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Crow Dog says Indians to hunt knowledge

Representing the Indian Nation, Crow Dog — adorned in multi-colored feathers and beads, with long black braids to his waist and cowboy boots on his feet — stood before a large crowd Thursday afternoon in the EMU Ballroom. Many he addressed had never seen an Indian medicine man before.

Crow Dog, "the spiritual leader of the Indian Nation," is a Lakota

(Sioux) medicine man and was inside Wounded Knee during its occupation by American Indians in 1973.

"The Indian people are hunters, but the buffalo and the deer are gone," he said. "What we're going to hunt is knowledge."

Crow Dog said the United States government does not have that knowledge. That is the reason it is able to steal and kill, he said.

"My knowledge, my spiritual power has found the government guilty of their own laws — the ten commandments," he said. "Thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not kill."

The Sioux medicine man stressed the importance of learning how to live in a natural way without "raping the earth." He pointed out that America, while it is supposed to be civilized and

Christianized, still supports a number of penitentiaries, mental institutions and foster homes. He repeatedly advised that seeking an understanding of all that "Grandfather" had put on the earth would help people live better.

Crow Dog said the desire to spread his knowledge was what led him to become involved in the American Indian Movement

(AIM). "The American Indian Movement is in me to teach my people," he said. Crow Dog defines the movement as much more than an organization formed in 1968.

"AIM was organized when 'Grandfather' organized the whole universe. AIM was here first and will stay here as long as the earth and sun are here," he said.

Crow Dog's involvement in the Indian movement has been one marked with legal battles. He is currently appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court a conviction for assault.

In his speech Thursday, Crow Dog charged prison doctors with attempted psychosurgery. He said prison doctors in Lewisburg, Pa., were going to perform an operation on him to remove a brain tumor. He said investigations showed that tests which would have revealed a brain tumor had never been administered.

"The doctors said Dennis Banks and Russel Means are still in your head so we must operate to get them out so you will be civilized," said Crow Dog. Banks and Means are other AIM activists.

Crow Dog ended his talk with an appeal to the audience. "You are the people — you are the government," he said. "With your support, I can teach the children of my people the Indian way."

Returning to a discussion of the Indian ways of respect and love for all things, Crow Dog spoke of the great spiritual leader and medicine man Crazy Horse, a symbol of the traditional way of life.

"You cannot find Crazy Horse's burial ground. But I will tell you where it is," he said, moving with fluid rhythm and speaking softly.

"You're all sitting on it."



Photo by Kerrie Steinhauer

The sun sets and it seems it won't be too long before the sun sets on another term. For some, though, the sun could keep shining unless, of course, they have to spend the days in the dark shelves of the library working on that omnipresent term paper.

Class converts unit to solar heat, plans open house for Saturday

The University's demonstration of solar home heating in the Willamette Valley, the Solar Energy Resource Center, will stage an open house Saturday.

Located at 1565 Agate St., the center can be toured by the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The former one-story married housing unit was converted this year into a solar heated building by a University SEARCH class.

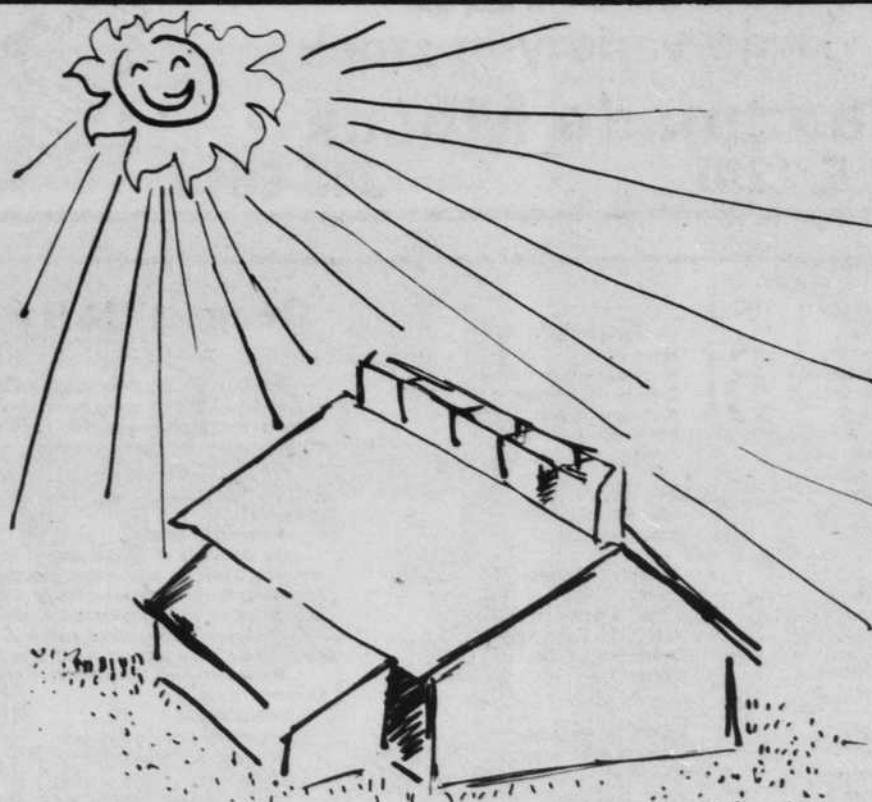
The center's solar heating system will provide 50 per cent of its annual home heating needs along with a two-day heating supply reserve, predicted John Mele, one of two project leaders. The total labor and material costs were estimated at \$3,366.

The center also serves as an experimental learning project and a teaching laboratory for newly developed ideas and materials.

At the open house, the center will furnish resource materials about solar energy and information on designing and building passive and active systems.

Funding for the center is achieved entirely through labor donations by University students and community members and by donations of materials and funds from local businesses, environmental organizations and interested individuals.

If and when additional donations arrive, Mele hopes to install monitoring devices to test the predictions and effectiveness of the solar heating system.



This model solar house was a first for Eugene.