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IN BRIEF

Conference features options for sustainability

Today through Sunday, the University's Ecological Design Center will host its 11th annual Holistic Options for Planet Earth Sustainability conference at Lawrence Hall. Students develop and manage the conference.

The event includes keynote speeches, panel discussions, workshops, a showcase of ecological design projects by professional designers, and a design challenge. Design challenge entries from students, professionals and architecture enthusiasts will be judged according to this year's conference theme, "reVISION, reDESIGN, reSOLUTION."

Workshops will cover topics such as solar energy, professional ethics, a portable chapel made of recycled materials that University students designed for second marriages, and outfits made from trash and recycled materials.

A full schedule of events is available at hopes.uoregon.edu.

— Eva Sylwester

Teen faces charges in gun incident at school

PORTLAND — A Portland teen was arrested after police discovered that he allegedly brought a loaded sawed-off shotgun to school.

Michael Anthony Canell, 17, was charged with one count each of a felon in possession of a firearm and unauthorized possession of a short-barrelled firearm. Because of a prior Measure 11 robbery conviction, Canell is considered an adult offender.

In a conversation with a school counselor Tuesday, Canell mentioned he was carrying a gun inside his coat. He was arrested shortly after at a bus stop.

The gun was used in at least one nonfatal shooting, said Sgt. Brian Schmautz, Portland Police Bureau spokesman.

— The Associated Press

War: Speakers target nuclear program, pre-emptive policy

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terrorism, stating that current U.S. policies include pre-emptive war, unilateralism, rejection of treaties and development of new nuclear weapons.

"Is it okay for us to develop new nuclear weapons and to be testing those weapons and say to any other country in the world 'well you can't do that?'" Kaplan said.

Barnhart said the United State's current pre-emptive war policy is illegal and immoral, and that it is setting a precedent other countries could follow.

"(It) generates ill will; abandoning nuclear treaties and expanding our nuclear program endangers us all," Barnhart said. "In light of this we pose this question: Is war an effective way to deter terrorism, or is there a better way?"

He compared attacking Afghanistan and Iraq to hitting a dandelion with a golf club, saying "it just ensures another generation of al-Qaida."

PSR/BW's SMART security platform offers a different solution. Barnhart said it's based on supporting international diplomacy, adhering to international law, stopping the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction, collaborating with other nations, funding humanitarian and foreign aid and changing budget priorities. After explaining the platform in detail, Barnhart urged the audience to join them in "thinking rationally."

Kaplan said other effects of war include those resulting from damage created by chemical, biological and nuclear weapons, infrastructure destruction, economic impacts and environmental destruction.

Caitlin Gadoua, promotions assistant of the Robert D. Clark Honors College, said Physicians for Social Responsibility was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985 after discovering the health effects of nuclear radiation on children.

Kaplan said nuclear testing itself is a problem that has resulted in 80,000 American civilians contracting cancer and in 15,000 deaths worldwide.

Kaplan and Barnhart both focused on the amount the U.S. government spends on military defense compared with the amount they spend on health care.

"The U.S. spends more money on their military budget than all other countries of the world combined," Kaplan said. He said the U.S. government spends half its budget on military defense and only 6 percent on health care, adding that in Oregon in 2003, \$810 million went to funding the Iraq War while Oregon's budget shortfall, needed to adequately fund schools, health-care services and social services, was \$802 million.

PSR/BW will give the same free presentation, open to the public, on May 4 at 7 p.m. in the Eugene Water and Electric Board building boardroom.

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Dance: Last year's attendance doubled group's expectations

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"It takes two months because there isn't a lot of us," she said.

Woldu said the group received \$600 from student incidental fees but the total costs for the event run about \$6,000. She said fundraising efforts by ASA's members have helped fill the \$5,400 gap. Additionally, they recruited 20 to 25 volunteers who will help with shopping and decorations.

ASA member Alem Beyene said last year the group planned for 300 attendees but nearly 600 arrived.

"We had to turn people away," she said. She added that precautions

have been taken this year to prepare for a large turnout. By requiring attendees to buy tickets at the ticket office, the ASA can monitor the number of people coming to the event.

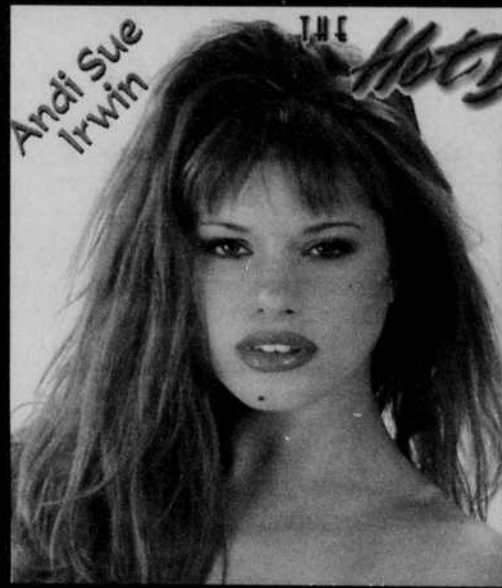
Beyene and Woldu said the event should help address any misconceptions people have about the culture.

"Most people, they think Africa is one country," Beyene said. "They think we speak the same language."

"There is no language called African," Woldu said. "We want to break some of the stereotypes about Africa."


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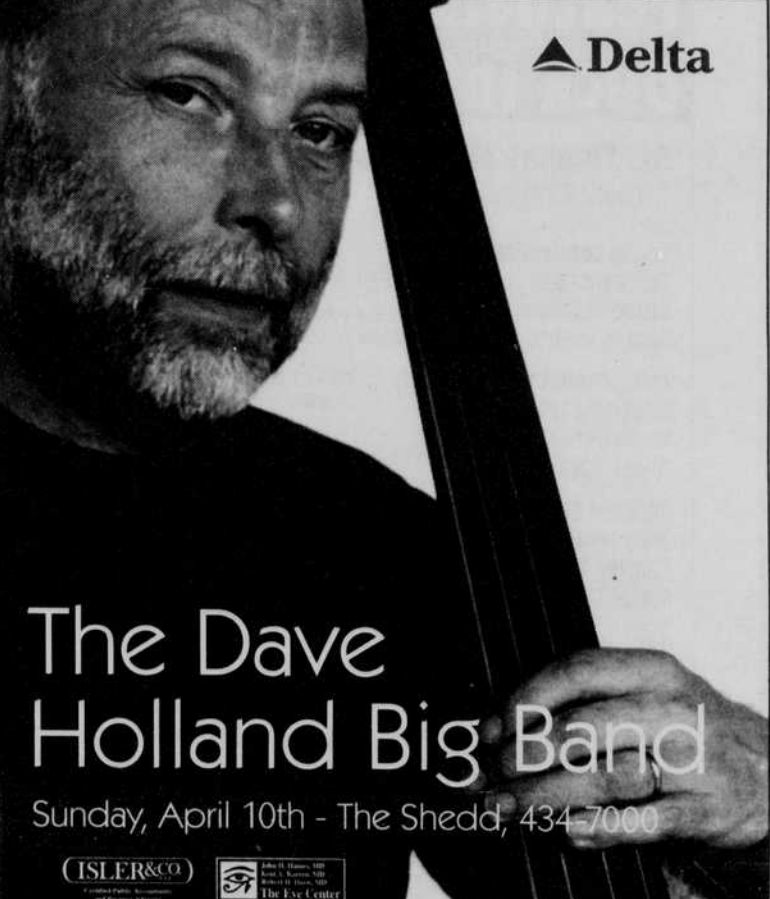
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