

**Faith Events**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 17**  
**Roundtable discussion:** University Christian Fellowship hosts a discussion, "Religion and Patriotism." Noon. EMU, Century Room D. Free.  
**Wednesday Night Fellowship:** The Wesley Foundation offers fellowship. 7 p.m. Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid St. For more information, call 346-4694. Free.

**Thursday, Oct. 18**  
**Guest speaker:** Rev. Terry Hershey will give a presentation and lead a discussion entitled "Giving the Ministry Away." 7:30 p.m. Newman Catholic Center Chapel, 1850 Emerald St. A reception will follow in the lounge. Free.  
 Send event information to calendar@dailyemerald.com.

**News briefs**  
**City Council chambers renovation near completion**  
 McKenzie Commercial is close to finishing the remodel of the Eugene City Council chambers. The construction firm began the project in mid-August and will be finished by Oct. 19.  
 "That's the deadline for their contract," said Glen Svendsen, the city facilities manager. "The project originated because the first floor wasn't wheelchair-accessible."  
 City Council uses the room at 777 Pearl Street for its public meetings, which are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Eugene's Municipal Court and other public groups also use the facility.  
 Workers must finish laying carpet, adding audio-visual equipment and installing handrails to the stairs and wheelchair ramp. The project is expected to cost around \$313,000.  
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**Survivor**  
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 down her self-esteem so much that she believed him when he said no one else would want her, she said.  
 When contacted, William denied Amy's account of their relationship.  
 Amy is not alone. Roughly 34 percent of women responding to a survey in Lane County reported that they had been victims of domestic violence in a 1997 survey. More than 1 out of every 8 Oregon women 18-34 years of age are estimated to have been victims of physical abuse by an intimate partner during the past year, according to the 1998 Oregon Domestic Violence Needs Assessment.  
 October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, when people nationally and locally want to ensure domestic assault survivors know where to turn. Campus groups such as the Counseling Center, Office of Student Life and the Women's Center have publicized their resources in hopes that students on campus will prevent their relationships from escalating like Amy's did.  
 While Amy admitted she was nervous to talk to a reporter about something she had tried so hard to forget, she also said it was worth it if she could help just one person avoid the same situation.  
 Sheryl Eyster, assistant dean of the Office of Student Life, said there are various warning signs people should look for in their relationships. Patterns of physical, emotional and sexual abuse gradually increase in the level of violence, she said.  
 "There is a typical pattern of power and control exercised over

one person. At each stage, the violence increases to further weaken the survivor," Eyster said.  
 She added that although domestic violence predominately occurs in male-female relationships, it can take many forms, whether it is in the family, child abuse, same-sex, or dating violence.  
 Last year, Amy left William for good. She is now remarried and lives outside of Eugene. Her new husband is supportive and non-violent, and her young children are safe, she said.  
 Amy said William was very attentive when they first started dating. He would surprise her at work during her break or unexpectedly show up to take her out to lunch. But after awhile, she started to feel a little uncomfortable — to the point where she wanted him to back off, she said.  
 He was also very jealous if she spent time with any of her friends, and little things would make him angry, to the point where he would turn violent, she said.  
 For example, if he didn't like what she'd made for dinner, he'd throw a plate at her, she said. If she was snoring too loudly, he'd slap her in her sleep, she said.  
 One time he was so angry, he smashed her head with a clog, she said. She said she can remember the shock.  
 "I thought, 'Oh my God, this is my blood.' And then you think of getting out, but you don't know where to go and grabbing your kids and going to a shelter sounds scary," she said.  
 Amy said the turning point for her was the day she was raped and sodomized by William.

Amy and William got a divorce, but Amy's accusations never led to conviction. As reported in local court records, William does have an earlier conviction for domestic assault.  
 When Amy told her friends and family what had happened, many weren't supportive, she said.  
 "On the outside I looked like such a together person," she said. "When most people heard, they couldn't handle it. They didn't want to know that kind of thing happens in a marriage."  
 But some of her friends and teachers, campus public safety officers and University staff were very supportive, Amy said.  
 She saw a University counselor every week for the year after she was raped, she said.  
 When she met her current husband a year ago, she told her counselor that the relationship was very different from relationships she'd had in the past.  
 "The counselor told me, 'Well, you've never experienced "normal" before, and I thought, I'm 35 years old, and this is the first time I've had a normal relationship,'" she said.  
 She said she appreciates life in a new way and hopes others like her will get help.  
 "The greatest part of it is not feeling every day like you're waiting for that other shoe to drop. I used to get this horrible feeling in the pit of my stomach before I got home. I don't have that anymore," she said. "You can't fix broken people — just get out, and fix yourself."  
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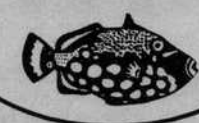
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**OUS audit**  
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 and procedures," Associate Director for External Operations Dave Heeke said.  
 Moos said he sees the audit as an opportunity to upgrade Athletic Department policies.  
 "If there are areas we can improve in regards to policy and procedure in team travel, we need to consider that," Moos added. "A fresh set of eyes from outside is a good way to address it."  
 A team of auditors, including OUS Director of Internal Audits Patricia Snopkowski, will begin scouring records that document \$1.7 million in travel expenses for University sports teams. Snopkowski was not available for comment Thursday, but OUS spokesman Bob Bruce confirmed she was spearheading the investigation.  
 "They will look at existing financial records and also look at documented processes," Bruce said. "For instance, if someone comes in and presents

cash to an employee, what does that employee do with the cash?"  
 Bruce said it was fairly common for departments to request an audit, but the duration of each is difficult to determine because it depends on auditor workloads, the number of auditors available and the complexity of an investigation. The OUS has eight auditors in its Internal Audit Division.  
 "We will have all files available to them," said Tom Larson, director of finance and contracts for intercollegiate athletics. "I believe they'll look at the same type of travel files as they did for softball."  
 Meanwhile, athletics officials are planning to discuss coaches' accounting processes and hope to seal loopholes, Larson said. The softball travel expenses audit said the Athletic Department's internal controls were functioning as designed.  
 "In most any business system, there is the opportunity to exploit the system," Larson continued. "You can't have complete control."  
 Head coaches clear team travel itineraries with the business office,

the compliance office and the Athletic Director, but Larson said there is wiggle room for beating the system. Each athlete receives and must sign a form that documents how much money they spent on a team trip.  
 "Basically, what (Gamez) could have done is, sign a blank piece of paper that did not have the amount of money (athletes) were receiving on it, and fill it out later on," Larson said. "But on the form that the kids sign, there is a statement that says, 'Do not sign this form if the amounts are left blank.'"  
 Bill Steffen, head coach for women's soccer, said Thursday that Gamez made an "unfortunate oversight" but it was not an overt attempt by Gamez to embezzle team funds.  
 "I think the system we have is good," Steffen said. "I think most coaches are pretty diligent about their budgets."  
 Emerald sports editor Adam Jude contributed to this report.  
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