



Assembly to tackle stance on Iraq war

The University Assembly will meet today to discuss campus and community perspectives on U.S. war efforts against Iraq

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As the U.S. government marches ever closer toward war in Iraq, University faculty members have steadily gained momentum in their efforts to open a campuswide dialogue on the Middle East. The University Assembly convenes at 3 p.m. today in 180 PLC for an unusual "town-hall" style meeting to

discuss the University's response to a potential war in Iraq.

It's still unclear what exactly will happen at this special assembly session. The assembly, which is composed of more than 2,000 members, was disbanded in the mid 1990s in favor of a smaller legislative body, the University Faculty Senate. But after a failed attempt to condemn U.S. war efforts in Iraq at a December senate meeting, the group voted in January to call a non-binding meeting of the assembly.

Today's meeting will take place under the watchful eye of University President Dave Frohnmayer, who

has the power to control the course of the meeting as assembly president. The authority is especially significant because the president has consistently maintained that the University should not take a stance on the war in Iraq.

"Each of us has multiple opinions, both within the campus community and elsewhere, to express our views strongly and immediately on the issues at hand," Frohnmayer said in a Dec. 1 letter to senators. "I object only to the attempt of anyone for any view on such matters to claim that he or she speaks formally in the name of the University or its govern-

ing entities."

Regardless of Frohnmayer's views, assembly members such as Professor Emeritus Frank Stahl and Professor Julie Novkov have been leading a drive to condemn the war.

Stahl, who introduced the failed December legislation to the senate, has been working with the group Concerned Faculty for Peace and Justice to collect 508 faculty signatures in order to convene an official legislative session of the assembly. Such a meeting would allow the group to speak as the official voice of the University, overruling any other action by the senate or even the

president himself.

"If educated people at places like this University don't speak loud enough, there is no hope for this country," Stahl said.

Concerned Faculty for Peace and Justice members plan to present a petition, signed by more than 400 faculty members and administrators, condemning the war in Iraq. The group tailored their statement after an identical petition approved by Oregon State University's Faculty Senate in December.

Spokesman and Professor Daniel Pope said he hopes the effort, and a

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Special collections



The Special Collections Department at the Knight Library has a wide variety of unique collections, including the sports items: above, a University football in 1900; and below, an old uniform made out of cloth and wood with a football showing the game results against Washington in 1916.

Jeremy Forrest Emerald

'Goldmine' of history

The Knight Library's Special Collections and University Archives department holds millions of artifacts, consisting of rare and personal works and items

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Walk into the Special Collections and University Archives reading room on the second

floor of Knight Library, and about the only thing that stands out is the dust on the books lining its shelves.

Hidden from plain view are many of the department's more intriguing holdings, such as an affidavit written by Abraham Lincoln while he was just another lawyer in Illinois, or the journal entries of Abigail Scott Duniway, which give a firsthand account of her 1852 journey on the Oregon Trail.

Because of limited space and concerns about the preservation of these fragile artifacts, most are stored away behind locked doors and vaults. Yet all of them, from rare books to old University sports memorabilia, are accessible to the public.

All you have to do is ask.

"It would be nice to see more people, especially students, use more of these resources,"

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Duck Call will close from lack of usage

Beginning Feb. 14, Duck Call will no longer be an option for those students who register via phone

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Environment/Science/Technology

Technology has left its newest casualty: a dead duck.

As of Feb. 14, the Office of the Registrar is disconnecting the Duck Call system because of a decline in use during the past three years and because of increased maintenance costs.

Since 1991, Duck Call allowed students to register for classes over the phone. University Registrar Herb Chereck said Web-based registration, which started three years ago, quickly replaced Duck Call as the most convenient and efficient way to register for classes.

"We're down to the point of less than 3 percent of a quarter of a million registration transactions taking place through Duck Call," Chereck said. "We're in a position where if we wanted to update Duck Call, we would have to make expenditures that we don't want to make."

Chereck said students the most affected by the change will be seniors who began using Duck Call as freshmen.

Senior Brynn Searles said she feels more comfortable registering for classes

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Legal Services provides citation aid

ASUO program offers assistance to students with alcohol-related offenses

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Crime/Safety/Transportation Reporter

Whether sharing a beer with an underage buddy or throwing a noisy party with free-flowing booze for all, of-age students who provide alcohol to minors risk hefty fines.

ASUO Vice President Ben Buzbee is scheduled to appear in municipal court today to contest a \$350 citation for furnishing alcohol to minors at a toga party hosted at his home Jan. 18.

According to court records, 16 percent of cited individuals contest such citations, and ASUO Legal Services recommends setting up an appointment if police conduct ever comes

into question.

"Each case is unique," Legal Services lawyer Laura Fine said. "Any time one generalizes how cases are handled, mistakes are made."

Out of the 53 municipal court cases in 2002 for Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor, nine pleaded not guilty and were set for trial. But some students may not know that the citation's severity — specified as a violation or a misdemeanor — plays a key role in their ability to contest it.

In essence, Eugene Police Department officers, and ultimately the city prosecutor, decide whether to cite furnishing as a violation — a lesser offense involving a fine — or as a misdemeanor — a more serious offense involving the possibility of jail time. Despite what is written on the citation, it is the prosecutor

who reviews all the police reports and decides how the case will be filed, Court Administrator Marilyn Nelson said.

Located on the top floor of the EMU, ASUO Legal Services offers the assistance of three separate attorneys to students who seek immediate council. Although students are welcome to seek legal aid at any time, Fine said all legal questions and concerns regarding police conduct should be brought to their attention immediately.

"An increasing number of students are choosing to challenge the legality of police conduct," she said of her cases, "and the majority call to come see us right away."

If a person furnishes a place to drink, but doesn't provide the alcohol, it would likely be

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WEATHER

Today: High 53, Low 42, rainy with slight wind

Saturday: High 50, Low 35, showers likely, breezy

LOOKING AHEAD

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A look at athletic scholarships and ethnicity on campus

Tuesday

Peace of body, peace of mind comes from the art of yoga