

# Holocaust Hotel

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key. Otherwise bowling alley windows may be stopped up with lead shields and fat friends.

• The library. This bomb shelter is cleverly camouflaged. Few library personnel know where it is. Some say it moves around. Kershner claims it's in the basement. Holocaust refugees here should remember to close the door when they go in.

If the bomb is dropped on the University, according to Kershner, students needn't worry about choosing a bomb shelter. A tomb is a tomb. But if the bomb drops some distance away — say Miami, Florida — these shelters should prove serviceable. Kershner admits the shelters are impractical as protection against anything more than minor radiation and sunburn. But he still defends them.

"They are basically a storage place for people," he explains.

In a government survey of prime military target areas, according to Kershner, Eugene ranked low. But the city was designated as a host. If Portland explodes, Eugene must put up and care for Portland residents who blow in. Kershner plans to stick these re-

fugees in the University bomb shelters. He may even serve them holocaust crackers. The shelters would serve as a kind of holocaust hotel.

The University, however, has had enough of holocaust. An anonymous University official recently urged Kershner to unload the crackers.

Kershner believes he may have the answer — the Mormons. Mormons are big on holocaust. It is unofficially written somewhere in the Latter Day Saint's doctrine that the Mormon shall save enough supplies to last a year. It doesn't say why or for what. It could be for anything from Armageddon to unexpected guests. The University holocaust supplies may fill the requirement.

The Mormons took a small portion of the supplies after the "What the hell" memo first came out. Bill Hightower, a Eugene farmer and a Mormon, heard about the memo from some friends in Los Angeles who had just received several thousand holocaust crackers and a present. When he came back to Eugene, he took a chunk of the University's supplies for his church.

The original idea, according to Kershner, was that the mer-



University physical plant employee Shorty Kelly looms over what all good bomb shelters should have — cardboard toilets. The basements of several University buildings have been designated as fallout shelters in case of nuclear attack.

chandise be stored for public use in case of total destruction. As it turned out, Hightower used the water barrels for storage on his farm, and his kids are eating the candy. He isn't sure what the other church members did with their supplies, but he figures it hasn't all been eaten yet. Hightower says he's eager for more holocaust supplies. He could use some more barrels for storage.

Gerry Newell, local Mormon distributor for holocaust supplies, claims he could empty out the University bomb shelters in half a day. Six thousand Mormons, he says, are clamoring for the supplies. "Flood, tornado, earthquake," he says, "It could be anything."

Kershner says the University has been "stirred up" of late and seems eager to get rid of its holocaust cargo. Kershner says he'll start unloading the crackers on Mormons as soon as possible.

Even if the Mormon deal goes through, Eugene will not be without supplies. In case of Armageddon, Hightower says his church stands ready to distribute dozens of medical kits and cardboard toilets.

"We don't advocate disaster," he says. "We don't even predict it. But we're prepared."

## Gays, foes battle over Measure #51

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Easily the most emotional measure facing Eugene voters on the May 23 ballot will be #51, which would repeal the gay rights ordinance passed by the city council in October.

The issue has spawned support groups on both sides of the fence. VOICE (Volunteer Organization Involved in Community Enactments) was formed almost immediately after the council's action last fall. The group succeeded in collecting the required amount of signatures needed to place the referendum before the voters.

Seeing the battle for gay rights in Eugene was far from over, gay activists formed the Eugene Citizens for Human Rights in December. Both groups claim to have been formed at the "grass roots" level and are financed similarly.

Mary Anne Johnson, a coordinator for Eugene Citizens for Human Rights, says the biggest battle her group faces in the coming weeks is negating the false impressions the opposition (VOICE) has been espousing about gays.

"The opposition has passed around misinformation and downright lies about the ordinance in an effort to misinform the voter and play on fears and stereotypes," Johnson charges. "What I'm referring to is misleading statistics on venereal disease, syphilis and child molestation. They play on people's ignorance of homosexuality."

Gay rights ordinances have been passed by 42 cities and counties ranging from New York to Moscow, Idaho, since 1972. Recently passed ordinances are also facing voter approval in Seattle and Wichita, Kansas.

Johnson rejects the notion that gays will gain special privileges not afforded to other people under this ordinance.

"The purpose of this ordinance is to protect all people from discrimination regardless of their sexual orientation in the area of jobs, public accommodations and housing," Johnson says. "How would that apply to a heterosexual? A heterosexual man who has more than one sexual partner could presently be thrown out of his apartment if his landlord didn't approve, even though he was a responsible tenant." She adds that the ordinance "doesn't legalize any behavior that isn't al-

ready legal. All it does is affirm the right of all people to have equal access to their civil rights."

Johnson says many employers have expressed a fear that the ordinance would require them to hire a certain percentage of gays.

"The ordinance doesn't require affirmative action. It is specifically left out. Not all people want to be forced to say whether they are gay or not. Affirmative action would force gays to make their private lives a public issue and that's exactly what we're trying to avoid."

Although the ordinance was

passed by the council, it will not be enforced until the referendum is decided by the electorate. If the ordinance is repealed, Johnson guarantees the issue won't be dead.

"Gay people aren't ready to go back into the closet. We're not going to be denied equal rights as citizens, taxpayers and productive members of the community. We aren't a bunch of moral deviants."

Johnson says speakers for the Eugene Citizens for Human Rights are available to speak before community and campus groups. For more information, call 485-1075.

## Faculty evaluations to be rated

Members of a presidential ad hoc committee are hoping that questionnaires mailed to 400 randomly selected students asking about faculty and course evaluations will be returned by Friday.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Student Evaluations was appointed by University Pres. William Boyd

in conjunction with the ASUO to study the current student evaluation of faculty system and recommend changes.

The questionnaire lists three faculty evaluation options and asks student response. It also asks whether evaluations should be given more weight in promotion

and tenure decisions and if students should have access to the evaluations.

John Barlow, ASUO administrative aid, says "in order to be valuable, we need to have the questionnaires back by Friday." He says a member of the committee, David Bradley, plans to write a motion for consideration at the next University Senate meeting, and needs as many of the forms back as possible to show strong support for the motions.

"If there's no student response, it will be easy for the faculty to say it's not worth pursuing," says Barlow.

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