

Klan specialist recounts history of Oregon KKK

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Of the Emerald

There was something a bit unusual about the featured speaker at the Wesley Center chapel Tuesday night — he began his presentation wearing vintage 1920s robes of the Tillamook County Ku Klux Klan.

Eckhard Toy, an "occasional" member of the University history department and a specialist on right-wing extremism, elicited audience response to the robes at the beginning of his talk, which was sponsored by Hillel, the national Jewish student group.

He then presented a synopsis of the Klan from its beginnings in the Reconstruction-era South through its present incarnations.

Included in this history was an account of Klan activities in Oregon. During the early 1920s, one out of every eight Oregon white males over the age of 18 was a KKK member, Toy estimated.

Toy spoke on the dangers of excess emotionalism.

"It is a danger, but we have to try as best we can to put the danger in the proper perspective," he said.

Toy disputed the view expressed by Attorney General David Frohnmayer in a recent University forum that during the 1920s, the Legislature was "entirely dominated" by the Klan.

Rather, Toy said, the Legislature was dominated by the Republican Party, which in turn had many members who shared the WASPish prejudices held by the Klan.

The Klan's political influence in Oregon reached its peak during the years of 1922 to 1924, Toy said. In 1922, Oregon voters approved a referendum, originally proposed by Scottish-rite Masons and supported by the Klan, that would



Photo by Erich Boekelheide

Eckhard Toy donned Klan robes to illustrate his speech on KKK history.

have closed all parochial and private schools in the state. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional three years later.

However, as in most states during the 1920s, the Klan eventually foundered because of internal dissension, Toy said.

Food Faire to continue

Today's events at the Food Education Conference and Faire feature David Kinley speaking about the politics of food.

Kinley is a co-worker of Frances Moore Lappe and Joseph Collins at the Institute for Food and Development Policy in San Francisco, which is well-known for its work in interna-

Author speaks at symposium

Marilyn Ferguson, author of "The Aquarian Conspiracy: Personal and Social Transformation in the 1980s" is the featured speaker at a symposium Thursday sponsored by the Lane Education Service District.

The symposium will feature speakers in anthropology, science, technology, world politics, psychology and sociology who will address the question "What's the world coming to?"

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tional food distribution.

He is author of a book on foreign aid, "Aid as Obstacle," and is a contributor to "Food First: Beyond the Myth of Scarcity," by Lappe and Collins.

At the Institute, Kinley has studied the impact of U.S. government-funded aid programs in the Third World.

Kinley will speak at 8 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom.

Beginning today's conferences is a 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. panel discussion on Community Self-Reliance and Gardening. Discussion will cover how the Third World is affected by the global supermarket, the dangers of U.S. farming techniques, the role of community gardens in food production, utilizing waste as a resource, block farming and other topics.

Appropriate Technology and Farming is the topic of a 12:30 to

2:30 p.m. conference. And a forum of representatives from Eugene's collectives and co-ops will discuss problems and visions in a 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. panel on Collectivism.

From 3:30 to 6 p.m. will be a conference on Herbs and Herbalism: An Oregon Approach. Panelists will discuss herb farming and distribution throughout Oregon, botanical healing and herbal production, education and consultation.

Throughout the day, local groups will offer information and food samples at a Food and Booth Faire in the EMU courtyard. And from 12:30 to 5 p.m. food alternatives will be demonstrated in 167 EMU, followed by a slide presentation on Chinese organic agriculture.

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