Campus buzz

Tuesday

Prayer meeting (Campus Crusade for Christ), 7:30-8:30 a.m., Rogue Room, EMU, free

Filemaker Pro workshop, 10:15 a.m.-noon, 116 Education, free, 346-3554.

Ring theory seminar (mathematics GTF Max Wakefield), 1 p.m., 210 Deady, free.

Talk by Roger Ebbage (LCC professor of Energy Management, part of the Sustainable Business Group's Winter Speaker Series), 6 p.m., 228 Chiles, free.

Art opening (metals and photography), 6-8 p.m., LaVerne Krause Gallery, Lawrence Hall, free, 346-2057.

"The Arbutus/Madrone Files" (Readin' in the Rain presents Laurence Ricou, University of British Columbia, reading from and signing his book), 7 p.m., Browsing Room, Knight Library, free.

"Monsoon Wedding" (International Film Series), 7:30 p.m., Keithan Student Lounge, 122 Pacific, free, 346-4011.



Mark McCambridge Emerald

Beer and wine taxes may rise to be some of the highest in the nation.

Alcohol

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difficult to pass the bill. The alcohol industry - from farmers to distributors — will likely oppose increased taxes. Nonetheless, Morrisette remains hopeful.

"I am cautiously optimistic because the time has come to do this,"

The proposal would tax manufac-turers of beer and wine; such increases would likely continue in a domino-like effect, however. Manufacturers annually producing less than 50,000 barrels of malt beverages would be partially exempt from the tax increase, as would producers of less than 100,000 gallons of wine.

But Kent Huey, vice president of Western Beverage Co., said such a plan is unjust.

"It's an unfair tax — it is targeting a specific consumer which is totally wrong as far as taxes are supposed to work," Huey said.

Oregon is a beer-producing state and, therefore, taxes on the product should be low, Huey said. The tax exemptions would likely not apply to Widmer, Deschutes, Pyramid and Red Hook brewing companies, he added. If the proposed bill were to pass, Huey said it would create a snowball effect and further hurt the

'We just hope it dies on the floor," Huey said. "We do not want to do this to consumers and we do not want (legislators) to do this to us

The tax increase could also raise consumer prices.

"In essence, you could see a \$3 increase on a case of beer," Huey said. But such an increase is a small price to pay, according to others.

Lucy Zammarelli, senior manager at Willamette Family Treatment Services Inc. - Lane County's largest addiction treatment facility - said people should realize that the money would go to help those who cannot help themselves

"One of the things about the disease of addiction is that it isn't a disease until it develops into one," Zammarelli said.

Under the proposal, \$43 million of the money would go to the Medically Needy program, which provides prescription drugs to low-income, senior and disabled citizens. Another \$65.4 million would be matched for the Medically Needy program in the form of federal funds. The remaining \$57 million would be distributed to counties within the state to help fund mental illness programs and alcohol and drug addiction services.

If approved, money from the proposal would go into the 2003-05 biennium. To become law, the bill must be passed by the Oregon House of Representatives, the Senate and Gov. Ted Kulongoski. In such a situation, the bill would go into effect in fall 2003. If Kulongoski were to approve the bill and present it to the state treasurer, the tax increase could begin July 1.

If such a plan is unable to gain support from state legislators, an initiative for similar beer and wine taxes could be circulated. If enough signatures are gathered, the initiative could then be decided by the state's voters.

If passed, the increased taxes on beer and wine would be permanent, unless repealed.

Contact the news editor at bradschmidt@dailyemerald.com.

Maya

continued from page 1 this is your world — and you're up for the challenge," Angelou said.

Angelou's regal voice filled McArthur Court with an assurance that could not be ignored. But who knew the woman had such a spirited sense of humor? The highlight of the evening may not have been her words of motivation, but a simple poem about the joys of smoking cigarettes and eating steak. Angelou said she wrote the verse after a decidedly serious waitress at a health food restaurant nearly strangled the poet when she lit up a cigarette.

And finally, the doctor came back to her opening words, but with a more direct message to the audience: "Each of us has the potential



leremy Forrest Emerald

Poet and speaker Dr. Maya Angelou wowed the audience at McArthur Court on Sunday night with her poetry.

to be the rainbow in the clouds."

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Career Center

Wednesday, February 26, 2003 10:00AM-3:00PM - EMU Ballroom



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Two representatives from the Oregon Department of Human Services will provide insight into the hiring process from the initial application and résumé up through the interview process.