

STORY DAY

Take a moment in your day to share with others your stories and experiences. The Women's Center invites you to come to an informal gathering and share moments of joy or struggle, goals and dreams, a recent story, or a vision of life. Come to create community, build an environment of trust, and discover the amazing stories of the people around us.

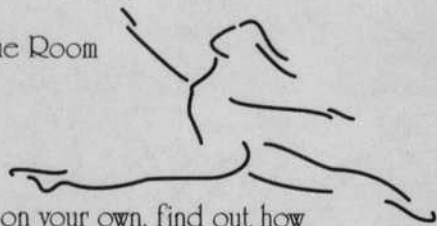
▶ **WHEN:** Every two weeks beginning Friday, November 7th

▶ **LOCATION:** EMU Rogue Room

▶ **TIME:** 3pm

FREE

Come with friends or on your own, find out how creative and interesting your story can really be with the support of the community around you.



01/20/03



Jared Paben News Reporter

A standard double room on the second floor of Clark Hall in the Walton Complex sits vacant this year because of fewer residents.

HOUSING

continued from page 1A

Custodian Liz Hahn, who manages Walton Complex, said she hasn't seen the cut drastically affect the staff or the students.

She said the buildings have been well kept up and repairs have been made when necessary. In fact, new locks have been installed that are safer than the previous ones, she said.

"University Housing is making sure that the rooms are the best that we can do," she said.

Eyster said the biggest reduction in costs this year came with the

statewide wage freeze for public employees, which saved Housing approximately \$500,000 and affected all of its 200 full-time employees.

But Hahn saw the wage freeze in a different light.

"The funding cut that is the most painful is the state wage freeze," she said.

For the past few years the cost of living in the residence halls has risen between 4 percent and 5 percent each year, Eyster said. This year, the rate for each person to stay in a standard double room, which houses two people with an 80-point meal plan each, is \$6,565, according to the University Housing Web site.

During years with higher occupancy rates, Eyster said Housing put money in reserve funds to prepare for down years. Last year it put \$1.36 million into reserves and transferred \$1.9 million into operating revenues for this year. It may appear that the reserve fund would completely offset the decrease this year, however, Eyster explained that they can't simply drain those funds because next year might present another drop.

"I need to think about steering this office like steering a big boat," he said. "And you don't just turn it on a dime."

Contact the people/culture/faith reporter at jaredpaben@dailyemerald.com.

ETHNIC

continued from page 1A

helped to boost the major, she said.

"For the first time, we were able to begin to meet the students' needs and interests," she said in an e-mail interview. She said another reason for the growth is that the program offers something students can't get anywhere else on campus.

"Currently, there are no other departments on campus where students can undertake sustained study of the ways in which race and ethnicity shape society," she said.

The program still has few faculty of its own, however, and it continues to use faculty from other departments to add to the interdisciplinary program.

Ethnic Studies Program Office Coordinator Donella-Elizabeth Alston said some students were worried about the small number of professors in the department this year.

"I know it made the students kind of nervous," she said, adding that it also creates the opportunity to bring in visiting professors who can share new perspectives.

Visiting Assistant Professor Fiona Ngô said that as a "multiethnic scholar" she is able to incorporate

her experiences with various races into her teaching.

"I am able to talk about race as a complete system," she said. She said she also adds gender and sexuality issues into her discussions. Ngô currently teaches Ethnic Studies 101, which she said can compel students to continue on with the program.

Huhndorf said students often want to stay once they get a taste of the program.

"Students who take ES classes quickly grow to understand the importance of this knowledge, and many who take an ES class for elective credit end up enrolling as majors," she said.

Ethnic Studies Director Dennis Galvan said with such a small number of faculty, it is amazing that the program is able to support so many majors, but he still sees room for growth.

"We probably could serve 200 majors," he said. "I don't know at what point we would get there, but I think we will get there."

Galvan said people who become majors in the program tend to be committed to working for social and economic justice. He said this mentality often sends people into particular fields of work.

"Even though people can do a lot

more of a wider range of things with this kind of major, there is a certain amount of self-selection," he said.

Community organizing, local level economic development and teaching are a few of the areas people with an ethnic studies background end up in, he added.

"We give people skills that can equip them for many other walks of life as well," Galvan said.

Finley said she intends to spread the education she is receiving in the program.

"It's really important to me as a Native American to get an education and take the education back to my reservation," she said.

Junior Tawnya Parker said the major can be useful in every career. She's not sure exactly what she wants to do when she graduates, but she knows she wants to educate people on issues of diversity.

"I think it's the most valuable major in real life," she said.

She said she felt drawn to the program because the subject is something she believes in.

"It just kind of spoke to me," Parker said.

Contact the higher education/student life/student affairs reporter at chelseaduncan@dailyemerald.com.

STUDENT GROUPS

Advertise in the Emerald.

Call 346-3712 to speak with a rep. We have great University rates.

CAMPUS BUZZ

Monday

Lecture, 5:30 p.m., EMU Ballroom. Congressman John Lewis, D-Ga., discusses "Non-Violence, Peace, Social Change and Justice." Lewis was the youngest speaker at the 1963 March on Washington, and a contemporary and associate to Martin Luther King Jr. He also wrote "Walking With the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement."

Yes...it's true
our **campus store**
is now open on
Sunday from 10-5

SMITH FAMILY BOOKSTORE 768 East 13th
345-1651

Escape the winter weather!
Spend this winter where it's summer...
Down Under

Study abroad winter quarter in
CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA
January 3-February 16, 2004

- Australian studies program designed for: history, poli-sci, anthropology, international and environmental studies majors
- Located near Sydney in Canberra, Australia's national capital and political hub
- Affordable program cost
- UO credit
- Field trips to the South Coast, Sydney, the Snowy Mountains, Parliament, and more!
- Concentrated six-week quarter allows for full quarter credit and three weeks of travel before spring quarter begins at UO

aha
INTERNATIONAL
[The unexpected rewards of studying abroad.]

CALL TODAY
Office of International Programs,
(541) 346-1128
Register online www.aha-intl.org

O UNIVERSITY OF OREGON