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IN BRIEF

University commemorates Holocaust Awareness Week

Three local organizations are sponsoring several events at the University this week in honor of Holocaust Awareness Week and the 60th anniversary of the liberation of prisoners at Auschwitz concentration camp.

The Jewish Student Union, Oregon Hillel and the University Cultural Forum are sponsoring speeches, films, poetry readings, a special Shabbat service and a 24-hour reading of names of people who died during the Holocaust.

- Litany of the Martyrs — 6 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday to today in the EMU Amphitheater. Members of various multicultural groups on campus and of several community organizations will read the names of some of those killed during the Holocaust.

- Lecture by Zvonimir Hako and showing of "Hotel Rwanda" — 6:30 p.m. today in 100 Willamette. Hako, an expert on the portrayal of the Holocaust through music, will lecture about genocide worldwide. "Hotel Rwanda" is an Oscar-nominated film about the Tutsi tribe's struggle against the Hutu militia in Rwanda.

- Holocaust survivors — 6 p.m. Tuesday in the EMU Fir Room. Holocaust survivors Eva and Les Aigner will share their eyewitness accounts of the Holocaust. The Aigners, who both lost members of their families in the Holocaust, met, married and left communist Hungary in 1956.

- Former neo-Nazi T.J. Leyden's lecture — 7 p.m. Wednesday in the EMU Ballroom. Leyden spent 15 years as a neo-Nazi activist and

recruiter and is the only known person to leave the movement and retain his birth name. Leyden was invited by former President Clinton to speak at a White House conference on hate and has helped train the FBI and the Pentagon on tactics for combating neo-Nazi organizations.

- Sephardic Poetry: Lost Jewish Voices — 3 p.m. Thursday in 246 Gerlinger. University assistant professor Monique Balbuena will hold a reading of Holocaust-related poetry.

- Shabbat Service — Governor's residence in Salem. Gov. Ted Kulongoski has invited Jewish students to join him for a Shoah Shabbat service at his residence.

— Jared Paben

Diversity Action Plan draft to be presented today

A draft of the University's Diversity Action Plan, a set of initiatives intended to increase diversity of student, faculty and staff populations on campus, will be released in a set of "Community Conversations" starting today.

The first of the three events will be held in the EMU International Lounge from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The second will be in Gerlinger Hall on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the final event will be in the EMU Ben Linder Room on May 9 from noon to 8 p.m.

Presentations of the diversity plan will be conducted at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the conversations today and Wednesday. On May 9, presentations will take place at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

University officials, including Greg Vincent, vice provost for Institutional Equity and Diversity, will use the conversations to seek feedback from as many individuals as possible on the plan, which has been in progress since last year. The events are open to students, staff, faculty and community members.

Vincent, leader of the planning process, told the Emerald in the fall that the plan would be completed this spring and ready for implementation for fall term 2005.

— Adam Cherry

Kroc: Hopper's aspiration is to 'give wisdom space'

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successful, and the sale of Hopper's photos raised money for the organization. The organization also received a grant to integrate Hopper's exhibit into an educational curriculum about Kenya for Portland-high-schoolers.

After returning from Kenya, Hopper continued to travel. He spent a month in Southern India and took a trip to Oaxaca, Mexico.

"I was traveling because I was really interested in the culture and the religion," he said. "My travels expanded my mind in so many ways. It was really priceless."

Hopper's activism didn't slow when he reached the University. He volunteered with the KWVA, the campus' student-run radio station, anchoring a news program.

As the director of the University's Queer Film Festival, Hopper pushed the envelope by choosing to show some unusually provocative films, University Director of Communications Todd Simmons said.

"He's really one of the most thoughtful and caring and engaged

students that I know," said Simmons, who worked with Hopper on the film festival in 2004. "He's really passionately interested in the world around him."

Simmons recommended Hopper for the Kroc Fellowship and said he was impressed by Hopper's highly developed sense of journalistic ethic.

"One thing that really stood out for me ... is something that comes through in his work," Simmons said. "He's sensitive to creating voices for the unheard. ... To me, more of those kinds of journalists are needed in this kind of media."

Hopper said his goal as a journalist is to "create conversation and ... include as many voices as possible in that conversation."

"It's not just empowering for the people that are marginalized, but it creates a more interesting and relevant conversation in real life," Hopper said. "There's a lot of perspectives that aren't heard and a lot of wisdom that isn't ever given space."

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Holocaust Awareness Week



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Mon 5/2 7pm WIL 100

Tues 5/3 6pm GER 246

Wed 5/4 7pm EMU Ballroom

Thur 5/5 3pm EMU Fir Room

Fri 5/6 5:30pm Governor's Mansion
Salem, OR

24 Hour Reading of the Names of
Those Whose Lives Were Taken
Film: 'Hotel Rwanda' and speaker
Zvonimir Hako

Holocaust Survivors, Eva and Les
Aigner, share and discuss their stories

Tom 'T.J.' Leyden: Former Neo-Nazi,
Anti-Hate speaker focused on teaching tolerance

Sephardic Poetry: Lost Jewish Voices
with Professor Monique Balbuena

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(jodi@oregonhillel.org)

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