

# Leadership retreat builds diversity

■ The Leaders Eagerly Advocating for Diversity 2001 retreat helped student leaders learn about ASUO procedures

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While other students were preparing for Dead Week and finals, Dominique Beaumonté, one of next year's student senators, was learning how to be a stronger leader.

About 40 University students attended a leadership retreat over the weekend in which they learned to relieve stress by painting pictures, practiced their communication skills, exercised the art of delegating responsibilities and even sang Boyz II Men tunes.

The Leaders Eagerly Advocating for Diversity (L.E.A.D.) 2001 leadership retreat took place Friday and Saturday. The free event included workshops, housing and meals at the Namaste Retreat and Conference Center in Wilsonville, Ore.

Beaumonté, director of the Black Student Union and the Multicultur-

al Center's public relations coordinator, said the transition retreat allowed student leaders to get to know each other and to build diversity.

Beaumonté said students participated in an activity that involved taping written-out stereotypes to the foreheads of a few individuals, and then helping them figure out what the stereotypes were.

There were representatives at the retreat from almost every student union on campus, said Bola Majeckobaje, the MCC's networking advocate assistant. She said the MCC staff organized the retreat as a chance for participants to get away from Eugene and build relationships with each other.

"If we can all trust each other and work together next year, we will be that much more powerful," Majeckobaje said.

ASUO Accounting Coordinator Jennifer Creighton gave a presentation Saturday called "Knowing the System." Students learned about the University and the Oregon University System budgets as well as

the Green Tape Notebook, which contains the rules governing the ASUO.

"Student unions need to know the Green Tape Notebook is a resource. It is knowledge, and knowledge is power," Beaumonté said. "Student unions need to strengthen their knowledge of how the system works."

He said students also learned how to fill out forms to spend money from their budgets and how to ask the ASUO Student Senate for funding.

"It was really valuable because I'm going to be on the Student Senate next year," Beaumonté said.

Beaumonté added that it is important for senators to serve as a resource for students.

To test their communication skills, he and four other leaders formed a mock senate, and participants practiced asking for money from the student incidental fee general surplus.

"They were really hard on us," said Hang Huynh, next year's office manager for the Asian-Pacific

American Students Union. "But now we'll know what to expect. It was a good learning experience."

Huynh, a freshman business major, said she and seven other members from APASU attended the retreat.

Huynh said it was a good opportunity because APASU members bonded better with the members of their own organization and met members of other student unions as well.

ASUO Vice President Joy Nair said she attended the retreat to meet the people who will be taking on leadership positions in the student unions next fall and to hear their concerns about what she and ASUO President Nilda Brooklyn can do to improve student government. Nair said she wants the ASUO to serve as a resource for student unions throughout the year, and she wants the student union members "to see our faces more."

"It was a great way to start off the year with the new leaders," Nair said. "I think it will help a lot toward the success of the unions next year."

## Calendar

### Tuesday, June 5

**Retirement Recognition Reception:** Honors 20 University employees for their many years of service to the University. 3:30-5 p.m. Alumni Lounge, Gerlinger Hall. Free.

**Jewish Studies Videos:** Wendy Oberlander, director of "Nothing To Be Written Here" and "Still (Stille)," shows these videos about the Jewish Diaspora and family memories and discusses her work. 7 p.m. 214 Grayson. Free.

**Center for the Study of Women in Society Theater Performance:** Martha Furey presents a solo performance of "La Flor de Mexico: Frida Kahlo." 7-9 p.m. Ben Linder Room, Erb Memorial Union. Free.

**International Film Series:** "Rosa Luxemburg" is the story of the founder of the Spartacus League, which opposed World War I. This is part of the "You Say You Want a Revolution?" series of films, shown in their original languages with English subtitles. 7-9 p.m. Keithan Lounge, 122 Pacific. Free.

## News briefs

### Medford man sets world record for 'Tutankham'

MEDFORD — A Medford man who nearly doubled the world record for the computer adventure game "Tutankham" attributed his success to tips from the past champ.

Rob Barrett, 29, posted a score of 488,760 points for the game over the weekend at the Classic Video Game World Championships in Laconia, N.H. The old mark was 249,000 points.

"I talked with the current record holder, and we exchanged our secrets," said Barrett. "He helped me get past the mental block of thinking I couldn't do it. But he didn't expect some rookie to come in and steal it from him."

The game requires players to gather treasures and find keys to progress to increasingly difficult levels of play. Barrett, who runs an elder care center in Central Point, first played the game in 1982.

The competition, which drew 80 competitors in classic video games such as "Donkey Kong" and "Frogger," was organized by Walter Day, publisher of the "Twin Galaxies Official Video

Game and Pinball Book of World Records."

The Associated Press

### LGBTQA adds 'queer' to title to promote inclusion

The LGBTQA has undergone a name change, and it will now be known as the LGBTQA — the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer Alliance.

While the change is not yet finalized, the decision ends three weeks of meetings in which members discussed possibilities that would include more of the community the group represents.

"Some people don't refer to themselves as lesbian or gay," said Melissa Baldwin, LGBTQA's co-director. "They refer to themselves as queer."

Queer Student Union was one option, but it caused a lot of controversy. Baldwin said some people told the group "my grandmother called me queer," and that "I do not identify that way."

"We're hoping that by taking that baby step, it would [eventually] narrow down to Queer Student Union in the future," Baldwin said.

The name also highlights the politically active side of LGBTQA, Baldwin said, because queer is a word with significant political connotations.



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