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Politician to speak on peace, civil rights

U.S. Rep. John Lewis will talk about current events and his work toward nonviolent social change during today's speech

By Jared Paben
News Reporter

Influential civil rights leader U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., will deliver a speech on campus entitled "Non-Violence, Peace, Social Change and Justice" at 5:30 p.m. today in the EMU Ballroom.



U.S. Rep.
John Lewis
D-Ga.

Lewis will discuss current events and talk about the work he's done toward justice and social change, said University Executive Assistant President Dave Hubin. He will also talk about his experiences in the Southern civil rights movement during the 1960s.

Lewis, who was an associate of Martin Luther King Jr.,

was the youngest speaker at the famous 1963 "March on Washington" and founded the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, a group that staged sit-ins and voter registration drives throughout the

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SALUTING AMERICA'S SERVICEMEN & WOMEN



Tim Bobosky Photographer

Sunday's Veteran's Day Parade included a montage of veterans from various military branches plus about 75 patriotic motorcycle riders, Civil War re-enactors, Boy Scouts and Native American dancers. The parade, which started at South Eugene High School at 1 p.m., went down Oak Street, turned left on East 11th Avenue and headed back to the high school by way of Willamette Street. The parade drew a crowd of Eugene veterans and residents.

Blood drive offers students competitive incentive

In a pint-for-pint competition against OSU, students can give blood on campus for this year's Civil War Blood Drive

By Chelsea Duncan
News Reporter

Last fall, the Ducks didn't win the Civil War football game, but the University did win the first-ever Civil War Blood Drive. This week, Duck supporters and fans have the chance to out-bleed the Beavers again.

Throughout the week, the American Red Cross and the Lane Memorial Blood Bank bloodmobiles will set up shop outside the EMU for those who want to donate blood. The campus

drive began Friday.

"It's a good thing to do, I just want to help out others," junior Gina Drew said before she gave blood Friday. Drew said she didn't even know about the contest, but she was glad to find out she was donating on behalf of the University.

"I think it's even better that I'm here," she said.

Supporters can donate on behalf of either school at any drive location statewide, and supporters of the University can donate on campus today, Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Beaver fans can also start donating today at OSU's Memorial Union.

Last year, supporters of both schools throughout the state donated nearly 5,000 units of blood. This year's goal is

7,000 units, Assistant Director for Alumni Relations Denise Beban said. The winner of the statewide contest, which began Nov. 3 and lasts until Nov. 17, will be announced at the Civil War game at Autzen Stadium on Nov. 22.

Beban said the drive provides students who wouldn't normally donate blood with a reason to give.

"It just brings them out to support their team," she said.

This time of year can be rough for blood banks because donations tend to drop with seasonal illnesses and as people get tied up with the holidays.

"People tend to forget to donate," Beban said, adding that the drive helps fill depleted supplies.

"This is a great way to bump them up right before we typically need

them," she said.

Junior Julie Whitecotton, vice president for the University Student Alumni Relations Board, which is helping to organize the drive, said people should donate to prepare for the unexpected.

"One donation of blood can save up to three lives," she said. "It's important to do your part because you don't know when you'll need it."

Freshman Chelsey DeBois said she donates blood whenever she gets the chance, but she also likes the idea of winning the contest.

"It's nice to save lives," she said. "I say, 'Take as much as you want.'"

Junior Brendan Anderson said he doesn't care who wins, adding that he just feels donating blood is the right thing to do.

"Donating blood is not really about the Civil War," he said. "It's just mainly the people who want to volunteer."

Anderson, who bragged about his big veins, said he has donated blood 13 times.

"I kind of feel obligated to," he said. "I'm O positive."

People with group O blood types are "universal donors" and can donate blood to people with all blood types, according to the American Red Cross.

Anderson also said his love of extreme sports may someday put him in the position of needing blood, and he wants to do his part now for "good karma."

OSU senior Mathieu Bondurant

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