

## News briefs

## Gettin' jiggly with it

The Maude Kerns Art Center will be bursting at the seams with wiggly, wobbly creations Saturday evening. The center's 15th annual Jello Art Show will jiggle from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and the event will include gelatin artwork and a Tacky Food Buffet filled with edible creations. This year's theme is "Jellovision," costumes are encouraged, and eclectic bunsai band Radar Angels will add their sound to the mix.

Artists should bring their food creations to the center, located at 1910 E. 15th Ave., between 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday. The entry fee is \$3 per piece. The evening is a benefit

for the art center, and admission will be a suggested donation of \$3, or \$5 for families.

— Jacquelyn Lewis

## Investigative journalist to divulge political information

The political atmosphere on campus is swirling with tension as the war marches on and ASUO elections approach, but a new element is about to be thrown into the mix.

Greg Palast, a well-known investigative journalist, is coming to the University on Sunday to promote his book "The Best Democracy Money Can Buy" at a benefit for independent and progressive voices in media sponsored by the University Survival Center. The event will take place in

150 Columbia, and doors open at 6 p.m. It is free and open to the public, but donations are encouraged.

In his investigative career, Palast has tackled numerous political scandals and issues for BBC Television and London newspaper The Observer, including the 2000 presidential election, the World Trade Organization and Enron's accounting manipulations.

Kat Beglinger-L'Estrange, coordinator for Palast's Northwest book tour, said University students wanting to hear something different from the standard fare of the "corporate media" on the war should attend.

"He's very provocative," Beglinger-L'Estrange said. "I think people would really appreciate knowing some of the facts he's uncovered."

— Jennifer Bear

## Walkout

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inside and outside greek houses along East 11th Avenue yelling remarks such as, "Fuck you guys" and "go Bush."

Shayna Snyder, a sophomore at the University, spoke during the first part of the protest in the amphitheater.

"No more business as usual," she said. "Inaction is silent support of the status quo and I will not sit back and support the status quo if the status quo is unjust."

Snyder said she was happy with the turnout of students at the walkout, but said more students should have participated. She added that while she understood missing classes could be difficult for students, she believed the war was a higher priority.

"This is what history feels like," she said. "And if we go down in flames, then I want to go down fighting."

University student Van Peterson also spoke out against the war. Peterson was in the U.S. Army for three years, and opened his speech by reading a selection of quotes by members of Veterans for Peace.

"N. Dale Thompson served in the Navy for 22 years, from 1957 to 1979," Peterson said. "This is what he said: 'Some of my friends think that we are not supporting the men and women in uniform if we protest the war. I tell them we are supporting them in the only way that shows we value our lives more than we want to stroke the

ego of one spoiled rich kid.'"

Peterson also spoke about the effect that depleted uranium has on people, and encouraged the crowd to keep focusing on peace.

"Standing up against this war is the most patriotic thing you can do," he said. "Power to the peaceful."

Peterson and Snyder, along with most of the other speakers, also spoke on supporting the troops. Snyder said she could not think of anything more supportive than bringing troops back to the United States.

Peterson agreed, adding that war protesters should not be intimidated by people who say they are not supporting the troops.

Political science Professor Jane Cramer also spoke about democracy.

"This is democracy," she said, motioning to the gathered crowd. "History did not have lots of democracy, and the world is much, much bloodier for it."

Cramer added that although the country is at war, she hoped peace was not totally lost.

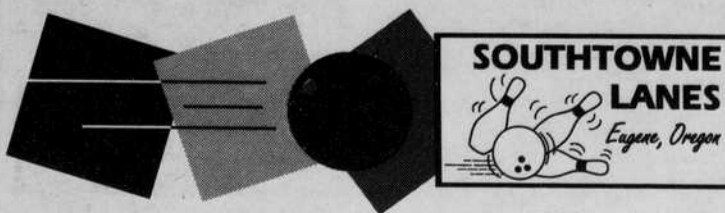
Amy, a student at Lane Community College who did not want her last name used, spoke to the crowd through slam poetry. Amy read two pieces of her slam poetry, each expressing her frustrations with the war in Iraq, President Bush and media portrayal of anti-war protesters.

"Call me an enemy," she said, "because patriotism does not define my morality."

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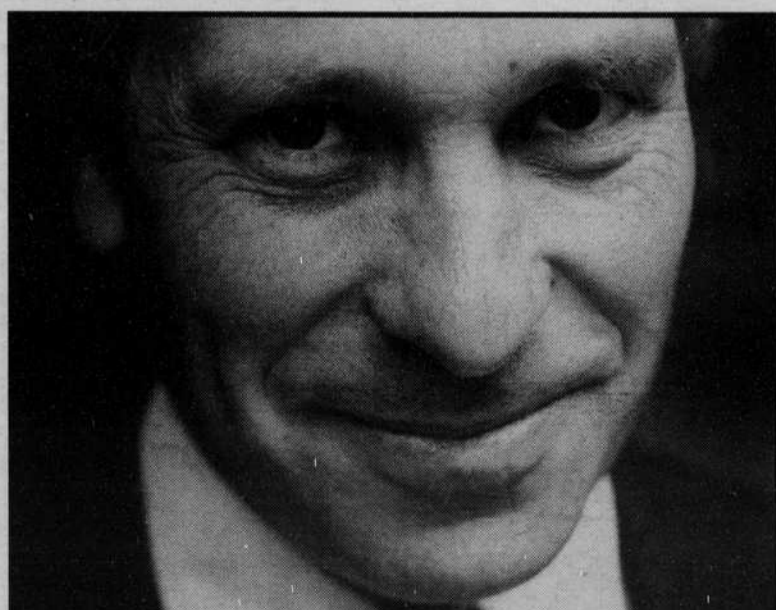
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