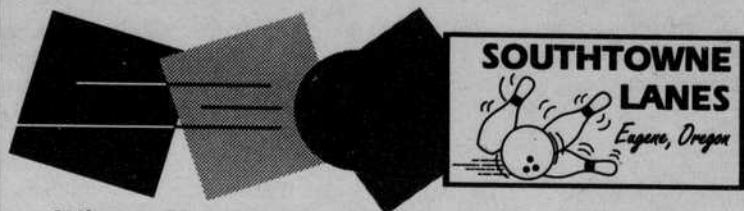


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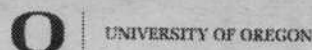
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Leading history

Black History Month person of the day

Gwendolyn Brooks was born on June 7, 1917, in Topeka, Kan. She grew up in Chicago, and while her parents were loving, they were strict. A combination of being sheltered and receiving rejection from other children led her to a shy, introverted youth, so she invented her own worlds on paper in words.

Brooks' early verses were published in the Chicago Defender, a newspaper serving the black community. She graduated from Wilson Junior College in 1936 and married Henry Blakeley in 1939. Her first book was published in 1945, and "Annie Allen," her collection of poems about a black girl growing up in Chicago, won the 1950 Pulitzer Prize in poetry. She was the first black American to win the prize.

Brooks' writing chronicled the lives of ordinary black Americans as they struggled with poverty and racism, and it resonated with readers. She published more than 20 books of poetry in her life. In 1968, she was named Illinois' poet laureate, in 1976 she became the first black American to win an American Academy of Arts and Letters award, and in 1985-86 she was the Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress.

She later won the Frost Medal, a National Endowment for the Arts award and a fellowship from the Guggenheim Foundation, among many other awards. Brooks lived in Chicago until her death Dec. 3, 2000.

—Michael J. Kleckner

News briefs

NASU brings back Winter Pow Wow

The Native American Student Union will hold its Winter Pow Wow 7 p.m. Saturday at 220 Gerlinger.

A free traditional dinner of salmon and potatoes will precede the pow wow at 4:30 p.m. in 219 Gerlinger.

NASU co-Director Brent Spencer said all students and community members are invited to attend and take part in the event, where participants will sing traditional songs and dance.

"It's a celebration of our culture," Spencer said. "We're trying to provide ... an opportunity to share with the community."

Spencer and former NASU Director Geo. Ann Baker said guests will bring back some cultural awareness

from the pow wow.

The goal of the pow wow "is to share and to educate non-native people," Baker said.

—Roman Gokhman

EMU Board trims budget for new growth

The EMU Board of Directors Budget Committee presented a budget of \$3,245,160 to its own board and saw the proposal pass unanimously at the relatively uneventful meeting Wednesday night.

The budget committee spent almost the entire month of January in meticulous budget meetings with budget managers from departments such as The Break and EMU Food Services, trying to trim money in every possible area to allow new growth for programs such as UO Cultural Forum.

In order to eke out the \$212,300 increase, the budget committee

trimmed money from individual accounts, such as \$2,000 from Global Marketing, \$1,350 from Waste Disposal and \$2,500 from money set aside for work-study hires.

Most of the money will fund EMU building reserves and current service level increases — the bare minimum needed to allow a department to serve students just as well as it did in the previous year. The remaining money has been set aside to allow the Cultural Forum's office manager to work a three-quarters time job, year round, instead of the current half-time position that is funded nine months out of the year.

The Board, which directs the course for the 200,000-square-foot EMU, must take its budget, which represents a 7 percent increase for 2003-04, and present it to Student Senate on Feb. 19 before the amount becomes an official figure.

—Brook Reinhard

Garbage

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composted," Sims said. "This has been a hugely labor intensive process; we've been sorting waste (from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.) every day for a week."

About 3,500 EMU Food Services customers produce 700 pounds of garbage and 530 pounds of recyclable materials a day. Preliminary results from the waste audit indicated nearly 40 percent of the collected waste could have been composted, while non-recoverable plastic utensils and drink cups made up more than 26 percent of the trash.

Students conducting the project plan to interview EMU food vendors and customers to find ways to enhance waste reduction efforts.

Service Learning Program Coordinator Steve Mital said the program provides undergraduate environmental studies students the opportunity to tackle real world environmental problems. Mital said the program was started to give students skills that will help them find



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(Back to front) Chris Evans, April Li and Heather Rensvold sort through waste from the EMU, separating trash from recyclable items. Their project will provide EMU Food Services with information to help reduce waste and increase recycling.

jobs after graduation.

"The Service Learning Program is basically a small environmental consulting agency," Mital said. "These students get a glimpse into

the professional world of environmental waste."

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Josef Pansoy and Rand Stamm discuss procedures to be used with the recently purchased street sweeper.

Mark McCambridge Emerald

Machine

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pedestrian friendly sweeper comes complete with a recycling chamber

as well as flashing warning lights and an audible voice recording to warn people of its approach. Swept trash is gathered with two rotating front brushes, pulled through a

tough alloy impeller fan and compacted to a size and consistency similar to rock salt.

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