

News briefs

H.O.P.E.S. conference begins Friday

The University's Ecological Design Center will host its eighth annual Holistic Options for Plant Earth Sustainability Eco-Design Arts Conference, Friday through Sunday at Lawrence Hall. The theme will be "Energizing Potential," and the organizers hope to explore creative ideas for conserving energy.

Events include:

Friday

8 p.m. Founder of The Solar Living Center in Hopland, Calif., John Schaeffer will speak about renewable energy and sustainable living.

Saturday

12 p.m. The Northwest Hydrogen Association will hold a vegetarian and vegan barbecue in Lawrence Hall Courtyard for \$6 a meal.

8 p.m. Angela Danadjieva, a landscape architect and urban planner, will discuss the forms of pollution created from urban life.

Sunday

2 p.m. John Perlin and Rob Pena will present on the environment, technology and energy efficient design.

Register for workshops at Lawrence Hall on Friday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. or Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact the Ecological Design Center at 346-0719.

Lesbopalooza to receive additional funds

At Wednesday's ASUO Student Senate meeting, the body voted 10-2 to give the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Alliance \$1500 from surplus money for its upcoming Lesbopalooza event.

"I think this is one of the biggest events that the University puts on each year, and we should do what we can to help them put on the event," Sen. Eric Bailey said.

Lesbopalooza is an annual event that educates about, honors and celebrates the genre of women's queer music. The group has held numerous fund-raisers for the event this year and have earned \$1,775 from asking vari-

ous businesses to sponsor the event.

Sens. Mary Elizabeth Madden and Tex Arnold voted against giving the LGBTQA the \$1500 for the upcoming event.

"I don't feel comfortable giving a group money when they only budgeted for 400 people in attendance and had 800 people come to the event last year," Arnold said. "They will make much more money than they have budgeted from ticket sales."

In addition, the Senate voted unanimously to transfer \$200 from the Oregon Future Lawyer Association's speakers line item to its travel line item for the group's upcoming trip to Seattle and Portland to visit the University of Washington's and Lewis and Clark College's law schools, respectively.

—Danielle Gillespie

'Green Nun' to give lecture today

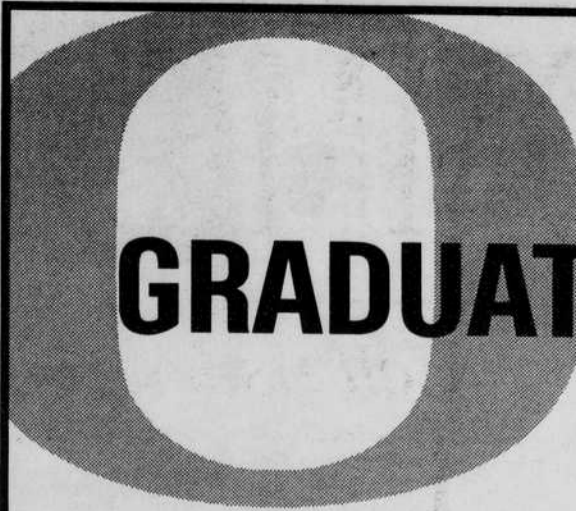
Religious scholar Sarah McFarland Taylor will discuss the North American movement of environmentally active Catholic nuns today in a free public lecture at 7 p.m. in the Browsing Room of Knight Library.

"The Genetic Monastery: Green Nuns, Seed Sanctuaries and the Crusade Against Biotech Colonization," is the final lecture in a series of "Ecological Conversations" sponsored by the University's Center for the Study of Women in Society. Taylor is currently writing "Green Nuns: Re-inhabiting Religion, Culture and Creation," a book that examines the religious language, symbols and rituals of Catholic nuns' activism in crop safety and security.


Taylor, a visiting professor, is one of five national scholars offered a resident fellowship with the Ecological Conversation program this year. She teaches courses combining religion, ecology and feminist studies at Northwestern University and is the founder and chairwoman of the "Religion, Ecology and Culture" section of the Midwestern region of the American Academy of Religions.

For further information, call Lynne Fessenden at 346-5399.

—Katie Ellis



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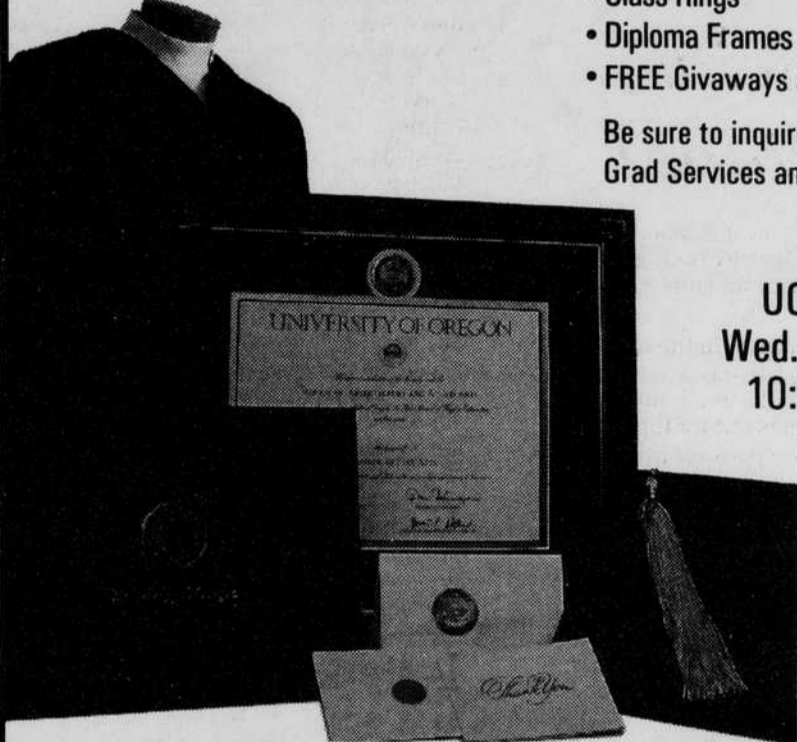


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Village Focus International (VFI) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Oregon, USA committed to strengthening the capacity of poor and marginalized rural communities in Southeast Asia to improve the quality of their lives.

VFI places primary emphasis upon education, leadership, and participation at the village level, rather than simply providing physical services. While VFI does build schools, conduct health care trainings, dig wells, and supports other activities in every village in which we work, quality of life in the long term can be raised only if local people have the skills to lead and maintain their own development initiatives.

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