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Twenty-five fishers, chickens and assorted sitters attended the first annual Mike O'Brien Living Room Bookstore Sit Sunday in Eugene to protest the runs proliferating in the area, making "smelly feet and torn tendons the trademark of Eugene." Chicken Little, alias Mary Beck, was awarded "The Best Non-Sexist Sitting Pretty Award," while Frieda Tappensitter won the "Most Creative Sit Award" for tap-dancing while sitting in a chair.

People sit down and fight Eugene's jogger syndrome

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Sit on it.

That was the motto of the day for the chicken, chimney sweep, fishers and the rest of the 25 participants in Sunday's "First Annual Mike O'Brien's Living Room Bookstore Sit."

Held under the bridge at Washington-Jefferson Park, the hour-long sit was "a direct response to the runs which are proliferating in this area beyond all reason," said O'Brien, "and which are making smelly feet and torn tendons the trademarks of Eugene."

All of the participants were required to sign a form releasing O'Brien from responsibility for "Hemorrhoids, piles and God knows what else" and to remain seated for the duration of the event, except for a five-minute break.

The sitters, amidst all of the bad puns and chilling wind, seemed to be enjoying themselves. "I sit as often as I can," said Mike Leeds, who brought along his dog Bacchus for the Sit. "It's a lack of exhaustion which sort of feels good."

"To be completely candid," stated O'Brien, "the event was a blatant promotion for my store. Studies have shown that more people read while sitting than while running."

Most of the participants were indeed reading. One person sat quietly reading a book entitled "Sitting: One Step At A time."

A woman dressed in a chicken suit calling herself "Brakbraak Braak" cackled jokes out of a chicken joke book while sitting on the eggs in her nest.

For those who came unprepared, music was provided by the

sitting Ragtime Millionaires Trio, whom O'Brien called the Band on the Sit. It received a sitting ovation at the end of the hour. "Outsitting!" came the cries from the listeners.

KATR Morning Show personalities Dale Reed, Wendy Ray and Fred Webb judged the participants for the "Most Creative Sit" and the "Non-Sexist Sitting Pretty Award." As Ray explained, "We only have two prizes—it's a cheap contest."

"Miss Frieda Tappensitter" won the creativity award for tap-dancing while sitting in her chair. "I've finally found something which I can excel at!" she exclaimed.

Braak edged out Bacchus for the Sitting Pretty award. "We did note that Bacchus laid down for about eight seconds, which disqualified him" said Ray.

Leeds was bitter over his dog's loss: "There's a little bit of fowl play going. She (Braak) was throwing chicken jokes at everyone around here and it was quite disconcerting for Bacchus. He wasn't laying — he was trying to cover his ears."

Paul and Sharon Yeiter were sitting in matching his-and-her

lawn-chair recliners. "We sit together often," said Sharon of married life. "We also lay together," Paul smiled.

Gay rights advocate Marilyn Osgood donned an unrecognizable green costume for the event. "I'm here to prove that Gay people do have a sense of humour," she said.

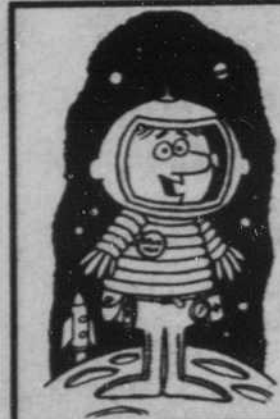
Don Bishoff, though enjoying the proceedings, was standing in protest. "I'm against commercialism in athletics," he explained.

In a cardboard chimney sat Eugene's Sitting Sedentary sweep, as he called himself, with a malfunctioning bucket of dry ice intended to simulate smoke. "The ice isn't sitting well," he mumbled to himself.

Braak sat nonchalantly reading a book entitled "Questions People Ask About Judaism," then looked up, explaining, "Didn't you ever hear of chicken soup?"

In spite of the chilly weather, O'Brien termed the event a success, giving the participants a sitting invitation to attend next year's event.

"Next year, though, it will be in the summer," he said. "And I do hope to have T shirts which say 'Preparation H'."



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