Campus buzz

Tuesday

"The Influence of Greco-Roman Mythology on Early Christianity" (lecture), 10-11:30 a.m., First Christian Church, 1166 Oak St., donations requested.

Sexual Harassment Workshop, 1-4 p.m., EMU Alsea and Coquille rooms, free. Italian Studies Lecture: Theodor Cachey (lecture), 5-7 p.m., Gerlinger Alumni Lounge, free, 346-0957.

"Kristin Lavransdatter" (film), 5:30 p.m., EMU Resource Center, free, 346-0518. "Academic Integrity: What is your degree worth?" (discussion), 6-8 p.m., Knight Library Browsing Room, free. Oregon Night (reception), 7-9 p.m., EMU Ballroom, free.

Stanley Kutler (speaker), 7:30 p.m., 110 Law, free.

Historian to talk on government power, privilege

Historian and author Stanley Kutler will visit classes and give a public lecture on Tuesday

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Public opinion polls during the past few weeks have consistently shown that people believe supporting the war in Iraq is patriotic, but many critics of the Bush administration believe there is another important part of patriotism — protecting individual rights when the United States is at war.

Recognizing that issues of secrecy, presidential power and open debate and criticism of the government are taking center stage, the University Office of the President has brought national historian Stanley Kutler to campus to shed light on these concerns.

"He's directly relevant to many of the issues our society faces now," Executive Assistant President Dave Hubin said.

Kutler will be on campus today and Tuesday, visiting several classes and giving a public lecture in 110 Law at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

The historian has drawn national acclaim both for his extensive work

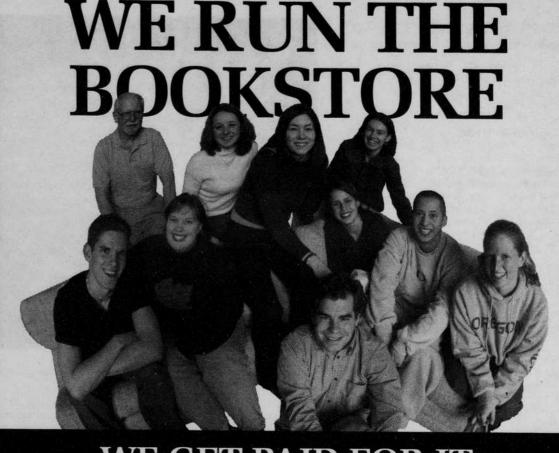
as a scholar of modern political history and his investigative pursuit of the release of more than 200 hours of secret Watergate tapes. Kutler has also written several books, such as "Abuse of Power: The New Nixon Tapes," and published several op-ed pieces stressing the necessity of dissent and American citizens' right to question their government.

"No government likes dissent, but they're not going to be able to do much about it," Kutler said.

The president's office is coordinating Kutler's visit, with the sponsorship of the law school, the history department and the School of Journalism and Communication. Hubin said the president's office wanted to bring Kutler to the University because he could offer students a valuable perspective on current events.

Kutler will be visiting with students and professors in three classes, as well as having lunch with University President Dave Frohnmayer and giving a public lecture. He will be talking about liberating the Nixon tapes during his speech, but he will also be discussing issues of governmental power, secrecy, executive

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SARS

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in Oregon, but health officials say the general public is not at risk for infection.

SARS is a pneumonia-like respiratory illness caused by a virus of unknown origin. According to the World Health Organization, the first case of SARS was reported Feb. 26 in Hanoi, Vietnam. As of Saturday, WHO reported a total of 2,416 cases and 89 deaths in 18 countries. In the United States, 115 cases have been reported, but so far there have been no SARS-related deaths.

WHO has issued a travel advisory recommending individuals postpone all but essential travel to affected areas. International travels to affected areas should be aware of the main symptoms of SARS, such as a fever higher than 100.4, dry cough, and shortness of breath or breathing difficulties. These areas include Canada, Singapore, China and Vietnam.

Health officials urge those who believe they may have SARS to contact their health care providers.

"If anyone believes they may have SARS, it's important that they do not just drop in to see their doctor," Kohn said. "They need to call ahead and arrange for an examination where the medical staff can protect themselves and other patients."

Betsy Meredith of the Lane County Public Health Department said Lane County doctors are prepared to treat and diagnose possible SARS cases.

"(SARS) is definitely on doctors' lists of possible diseases,"

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through contaminated air or objects.

•Who is most at risk for contracting SARS?

People who have traveled to Canada, Singapore, China and Vietnam since Feb. 1 and could have had close contact with an infected person.

What are the symptoms of SARS?

The illness begins with a fever greater than 100.4. Patients also experience a dry cough, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath.

•What should I do if I think I have SARS?

Contact your health care provider or the University Health Center at 346-2770.

SOURCE: Center for Disease Control

Meredith said. "When a patient reports a respiratory illness, doctors are ruling it out."

Anne Mattson, a nurse practitioner at the University Health Center, said that while SARS is a dangerous disease that people should be informed about, "individuals should not panic if they become afflicted with respiratory symptoms. "The symptoms of SARS are very similar to other treatable diseases."

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