

**NEWS BRIEF**

**Kucinich will speak tonight at Knight Law Center**

Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich will be on campus today to meet the public and discuss issues such as academic freedoms relating to the USA PATRIOT Act, health care, education funding and the war in Iraq.

At 5 p.m., Kucinich will be in the EMU Skylight for a meet-and-greet session, said Leandra Bell-Matson, from the Eugene campaign for Kucinich.

At 7 p.m., he'll speak in Knight Law Center 175 about education, women's rights, civil liberties, fair trade, renewable energy and environmental protections. Admission is free and everyone is invited.

"He always welcomes the question-and-answer period," Bell-Matson said. "And that's why he'll be on campus."

— Jared Paben

**Residents can take free emergency classes**

Lane County residents can learn how to help their families and neighbors in various emergency situations by participating in the free Community Emergency Response Team training program beginning April 20.

The Eugene Citizen Corps, American Red Cross, Eugene Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department and the city of Eugene's Emergency Manager Chuck Solin are coordinating and supervising the eight-session course.

Solin said the Federal Emergency Management Agency has made a major push to institute these courses in the past couple of years.

Solin said Veneta and Creswell have similar programs, which have been successful.

He added that this training is very important in the Eugene area because if certain emergencies were to occur, such as a major earthquake, the city does not have enough trained emergency-response personnel to help everyone. Therefore, this program would provide many neighborhoods with someone trained in emergencies who could help until emergency professionals show up.

"The purpose of this program is to give people skills so they can take care of themselves and their neighbors in an emergency situation," he said.

Solin said the residents seem to be excited about the idea, adding that the courses beginning on April 20 have almost filled up.

He said if this first training session fills, those still wanting to participate will be put on a waiting list for future courses.

Solin said he hopes this program can get established in neighborhoods throughout the Eugene area.

Upon completing the training, Solin said volunteers will receive safety equipment and an ID stating they are certified in emergency training.

— Lisa Catto

**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM COURSES**

All courses take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

April 20 — Disaster Preparedness

April 22 — Fire Safety

April 27 — Disaster Medical Part 1

April 29 — Disaster Medical Part 2

May 4 — Light Search and Rescue

May 6 — CERT Organization and Disaster Psychology

May 11 — Terrorism and Course Review

May 15 (tentative) — Disaster Exercise

To register, call Chris Jensen at 682-5665.

SOURCE: City of Eugene

**College Democrats host tonight's tax forum**

The College Democrats will sponsor a public forum entitled "Balanced Tax Reform in Oregon" today at 7 p.m. in McKenzie 240A.

The panel of speakers for the event includes several state legislators — Sen. Floyd Prozanski, Rep. Phil Barnhart and Rep. Paul Holvey — and University law Professor Nancy Shurtz.

The panel will discuss Oregon's continuing budget shortfalls and the need for balanced tax reform in the upcoming special session of the Oregon Legislature, especially considering the voters' opposition to increases in income taxes as seen by the defeats of Measures 30 and 28.

The event is free and open to the public.

— Jennifer Marie Bear

**CRIME WATCH**

April 3 through April 12

**Theft and recoveries**

The Department of Public Safety received three reports of burglary, 10 found-property reports, one report of a bike impound, three reports of bike theft and seven reports of larceny.

**Disorderly conduct**

DPS received five reports of disorderly conduct, one report of skateboard stunting and two reports of an arrest. DPS also received five reports of a suspicious condition, eight reports of a suspicious subject and nine reports of vandalism, two reports of criminal trespass and one report of unlawful entry of a motor vehicle.

Friday, April 9, 7:56 a.m.: DPS received a report of vandalism to DPS vehicles.

**Alcohol and drugs**

DPS received two reports of drug-law violations and five reports of liquor-law violations.

Monday, April 5, 1:00 a.m.: DPS received a report of subjects smoking marijuana on the artificial-turf field.

**Miscellaneous**

DPS received three emergency call reports, three reports of urinating in public, five alarm reports and one report of an odor. DPS also received two reports of an officer placing a boot on a vehicle, two reports of a request to remove a car boot and 15 tow requests: two from the visitor's parking lot, two from the Carson Hall turnaround, three from the large Prince Lucien Campbell parking lot, one from H.P. Barnhart Hall, one from the University Annex parking lot, one from the EMU visitor's parking lot, two from the small PLC parking lot, one from University Street, one from Westmoreland Apartments and one from Spencer View Apartments.

Thursday, April 8, 2:48 a.m.: DPS received a report of a subject running after being spotted urinating in public.

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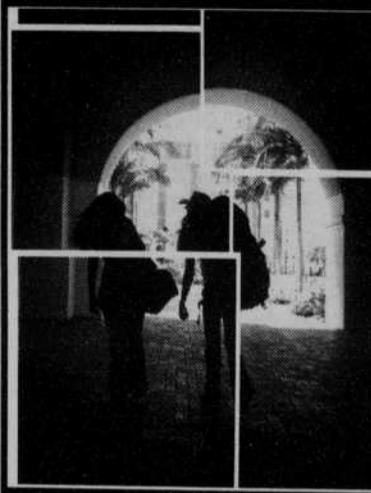
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