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## Environmental issues focus of symposium

The Sustainable Business Symposium will begin today with the goal of discussing ethical business issues

By Caron Alarab  
News Reporter

The Northwest's longest-running sustainability conference is being held in the newest facility on campus this weekend. The 2003 Sustainable Business Symposium kicks off its seventh annual conference today in the Lillis Business Complex to educate the community about current business issues.

"Our goal is to inspire people to get involved in conversations about sustainability in business," coordinator and graduate student Keelan Morse-McPhee said.

Titled "Who's Profiting and How," the symposium aims to promote ethical and environmentally friendly business practices. It will feature various panels and keynote speakers, including a Friday-night debate titled "Global vs. Local," which coordinators say should be the highlight of the weekend.

"Hopefully it will draw a big crowd," Morse-McPhee said. "It will be a pretty lively debate."

A board of student volunteers from the Environmental Studies program, the masters in business administration program and the Department of Planning Public Policy and Management planned the symposium for about a year.

"The board consists of a very diverse group of people, which makes things interesting and challenging," Morse-McPhee said. "But we definitely will have a better symposium because of it."

The symposium will have four main keynote speakers from various companies and organizations. Information about the speakers can be found at [www.uoregon.edu/~sbs](http://www.uoregon.edu/~sbs).

On Friday evening, the "Global vs. Local" debate will feature the opinions of Jack Roberts and Michael Shuman, two men with different business perspectives.

Roberts, a University graduate, is the executive director for Lane Metro Partnership, an organization that helps create new job opportunities for Eugeneians and ensure a more diverse and stable economy. As director, Roberts promotes economic development efforts throughout Lane County and focusses on business investment through recruitment, retention and expansion, according to the symposium Web Site.

Shuman, a Stanford-trained attorney, is director of the Green

### SYMPOSIUM EVENTS

Thursday, Nov. 13

• **Film:** "One Giant Leap" from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Lillis 182.

Friday, Nov. 14

• **Keynote speaker:** VanCity Vice President Donna Wilson, "People and Profitability, A Triple Bottom Line Approach" from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Lillis 282.

• **Keynote speaker:** Portfolio 21 co-founder Carsten Henningsen, "Investing for a Sustainable Future" from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Lillis 282.

• **Keynote speaker debate:** Michael Shuman and Jack Roberts, "Global vs. Local" from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Lillis 182.

Saturday, Nov. 15

• **Keynote speaker:** Gifford Park Associates founder John Cusack, "The Case for Sustainability, Maximizing the Benefits for All Society" from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Lillis 282.

• **Keynote speaker:** Northwest Environment Watch Executive Director Alan During, "Akido Politics, Green Taxes and the Northwest" from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Lillis 182.

Sunday, Nov. 16

• **Workshop:** "Voluntary Simplicity" from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Lillis 232.

• **Workshop:** "Redefining Success in the Context of Environmental Sustainability" from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Lillis 232.

(For more information about registration, interactive and panels, visit <http://www.uoregon.edu/~sbs>.)

Policy Institute, which undertakes public policy research and writing related to sustainable communities. He has written, co-written or edited six books, including his most recent work, "Going Local: Creating Self-Reliant Communities in the Global Age."

On Sunday, the symposium will wind down with two free three-hour workshops called "Voluntary

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## Senate debates '\$8,000 mistake'

The ASUO created a committee to look at pay raises and a discrepancy at Wednesday's meeting

By Chuck Slothower  
News Reporter

The ASUO Student Senate debated their own pay and approved several special requests from student groups at their meeting Wednesday night.

The twelve newly elected senators say they were promised a \$175-per-month stipend but are receiving only \$125.

"If in the real world you make an \$8,000 mistake, don't show up to work the next day because you're fired," Sen. Adrian Gilmore said. "To me, it's a non-forgivable mistake."

Shortly before calling executive session, the senate debated how to rectify the situation, whether by a special request, a resolution or other measure. But many senators expressed concern that raising their own pay would generate a negative perception of the student senate.

"The fact that we would have (raised our stipend) could have created speculation about our motives for doing so," Senate President Ben Strawn said.

Senators also expressed concern that the senate would sacrifice equal pay if they raised the salaries of just the 12 newly elected senators.

"I think it's a bad idea to have some senators making more than other senators," Sen. Kevin Curtin said.

After a lengthy executive session, the senate reopened the meeting and created a five-member ad hoc committee to study the issue. The committee will report back to the full student senate at a special meeting Nov. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

In committee updates, Sen. Kevin Day relayed student concerns regarding the rapid sellout of Civil War football tickets Tuesday. Day said many students hold the erroneous belief that tickets must be distributed over two days.

"Demand was so high yesterday that it was the first time that tickets went out in one day," Day said. He added that an upgraded computer system helped the ticket offices sell out faster than ever before.

Contact the campus/federal politics reporter at [chuckslower@dailymerald.com](mailto:chuckslower@dailymerald.com).

Friday

International Resource Center Fall Film Festival, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., EMU International Lounge. "Yellow Earth" (NR, 89 minutes, Mandarin) will be shown. Part of a continuing event where films are shown every Friday through Dec. 5. No movie will be shown Nov. 28.

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