



## HURRICANE KATRINA DISASTER RELIEF

Help is help whether it's a little or a lot.  
Do what you can, when you can.

Tonight, Café Lucky Noodle will donate 10% of total dinner sales to Mercy Corps to assist the survivors of Hurricane Katrina. Also, Blue Luna Club hosts "Roots Reggae" with half of all proceeds being donated to Mercy Corps and Red Cross.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Town meeting discusses County Fairgrounds' future

A town hall meeting will be held tonight to solicit community response on the future of the Lane County Fairgrounds.

The fairgrounds property, known as the Lane Events Center, has been the focus of intense debate recently. The Fair Board has said the fairgrounds will not be viable at its current site for more than 10 years because of its small size and out-of-date facilities.

The fairgrounds have been looked at as a possible site for the proposed McKenzie-Willamette hospital.

The meeting, hosted by Lane County Commissioner Peter Sorenson, is an attempt for city officials to discover what the community wants done with the property, and to give the public updates on the state of the fairgrounds and possible relocation sites.

"I'm hoping to have a better understanding of what the neighbors and stakeholders feel is the highest and best use of the property," Eugene City Councilor Bonny Bettman said.

The meeting comes only two weeks after the Lane County Board of Commissioners voted 3-2 to not sell the fairgrounds property for 10 years. Noa O'Hare, marketing director of the Lane County Farmers' Market, submitted petitions with more than 6,000 signatures to keep the fairgrounds at its current location before the vote.

The 55-acre complex has been at its current site for nearly 100 years. The Events Center holds not only the fairgrounds but the convention and ice centers as well. In addition to the Lane County Fair, the Events Center hosts exhibitions, trade shows and sporting events year round.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in Meeting Room 1 of the Lane Events Center. Sorenson, Bettman and Fair Board member Bob Zagorin will each speak for 10 minutes and then turn the floor over to the public.

—Chris Hagan

#### Non-trad student lunch to take place in EMU

Nontraditional students interested in learning more about the University can attend the first Brown Bag Series in the EMU river rooms from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Nontraditional students, or non-trads for short, are students older than 24, delayed enrollment and/or transfer students, first generation college students, students who care for dependents or students working full-time to put themselves through school.

The Brown Bag Series will cover Club Sports, financial aid, Office of Multicultural Academic Support, Career Center, childcare, Office of Student Life, University Health Center, the Student Recreation Center and features a workshop entitled "Learning More Effectively."

Stephanie McLaughlin, ASUO non-traditional student advocate, organized the event to help nontraditional students gather information and meet each other.

"As a nontraditional student, we aren't 18 anymore and we take our studies a lot more seriously than others," McLaughlin said. "Priorities change but socialization is still important. We're hoping that events like this one will give nontraditional students an opportunity to connect with one another and build friendships."

—Brittini McClenahan

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