

NEWS BRIEFS

NASU Pow-Wow to offer 'food, fun and dancing'

The Native American Student Union is holding its Fall Pow-Wow Saturday evening, and everyone is invited.

A free salmon dinner will be offered at 5:30 p.m. in the Gerlinger Annex. Grand entry, when all of the dancers enter to display their regalia, will begin at 7 p.m., followed by the opening ceremony and a prayer to honor the pow-wow.

A group of community members known as Soaring Hawk will host the drumming.

Although most of the dances will be for viewing only, a "Round Dance" will

be held for community members who want to join in the dancing.

NASU member Kristen Parr said people shouldn't feel afraid to come to the pow-wow just because they are not Native Americans. The evening is a chance for everyone to learn more about Native American culture and enjoy the "food, fun and dancing," she said.

"We just hope for everybody to come," she added.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the evening's events.

Parr said the pow-wow is a way for Native Americans to maintain stability on campus and a way "to share our culture."

"It promotes ethnic diversity," she said. "It's a sharing tool, really."

She added that the event gives Native American students visibility on campus and shows that they participate in aspects other than academics.

"It just shows that we're here," she said. — Chelsea Duncan

'Riverbank Restoration' to take place near campus

University students and community members will have a chance to take revenge on invasive plant species living along the banks of the Willamette River this weekend.

OSPIRG and the Eugene Stream Team, part of city government, are coordinating a "Riverbank Restoration" at 11:30 Sunday. Participants are invited to meet in front of the Survival Center, located on the ground floor of the EMU,

before walking to the Autzen foot bridge where the restoration project will take place.

The restoration project coincides with the Willamette Legacy Campaign that OSPIRG has been working on for the last year. OSPIRG Campus Coordinator Kit Douglass said she hopes having people come out and participate in the restoration will encourage them to become involved in the larger campaign.

Equipment, including gloves and hand tools, will be provided. All participants are encouraged to dress for working outdoors in possible bad weather.

For more information contact OSPIRG at 346-4377.

— Aimee Rudin

Outdoor Program to focus on fungus this weekend

The University Outdoor Program and the University Museum of Natural History have teamed up to present a series of workshops to students. The most recent workshop will provide information on finding and identifying mushrooms.

Tonight, the Outdoor Program's Barn Manager Ed Fredette will give a free clinic on identifying and properly preparing mushrooms.

Fredette said he has been collecting mushrooms to show to students at the clinic.

"I'll be talking on knowing what to look for ... how to prepare them ... how to safely eat them," Fredette said.

On Saturday, a group of 15 people will travel to the Cascades to go mushroom hunting.

The lecture is free and starts at 7:30 p.m. Saturday's workshop costs \$4 for transportation fees and lasts from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Both the lecture and the workshop will start at the Outdoor Program Barn, located at 18th Avenue and University Street.

The Fall Interpretive Series began Nov. 1 with a campus tree walk, and it has included a workshop about animal tracks and signs.

Fredette said the Saturday workshop is filled, but students should keep an eye out for a follow-up trip.

"It's been a very popular clinic," Fredette said. "It has generated future trips through the outdoor program."

— Ali Shaughnessy

CORRECTION

In "International numbers drop for fall 2003" (ODE, Nov. 12), Ying-Che Chen's gender was misidentified. Chen is male.

The Emerald regrets the error.



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