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IN BRIEF

Edwards on campus today; complimentary tickets available

Democratic vice-presidential candidate John Edwards will be on campus today in support of his and John Kerry's campaign for the White House. The rally, which is sponsored by the University's College Democrats and Kerry's campaign, is scheduled from 12:30 to 3 p.m. on the East Lawn of the EMU.

Tickets are required to attend and complimentary tickets can be printed off at http://www.johnkerry.com/events/101304_eugene_or_form.php. Tickets will also be given out today outside the EMU Fishbowl from 10 a.m. to noon and can also be obtained from the Carry Oregon office, 114 E. 16th Street.

No umbrellas, bags or outside signs will be allowed at the rally.

Peter DeFazio visits campus, urges students to vote

Democratic congressional candidate Rep. Peter DeFazio spoke on campus Tuesday to kick off a massive campus effort aimed at making sure all registered voters turn in their ballots by the Nov. 2 deadline with a vote for Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry.

About 60 students attended a meeting sponsored by the College Democrats in which DeFazio warned of the devastating consequences the country, specifically young people, will have to endure if President George W. Bush is re-elected.

The war in Iraq, the ever-increasing national debt, the outsourcing of jobs, the privatization of social security and the possibility of a military draft are all issues affecting students that the Bush administration has acted recklessly on, DeFazio said.

"These are things that are absolutely unprecedented" he said, warning that things will only worsen if Bush is re-elected because getting elected for another term will not be a concern.

DeFazio criticized Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld for being "one of the most arrogant people on earth," adding that he "should have been fired long before (the prisoner abuse scandal at) Abu Ghraib."

The reckless acts of the Bush administration must be put to an end, and students have the power to make that happen, DeFazio said.

"You have a very powerful tool at your disposal," DeFazio said, referring to the thousands of registered voters on campus.

"This is not a game; this is about the future of our country," he said, encouraging all students to help in the campus get-out-the-vote effort.

The Student Vote Coalition exceeded its goal of registering 7,500 new voters, student outreach director for the Carry Oregon campaign Michelle Dixon said, with more than 1,000 being registered on Tuesday alone.

"Now they have the massive job of making sure people vote," Dixon said.

— Meghann Cuniff

Author to discuss book about Philippines tonight

Author Jessica Hagedorn will talk about her book "Dream Jungle" today at 7 p.m. in the Knight Library Browsing Room. Hagedorn will share her views on how America has impacted the Philippines both politically as well as culturally.

"Dream Jungle" tells the story of a woman named Rizalina growing up in the Philippines and her connection to the politician who discovered a lost tribe called the Taobo.

Events coordinator Brian Juenemann said he was interested in the book as soon as he heard about it.

"I remembered when her first novel, 'Dogeaters,' came out; it was kind of a buzz," Juenemann said.

"I think the fact that she is a playwright, an artist and an actor, she will be compelling to people when she speaks," he said.

— Rachel Lee

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For your health



LAUREN WIMER | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

The cost of prescription drugs and health services is of critical importance to many voters in deciding whom to vote for this November.

ARE HEALTH CARE ISSUES IMPORTANT AND WILL THEY INFLUENCE HOW YOU VOTE IN THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS?

"I don't think it's important that either candidate address health care in this election. I think it's important for candidates to keep addressing foreign policy."

ROY PARR | JUNIOR



"Everyone has a right to affordable healthcare no matter what their socio-economic background is. We need to change presidents ... we need health care reform."

TRYSTA KRICK | FRESHMAN

"Health care is something that I very much pay attention to. I have a chronic disease ... (but) in this election is not my highest priority because I feel my civil liberties are and my right to practice my religion ... because they are in danger."

ELIZABETH DUELL | JUNIOR



"It's not going to affect who I vote for, but I can see why it would be an issue."

JOHN GELLES | SOPHOMORE

State and national candidates present their views on health care in Oregon and in America

BY AYISHA YAHYA
NEWS EDITOR

Voters have to sift through a barrage of issues before they can pick candidates to vote for in the upcoming elections and one issue that attracts a lot of attention every election is health care. With increasing costs around the country and lack of access to health care for certain demographics, many candidates are taking on the issue with platforms that promise reform in the health care industry.

The local scene

Oregon's health care system has faced significant cuts with recent years' budget shortfalls. Due to fiscal cuts and the failure of Measure 30 earlier this year, the state's Department of Human Services must reduce the number of people on the Oregon Health Plan's standard

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Geology takes alumnus across globe

Art Green spent 41 years with ExxonMobil looking for oil in countries from Singapore to Australia

BY CANELA WOOD
NEWS REPORTER

From mapping in the Sahara Desert to drilling for oil off-shore in the North Sea, University alumnus Art Green has spent most of his post-college years overseas.

Green, who graduated with a master's in Geology in 1962, went to work in the geological research branch for the Humble Company owned by Standard Oil. The company, which later became Exxon-Mobil, had headquarters in New York, although its research branch was based in Houston.



Where are they now?

"After graduating I was just hoping for a job. There weren't many jobs in geology at the time," Green said. "I heard about this one from a professor who worked for the company in Peru."

During his 41 years of service with ExxonMobil, Green spent most of his time traveling. He went to England, Singapore, Libya, Russia, China, Canada, France, Australia and even lived in Norway for a year.

"It was before they had TV and there was only one radio station," Green said. "It was a quiet town



LAUREN WIMER | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

University alumnus Art Green speaks on Thursday afternoon about global energy. He recently stepped down from a position at ExxonMobil, where he spent several years in search of oil overseas.

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