

Campus buzz

Saturday

Tree climbing clinic (sponsored by Outdoor Program), 9 a.m., OP Barn, corner of East 18th Avenue and University Street, \$15 students and \$20 general public, 346-4356.

Garden party (musical guests harpist David Helfand and composer and performer Daniel Heila, wine tasting, information about stopping domestic violence; sponsored by Womenspace), 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Secret House Winery, 88324 Vineyard Lane, Veneta (off Highway 126), 485-8232.

Tuesday

Prayer meeting (sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ), 8-9 a.m., EMU Aalsea Room.

"Progressive Revelation" (a multifaith devotional sponsored by the Springfield Baha'i community), 6 p.m., Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth Street, 746-7810.

"Talk to Her" (International Film Series), 7:30 p.m., 115 Pacific, 346-4011.

"Chamber Musicale" (University Ensembles Concert, directed by Gregory Mason), 8 p.m., Beall Hall, \$5 general public, \$3 students and senior citizens, 346-5678.

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Awards

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have met its end because editorializing against the bond also could have angered administrators making program cuts.

"They could have been cutting their own throats," Watkins said.

The Advocate is the second student organization to receive an award in the four years of the Payne Awards.

The South Florida Sun-Sentinel, the 2003 news organization winner, faced similar pressures for a series of stories revealing the cracks in Florida's child welfare system that lost nearly 500 children. Using public records, they found nine missing children — two in less than three hours. They continued to pursue the story despite threats of subpoe-

nas from Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

Sun-Sentinel reporter Megan O'Matz said the staff refused to be intimidated by the threats and strived to be true to their readers.

"They're not always easy choices to make, but you follow the facts — they'll lead you to the truth," O'Matz said.

The professional Payne Award went to "News from Indian Country" editor and publisher Paul DeMain. DeMain spent years investigating the murders of two federal agents, who were killed nearly 30 years ago, and the unsolved murder of Annie Mae Pictou-Aquash, a possible witness to the murders. After years of advocating for suspect Leonard Peltier, DeMain published a definitive story concluding that he was guilty. He has since faced a lawsuit from Peltier and anonymous death threats, but still feels truth is essential

to good journalism.

"As journalists, at the core of our ethics is trust from the public," DeMain said.

The Journal of the American Medical Association also received an honorable mention for an issue encouraging ethics in medical reporting.

Journalism school Dean Tim Gleason said this year's awards "sent up something of a red flag" about the present climate of professional journalism.

"We received a significant number of nominations concerning situations where journalists were fired or resigned because they were being asked to do things they believed to be in conflict with their personal interests," Gleason said.

Kara Hansen is a freelance writer for the Emerald.

Peace

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Frohnmayr's office in Johnson Hall.

"There is no visible hostility except that I think we both understand that we wish the other one would just go someplace else," Stahl said.

"He waves from across the street, and we wave," Foss said.

Frohnmayr was not available for comment, but his special counsel, Barbara West, said Stahl and Foss have every right to express their opinions and hand out materials.

"That's what a university is for," West said. "It should be a free marketplace for ideas."

Stahl and Foss stand firm in the hope that their activism will promote greater political awareness among students and faculty mem-

bers. They are getting a spectrum of reactions from passers-by.

"The great majority just walks by, and it's really rare to have someone explicitly denouncing what we are doing, but it happens," Foss said.

Stahl added that most of the expressed points of view are positive. Graduate student Nigel Cottier, who accepted an article, supports the couple's activism.

"The right of dissent is very democratic and I happen to support their position," Cottier said. "I think it's very important that faculty involve themselves in this kind of process."

Unlike Cottier, non-admit student Jeff Gau did not accept an article from the couple because he said he is in favor of the war. However, he has no problem with Foss and Stahl's actions.

"They're holding a sign that's not re-

ally inflammatory, and they're holding out the pamphlets without pushing anybody, so I don't have a problem with it," he said. Despite the disinterest of most passers-by, the activists are not growing weary of their work.

"It's a chance for us to be together and watch people," said Stahl.

Although they view the current political climate as grim, activism gives Stahl and Foss some comfort. They said they hope to spur others to become more politically vocal.

"We're getting to be too poor and too fearful as a people to stand up and be sensible," Foss said. "I think people aren't going to do anything until they realize ... that something dangerous is happening to America."

Kera Abraham is a freelance writer for the Emerald.

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