include massages by three businesses — Rejuvenation Mind and Spa, Pacific Body Works, and Castle Essential Oils — as well as tarot card readings at Intuitive Readings with Irene.

In addition, Huang said, there will be many crafts, clothing and jewelry booths. Many of these are run by local businesses, such as the student-run clothing business Syntax.

The food booths, perennially popular among students, will also offer a variety to choose from, Huang said. This year's fair

will feature traditional booths, such as the Bangkok Grill, as well as several new vendors, such as Ben & Jerry's.

Ben & Jerry's employee Jason Caputo said because the company has never been involved with the street fair before, he's not sure what to expect. But, he said, he hopes to sell between 200 and 300 ice cream bars each day.

As part of the street fair celebration, the ASUO will also be sponsoring several musical acts in the EMU Amphitheater. The acts will take the stage alongside ongoing presentations held as part of International Week.

Over the years, the street fair has become an event that everyone on campus looks forward to, Huang said.

ASUO president Jay Breslow agreed.

"I love the street fair," he said.

New bill aims to protect identity

■ Senate Bill 647 would make businesses use specific measures when doling out personal information

By Aaron K. Breniman
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In response to the rising number of cases of identity theft — in which a criminal steals a person's personal information and uses it to commit fraud or theft — the Oregon legislature is working on a bill aimed at curbing the number of such incidents around the state.

Senate Bill 647 would require specific measures to be taken when disposing of personal information. The bill passed the Oregon State Senate on a 29-1 vote, and has yet to be assigned to a House committee. The bill is sponsored by Senate Democratic Leader Kate Brown, D-Portland.

"The intent of the bill is to reduce the problem of identification theft by requiring businesses to delete or shred all personal information," she said.

Brown said she became aware of the issue after a media outlet showed her footage of a reporter scavenging through trash bins and finding personal information.

EPD spokeswoman Jan Power said the department has seen an increase in identity theft in the Eugene area.

Due to the popularity of the Internet and the increased availability of computer technology and programs to forge documents, Power said identity theft and fraud are becoming more of a problem.

Power recommended many things individuals can do to reduce their susceptibility to having their identity stolen, such as placing outgoing mail in locked mail bins, having personal checks delivered directly to the bank and making sure to cut up or shred credit card offers before disposing of them.

The department's Financial Crimes Unit, a full-time force attacking the financial crimes in the Eugene area, employs one sergeant and four full-time detectives.

"This is a simple, no-nonsense bill that ensures that people's personal information is being discarded in a manner that is safe, secure and unrecoverable," Brown said, adding that the problem continues to grow, and a state mandate is necessary to control it.

"People's lives are being thrown into turmoil," Brown said. "Their identities are essentially being taken

away from them and their otherwise good names are being tarnished."

Educational institutions, however, do not fall under the parameters set by this bill. Brown said that she believed there were laws already in place to require schools to protect this type of information.

At the University, measures are taken to ensure the confidentiality of student's personal information. In Oregon Hall, both the Office of the Registrar and the Admissions Office treat confidential material carefully.

"Anything that has any student identifiable information is put through a confidential recycling program," Admissions Director Martha Pitts said. "We work diligently to protect students' right to privacy."

Pitts said that the University uses Social Security numbers mainly to speed up the matching and processing of information, such as applications, transcripts, SAT scores and financial aid documents, among others.

But there are no measures in place to protect the information a student places on his or her homework, such as their identification number, or ensure the confidentiality of a professor's class information.

To change their student number from their Social Security number to a University-generated number, students can go to the Office of the Registrar, provide proper identification, and request the number be changed.

Bush rejects environmental trends

By John Heilprin
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Tuesday he's committed to clean air and clean water but will "make decisions based upon sound science, not some environmental fad or what may sound good."

Bush used an awards ceremony for youths taking part in environmental activities to defend his efforts to strike what he calls a balance on environmental issues against accusations that his administration is more interested in promoting the interests of landowners and energy developers.

"Ours is a policy that truly believes that technologies have advanced to the point where we can have economic growth and sound environmental policy go hand-in-hand," he said.

In recent weeks, Bush has endorsed a treaty seeking a worldwide phase-out of a dozen highly toxic chemicals and upheld Clinton administration regulations re-

quiring cleaner diesel fuels and engines and requirements that thousands of businesses report releases of toxic lead.

But he also has reversed a campaign pledge to regulate carbon dioxide from power plants as a pollutant, withdrawn from a global warming treaty, rescinded new arsenic standards for drinking water and eased environmental requirements on mineral mines in the West.

Bush said Tuesday that his biggest mistake since taking office was "allowing people to define me as somebody who's not friendly toward the environment."

An ABC-Washington Post poll Monday showed that only 47 percent of the public approve of Bush's handling of the environment while 52 percent said they favor protecting the environment over economic growth. The poll also said 55 percent of those questioned opposed Bush's proposal to drill for oil and gas in Alaska's Arctic National

Wildlife Refuge.

"We need to be good stewards of the land," Bush said at the White House. "But we've also got to understand that if we don't bring more natural gas to the market, we're going to have blackouts. ... We're going to make decisions based upon sound science, not some environmental fad or what may sound good."

Carl Pope, the Sierra Club's executive director, said Bush has ignored the views of climatologists, biologists and the National Academy of Sciences supporting regulating CO2 emissions, tightening arsenic standards and protecting more endangered species.

"This administration has shown an almost unprecedented disregard for the opinions of the mainstream scientific community," Pope said. "I invite the president to allow scientists to shape his environmental policy. It would be a very different environmental policy than the one we've seen to date."



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