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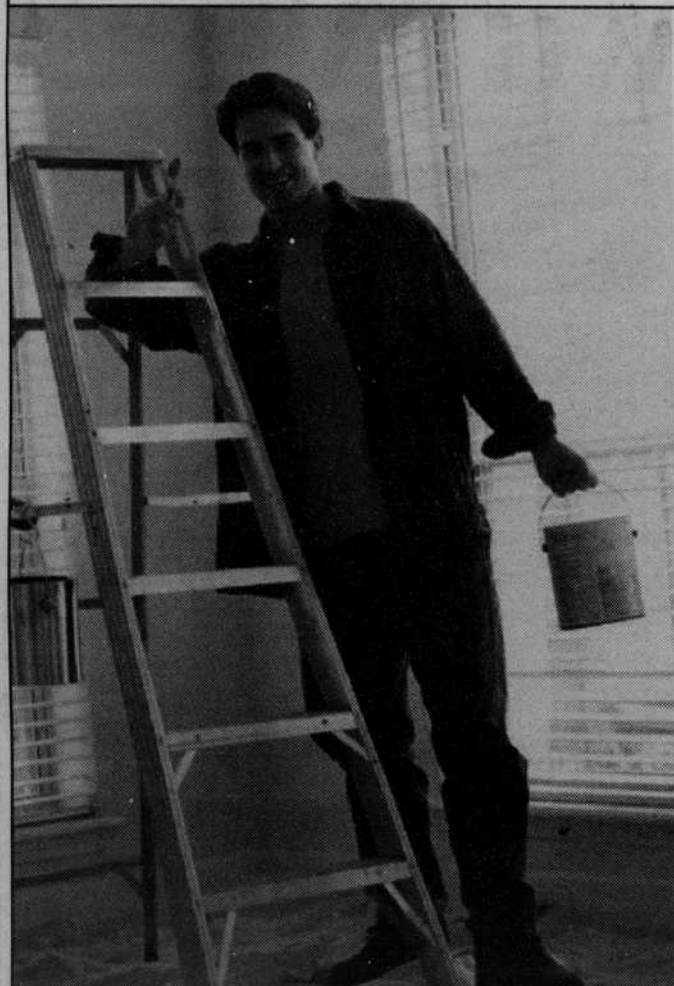
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NEWS BRIEFS

Land Air Water hosts environmental conference

Land Air Water, a student environmental law group, is hosting the University's 22nd annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference.

The conference, titled "Rousing the Restless Majority," began Thursday and will run until Sunday. It will focus on the latent power to change, according to the conference's Web site.

Diverse issues related to environmental law and advocacy will be addressed, with topics ranging from pollution and ecological restoration to globalization, environmental justice, corporate responsibility and genetic engineering.

Third-year law student and LAW's co-Director Jeremy Arling said the theme addresses two points. The first point is that everyone has some kind of consciousness about the need for healthy practices around them.

"Everyone at some level is an environmentalist," he said. He added that the second point is that "it takes a majority to change this administration in the upcoming elections."

Third-year law student and conference co-Director Joe Jenkins said the conference falls at an important time with the upcoming general elections, providing an opportunity to talk about current environmental policies.

Jenkins said many of the current Bush administration's environmental policies contradict what many people participating in the conference believe in.

"It's great to just get out there and rouse the restless majority," Jenkins said.

The conference features more than 125 panels, keynote speeches, workshops and multimedia presentations, according to its Web site. All events are open to the public.

Arling said some notable keynote speakers include Ed Marston, senior journalist and former editor of the environmental newspaper High Country News, and Betsy Loyless, vice president for policy and lobbying for the League of Conservation Voters.

"The main goal is to bring together a lot of people who devote their energy to these issues," Arling said.

Jenkins said more than 3,000 people attend the conference each year. Friends of Land Air Water, a nonprofit organization, is sponsoring the event, which is one of the largest and oldest of its kind, according to the Web site.

For a full schedule of events, visit <http://www.pielc.org/agenda.html>.

— Ayisha Yahya

2004-05 Fee Book proposal released

The University Office of Resource Management has published a list of proposed fees for the 2004-05 school year with substantial reductions and eliminations.

A University administrator said the Fee Book is the result of efforts to hold down student costs as much as possible.

"Most departments are able to hold the line unless there's some underlying

cost driving the increase in fees," Associate Vice President for Budget and Finance Frances Dyke said. "Students are only charged for what they use, mostly."

The Fee Book includes substantial changes, with plans for 33 new course-related fees to be introduced, 82 fees to be eliminated, 65 to be increased and 131 to be lowered. The fee changes include the elimination of academic fees for 29 classes at the School of Music.

"People are very cognizant of what the costs are of education," Dyke said.

The Fee Book also includes the elimination of many service, equipment and facilities fees, such as a \$375 fee charged for the daily rental of a computer lab in Lillis Business Complex. However, some of the non-academic fees, including parking permit fees, are posed to increase.

The Office of Resource Management will accept oral and written comments on the proposed fees at 3 p.m. today in 214 Friendly Hall.

The Fee Book can be viewed online at <http://wilhelm.uoregon.edu/ORM/feea> PP.

— Chuck Slothower

Oregon Hillel to host Celebration of Purim

The Oregon Hillel is sponsoring a Celebration of Purim and Masquerade Party this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center Bonus Room. The free event will feature a reading from the Megillah, the scroll containing the story of Queen Esther, and will include a masquerade party and free food. The event is open to all costumed students.

According to <http://www.torah.org>, the holiday has its roots in the story of Queen Esther and her uncle Mordecai, and how they saved the Jewish community of Persia from annihilation by the King Achashverosh of Persia and his evil advisor, Haman. Esther had been crowned queen by King Achashverosh without his knowing that she was Jewish. When she heard of Haman's scheming to get the king to kill the Jewish people, she revealed her true identity in order to persuade the king to show mercy.

Thus, the celebration includes a masquerade, Jewish Campus Service Corps Fellow Laura Don said.

"It symbolizes the fact that we've had to hide ourselves from being Jewish," she said.

Triangle-shaped pastries are eaten for Purim, made to mimic the shape of Haman's hat. Another part of the celebration is giving food baskets to the poor, friends and other members of the community to remember those who are less fortunate even during celebration.

According to freshman Yevgeniya Turov, the holiday has important feminist themes as well because it celebrates the courage of Queen Esther.

"It's unusual for a woman to be a hero," she said. "She's the main focus of the holiday."

"It's really a celebration of our victory during hard and defeating times," Don said. "It's a remembrance of our past."

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