

## Rape team grant runs out, agency may disband

The Lane Interagency Rape Team (LIRT) may be forced to disband after 11 months of existence.

The \$61,000 grant that funded the team ran out Sunday and it is not certain that additional funds will appear to keep the law enforcement group together.

"There's somewhere around \$3,000 left from the original grant," said Marcia Morgan, community liaison officer for LIRT. "We need to have approval from the Oregon Law Enforcement Council to use it, but that's not enough. We also need to get city and county money."

Right now the rape team is just looking for enough funds to operate until another grant can be obtained. Morgan said about \$13,600 is needed until May when additional federal funds may be forthcoming.

The Eugene City Council and the county commissioners heard appeals for extra money for LIRT at their regular meetings last week. Neither government body is expected to make a decision until the middle of this week, at the earliest. "We might be making a de-

cision next week," said Lane County Commissioner Nancy Hayward last Friday. "We only have contingency funds and money that's left over from special projects, and there are several claims upon that."

Hayward mentioned the remodeling of the county jail and the request by the Lane Interagency Narcotics Team for two more persons as some of the other claims on county money.

Morgan says she is convinced the rape team has a legitimate request. She compared statistics from last year with statistics from the year before to illustrate the effectiveness of the rape team.

From April, 1974, to December 1974, before the team was established, there were 50 rapes and attempted rapes in Lane County, 18 suspects identified, seven prosecutions, two convictions, and one case referred to juvenile court.

For the same period in 1975, when the team was in operation, there were 62 rapes and attempted rapes, 37 suspects identified, 12 prosecutions, seven convictions and four cases referred to juvenile court.

## Indians criticize programs

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"This University can be compared to the mythical melting pot," said one participant in the symposium on Indian higher education held at the University Friday. "The bottom gets red, the outside gets black and the scum always rises to the top."

Dissatisfaction with University Indian programs and national and regional problems were aired for the majority of the symposium's morning session. About 30 persons attended the talk and panel discussion sponsored by the Native American Student Union.

The panel, composed of Indian students and educators, dealt primarily with University programs for Native Americans. "Without the support of everyone involved, one man could destroy the Indian program at this University," said Frank Merrill, a student panel member.

Other panel members were critical of the University. "This University clearly isn't prepared to deal with Indians," said Steve Newcombe, a student. Another member simply said, "It stinks. The commitment to Indians at this university is very bad."

Some members pointed out that the drop-out rate for Indians in college is high and said there isn't enough done to combat this problem.

Charles Wilkinson, a law school professor who spoke on the Siletz bill, agreed that input to programs must come from the Indians themselves.

Wilkinson is working on a bill in Congress which would give official government recognition to the Siletz Indians as a tribe. He says the Siletz bill is of particular importance because it was conceived and developed by the Indians themselves.

Wilkinson called opposition to the Siletz bill "deep, vicious and well organized." He said opposition to the bill by fishermen was misguided, as the bill specifically states that it grants no fishing rights to the Siletz.

Wilkinson said the future of Indian legislation for the next 10 or 15 years depends on the bill. "Indians will live or die according to decisions made in Washington, D.C."

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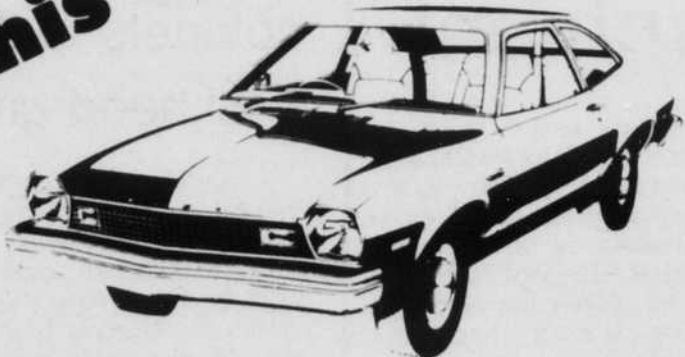
SAN JOSE (AP) — Frank Perkins grabbed a small piece of history Sunday with a record-breaking stay atop a 50-foot pole. Now he plans to continue his self-imposed exile by remaining aloft until the 4th of July.

"It's kind of my thing for the Bicentennial," he said. "Besides, they promised me a car if I did it."

Perkins, a guitar-playing 19-year-old from Weiser, Idaho, set what appeared to be a modern record for pole sitting on Sunday when his 274th day passed high above a car dealership here.

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