

Hansen: Writer's creative announcement inspires event

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inspired the Oregon Humanities Center to invite him to Eugene for the first time in 2002. The event was hugely successful, drawing a large crowd and selling several copies of the book. Two years later, as Hansen prepared to publish "The Bird Man and the Lap Dancer," he 'sent me galleys and a note," said Julia Heydon, associate director of OHC. In that, the idea for Wednesday's reading was born.

The OHC co-sponsored the event

with the University Bookstore. After the success of the previous reading, the bookstore's author event coordinator, Brian Juenemann, was eager to have Hansen back

Juenemann described Hansen's uniquely personal perspective as he introduced the author: "The most impressive thing about Eric is not where he's been but what he does when he gets there."

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IN BRIEF

Student Senate allows funds for new event

The Student Senate Wednesday night unanimously granted \$522 to the Black Women of Achievement to fund Higher Learning, a new two-day event allowing minority students from Eugene to experience college life for a day.

The Senate also unanimously approved a request by the University Men's Center for \$150 to send a team to participate in the Civil War Relay on Nov. 21 to promote men's health issues.

- Parker Howell

Tutoring: Professors aim to engage students

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work through a troublesome problem cannot be found in huge lecture halls, she said.

Engaging students in big lecture classes is exactly what Georgeanne Cooper, director of the Teaching Effectiveness Program, sets out to improve with University professors and graduate teaching fellows.

"A lot of student-learning communities at the University and around other colleges help students have an input on their course material, and sometimes students and professors work together on the syllabus and decide what will be taught that term," Cooper said. "If students and the professor are both interested in the class material, students will learn far more than if they are simply highlighting a

textbook or taking notes."

The Teaching Effectiveness Program works with faculty members two weeks before fall term on how to coordinate lesson plans, responding to student questions and other faculty-student interaction.

Typically in the University setting there is an attitude that a class needs to transfer all possible information for a course in order to be successful, which does not always mean students are actually learning that material or are engaged in that information," Cooper said. "So instead you see students sleeping in class or text messaging.

But Cooper said professors and GTFs that engage their students in the lesson get an overwhelming amount of positive feedback. Faculty and TEP employees measure this feedback by giving out mid-class

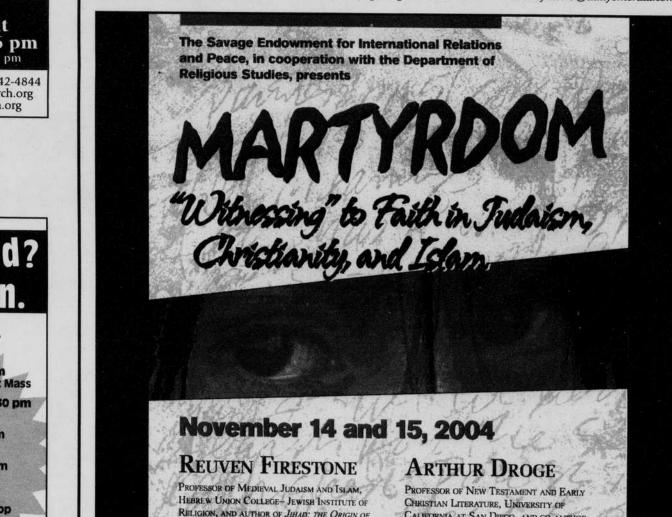
evaluations, but they are not responsible for the University-mandated course evaluations at the end of every term, Cooper said.

Kaplan Test Prep on 720 E. 13th Ave. gives University students help with educational and career tests, and graduate- or doctorate-level students are there to assist, Director Victoria Grantham said.

'There's dynamic and interesting students that work for Kaplan and know the subject in-depth enough to help out other students," said Grantham.

Grantham said University students are especially adept at helping prospective students improve their college applications, get higher SAT and ACT scores and write strong application essays.

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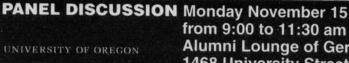
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