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recycling and composting took place before items were considered trash.

"There's only a certain percentage you can recycle," Campus Recycling Program Manager Karyn Kaplan said. "So (composting) is opening the doors for a whole new generation of waste management.'

Most large events generate huge amounts of waste, Kaplan said. But before the festival even started, Campus Recycling was able to cut down on 22 percent of the normally generated waste because it bought reusable plates.

The Environmental Service Learning Program was awarded the Student Trashbuster Award for its efforts in tracking edible food flow and for its collection of televisions and computer monitors - an event that accumulated 19 tons of material that would have otherwise gone to landfills.

The program's television and monitor recycling event began with students advertising through radio, hanging signs and giving oral presentations to local schools

The project, which reached more



Lane County Commissioner Peter Sorenson gives Campus Recycling Program Manager Karyn Kaplan a Trashbuster award for exceptional recycling efforts.

than 1,100 Lane County citizens through oral presentations alone, prevented 3.2 tons of lead from reaching landfills.

"We wanted to educate people about the hazards of television dumping and provide a valuable alternative,' ESLP Coordinator Steve Mital said.

The program, which is intended to give students experience while serving community needs, takes on three yearlong projects each year.

While tracking edible food flow from 20 grocery stores, five restaurants and two produce houses, the program worked to educate businesses about Food for Lane County.

"Our donations increased just from the study," FFLC Assistant Director Jessica Chanay said.

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generated by the media, he said.

OIP Associate Director Magid Shirzadegan agrees. "This is one more opportunity to see it from a different angle," he said.

Shirzadegan said this kind of discussion could help break down stereotypes and negative perceptions of Muslims. He said he hopes students who have questions about Islam will feel free to attend the meeting and ask their questions without holding back

The discussion will also offer information about Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting. Ramadan begins each year with the first sighting of the ninth crescent moon. This year, Muslims in Eugene began their fast Nov. 7, after the moon was seen Nov. 6, said Lejla Filipovic, a member of MSA.

Muslims are supposed to abstain from food and drink between dawn and dusk during Ramadan, but the experience is more than the physical act of fasting, Filipovic said.

"It's the whole concept of doing the right thing," she said.

Ishaq said fasting is one of the five pillars of Islam. The other pillars are a declaration of faith, daily prayers, charity and a pilgrim-

Those who are required to fast include the mature, the sane and the healthy, Filipovic said.

"I personally feel that I have to fast," she said "It's required of me because I'm healthy. It's a very dis-

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mosques in the evening. Ramadan ends with Eid al-Fitr, a celebration in which families and communities gather to break the fast, she said.

Ishaq said fasting can be difficult in non-Muslim countries and even more difficult as a student, but he views the month as a time to reform oneself and to become a better human being. He added the fast is less difficult this year, because the days are shorter in November than in the summer.

"The environment is different in every country," said Filipovic. However, the essence of fasting doesn't change, she said. Muslims fast for the same reasons.

The discussion will feature Muslim speakers from Africa, China, Turkey, Malaysia, the Middle East and the United States. After the event, guests can socialize with Muslim students and their families.

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