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News briefs

Smokeout draws attention to dangers of tobacco

Today the Peer Health Educators will have two booths on campus to raise awareness about the risks of smoking to celebrate the American Cancer Society's 25th Great American Smokeout.

A walking cigarette box will distribute brightly-colored wristbands for students and faculty to write names of friends or relatives who have become sick or have died from a tobacco related illness. A booth with tobacco information and the wristbands will be in front of the bookstore from 9 to 11 a.m. and in the EMU from 12 to 2 p.m. Wristbands are also available in the health education room on the first floor of the University Health Center.

Licensed acupuncturist Tom

Williams of Turning Point Natural Health Center will be conducting an acupuncture workshop for smoking cessation from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The workshop is full, but interested students can call the University Health Center at 346-4441 in case there are cancellations.

—Diane Huber

Student Senate approves **Executive salary request**

The ASUO Student Senate filled one of its empty seats in its meeting Wednesday night.

Jackie Lynn Ray, who served as a senator on the Programs Finance Committee last year, was unanimously appointed to seat number 13. Senate President Peter Watts said there were a lot of applicants for the seat, but because of Ray's past experience, he "felt she would be up to speed."

Senator Mary Elizabeth Madden

'She has a lot of knowledge about student groups," Madden said. "I think she will be a great asset."

In other business, the senate approved a special request from ASUO Executive for \$7,147 to cover salaries for their receptionist and temporary employee. ASUO President Nilda Brooklyn said the employees were necessary to keep the office running efficiently.

"We need these people in the office so we don't have to spend our time filing, copying, faxing, as well as do the programs we do," she said.

The Student Senate also denied a request for \$7,500 to help fund a traveling display commemorating the University's 125th anniversary.

- Anna Seeley

Chancellor

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cent cuts across the state system, with a plan to slash nonacademic programs hardest. He also said because the University of Oregon receives only 40 percent of its operating budget from state funds, programs will not be greatly affected.

'It doesn't mean that the cuts

won't be painful, but we can deal with a 6 percent cut," he said.

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Redistricting

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live in Ward 5, but I live in Ward 3 which elected me," said Councilor Bonny Bettman, whose ward represents most of the University and nearby housing. "So, who do I represent?"

Indigo-D would also put Councilors Bonny Bettman and Gary Rayor within the same district which would cause one of them to be reassigned.

The law mandates that each district have equal populations. City attorney Jim Lidz said that after redistricting, every councilor will not be representing all the voters who elected him or her in the first place.

Mayor Torrey said councilors may be letting the prospect of the 2003 election year influence their decisions.

"If none of us were running for office again, would we come up with the same map?" he said.

Councilors Bonny Bettman, Betty Taylor, Gary Rayor and David Kelly voted against keeping Indigo-D as an option, while Councilors Gary Papé, Nancy Nathanson, Pat Farr and Scott Meisner voted for it. The council discarded the Green scenario, which Nathanson said was disappointing.

"Green has merits, too. It keeps togetherthe University and downtown. It keeps together the industrial areas," she said.

The council must redraw voter districts following population changes measured in the 2000 Census. They have used a set of five criteria to come up with the proposed changes, which includes looking at areas as communities of interest. Councilor Meisner

What does Thistledown have to do with West University? What does Fifth and Blair have to do with Churchill?" he said. "Communities of interest are hard to define."

said deciding what does and does not

define a community is not easy.

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