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## Eugene nabs finalist slot in contest

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The National Municipal League in New York City announced this week that Eugene is one of 18 finalists in its 1983-84 All-American Cities awards program.

Eugene's competition includes The Big Apple itself, New York City, along with Cleveland, Jacksonville, Fla., and Tacoma, Wash.

A jury "of national, state and local leaders representing public, private and voluntary interests" will hear presentations and interview city delegates before making a tentative selection of the winners, according to an NML press release.

Eugene's delegation includes City Council Pres. Emily Schue; Don Mason, director of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce; and Cathy Briner, a member of the Business Assistance Team.

The group will travel to Baltimore in November to represent Eugene with an oral presentation of its application.

Winners will be notified in January. The number of winners has not been announced.

Finalists were chosen from 100 nominees after submitting applications featuring up to three community-improvement projects, says Briner.

The BAT, made up of 18 representatives from the city government, the University, Lane Community College and the Chamber of Commerce, chose three projects initiated by citizens during the last year, Briner says.

Because there were many possibilities, the team

focused on variety and projects that have "shown results in a short period of time," she says.

The first project is the Eugene ambassador program, in which local residents recruit new businesses and tourists to the area by contacting people they know throughout the country.

As a result of the program, six businesses have located in the area, Briner says.

BAT also chose the Support Hult Center Operations group for its entry.

The group, started by local citizens and center staff, leads tours of the facility, staffs an information booth in the Hult Center lobby and holds receptions for visiting dignitaries and performer, Briner says.

The last project entered in the contest is the Gut Task Force, a group of youth, city staff and residents of the 29th Avenue and Willamette Street area. The task force, working to ease problems caused by "gut cruising," has placed portable restrooms and garbage dumpsters in the area and has published a pamphlet called "The Gut Cruisers' Guide," Briner says.

Briner feels hopeful about November's competition but says victory won't come easily.

"The competition is definitely steep. You've got some terrific cities in there and cities that have accomplished a lot. We're pleased that we're in the top 18," she says.

"We're looking forward to doing something good for Eugene. We have a chance to get some national exposure."

## Group hopes to breach Berlin Wall

By Brooks Dareff  
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At 12:40 p.m. Thursday, under an overcast sky with a light rain falling, the Berlin Wall came tumbling down — in the EMU breezeway.

The grey-brick wall may have only been a model, but University members of the College Republican Federation of America hope its destruction will kickoff a successful campaign to "Let the People Go" from behind the Iron Curtain.

The nationwide campaign, which seeks to reunite East Europeans with family members living in the West, is co-sponsored by the Captive Nations Committee of Washington, D.C.

At a press conference beginning at

noon, College Republican Dave Green told spectators outside the EMU that their participation in a nationwide petition drive and letter writing campaign "can make a difference" in promoting free emigration for East Europeans.

"The experience of human rights organizations is that public outcry does have some impact," Green said. The hierarchical structure of Soviet emigration policy, while difficult to affect, is not "impenetrable" to public opinion, he said.

Green recalled growing up in Toronto's Jewish community, which "adopted" a Russian Jew seeking asylum in Canada. Their letter writing campaign "worked — they released him."

College Republican Dave Ridenour said his organization is seeking 7,000 to 10,000 signatures statewide for the emigration petition, and 1 million nationwide. The group has "raised a little over 100 signatures on campus," he said.

The University College Republicans will be contacting Jewish organizations in Portland about identifying Oregon families who have members seeking asylum in the West, Green said. The Oregon letter writing campaign will be targeted at freeing these specific, as yet unidentified, people.

The petition, which refers specifically to the Soviet Union "and other Communist nations," calls "upon all nations of the world to allow the free emigration of their people."

## Clark gains nod as interior head

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pres. Ronald Reagan on Thursday named his national security adviser, William Clark, to succeed James Watt as secretary of the interior.

"He is a God-fearing Westerner, a fourth-generation rancher, a person I trust and I think he will be a great secretary of the interior," Reagan said.

The president made the announcement at the end of a talk to women leaders of Christian religious organizations.

"I think he is succeeding a very fine secretary of the interior," the president said.

Environmentalists and many members of Congress were stunned by the announcement.

But conservative leaders in the Senate praised the appointment of Clark, a longtime associate of Reagan. And Watt reacted with pleasure to the announcement.

"Judge Clark is a fantastically fine guy," Watt told reporters in California, where he announced his resignation Sunday. Watt called Clark "a prince of a fellow" and said the president couldn't have made a better choice.

Clark once was Reagan's chief of staff when Reagan was governor of California. Reagan appointed him in 1973 to the California Supreme Court.

In 1981, early in Reagan's presidency, Clark was summoned from California to become the deputy secretary of state. That move placed a long-time Reagan confidante in a key job under then-Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

He was named national security adviser in February 1982, replacing Richard Allen.

Environmentalists had a far different reaction than Watt on Clark's appointment.

"William Clark's only qualification for this position is blind loyalty to Ronald Reagan," said Geoff Webb of Friends of the Earth.

William Butler, a vice president of the National Audubon Society, said he was "thunderstruck" by the appointment.

"The policies of the Interior Department will not change and the momentum of Secretary Watt will continue with his lieutenants clearly running the Interior Department while Bill Clark serves as a caretaker secretary," Butler said.

## State enrollment declines slightly

By Doug Nash  
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The University and the state's higher education system in general fared better than expected in attracting new students, according to preliminary fall term enrollment statistics released Monday.

A second-week "fees paid head count" shows enrollment in the system dropped by only 0.3 percent, from 57,941 students last year to 57,747 students this fall.

That is a much smaller decrease than the original projection of 1.4 percent, said Susan Weeks, coordinator of planning studies and services for the state system. In addition, five of the eight state colleges and universities had increases in enrollment, she noted.

The University had the slightest increase — 0.7 percent — of the five, Weeks said. The preliminary figures show 15,309 University students are enrolled fall term, compared to 15,199 last year.

Western Oregon State College in Monmouth had the greatest jump in enrollment, registering an 8.4 percent increase.

"In the past two years we have seen sharp enrollment drops in system institutions," Weeks said. "It appears this trend has been slowed. Even though there are smaller high school graduating classes, which lowers the number of potential applicants to our institutions, such factors as the system's tuition freeze approved by the Legislature appear to be turning things around."

Of those institutions with enrollment decreases, Oregon State University fared the poorest and provided the major reason for the state's overall decline, Weeks said. It currently has 15,769 students compared to 16,321 a year ago, a decrease of 552 students or 3.4 percent. Weeks had projected a 1.4 percent drop for the Corvallis university.

OSU, she said, "has not suffered as great a decline in enrollment in the past several years as have other institutions. Now, it appears such a decline is catching up with the university."

While final enrollment figures will not be available until after the fourth week, Weeks estimated the specific percentage changes would stay about the same.

"I don't really look at the absolute numbers until after the fourth week," she said. "It's the percentages that are real important here."