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Unification Church tries to establish student group

By Sarah Kitchen
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A student branch of the Unification Church has been meeting for the past two days to establish itself as a student group at the University.

Members of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) have been gathering to fulfill the University requirement that organizations hold three meetings before submitting a request to become a registered student group.

"We are here to basically inform students about CARP and about the Unification movement," said Peter Reiner, student activities coordinator of the Eugene CARP.

CARP, which is just one of 200 separate organizations tied to the Unification Church, was founded in 1965, and has since become a worldwide student organization. Rev. Sun Myung Moon founded the Unification Church in Korea in 1954.

Reiner, who has been a member of CARP for seven years, recently moved to Eugene from Colorado to establish CARP after hearing

there was an interest for the organization at the University.

"The Unification Church has been active in Eugene for many years now, and often in cities where the church exists, students who belong to the church want to join CARP," he said.

A goal of CARP is to "break down the barriers put up by cultural, racial, ideological and religious differences, and encourage a more harmonious atmosphere among different fractions of society," Reiner said.

"On the practical level, we are looking for a way we can service the campus community," he said.

One means of serving the campus will be to bring lecturers to the area as well as to show films about people like Gandhi, Martin Luther King and Mother Teresa, Reiner said.

The group also hopes to hold a media conference.

"We feel as if the media, in our case, has really mistreated the Unification Church. We've been misrepresented in the

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Bissell supporters seek funds from citizens for legal defense

By Stan Nelson
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As anti-war activist Silas Trim Bissell remained in jail awaiting news of his bail approval, his friends and co-workers gathered Wednesday in Harris Hall to ask for community assistance in raising money to help defray Bissell's legal costs.

FBI agents arrested Bissell in Eugene on Jan. 21. Also known to local residents as Terry Jackson, Bissell is accused of a bombing attempt at the University of Washington's Air Force ROTC building in 1970.

"There is a need for us to join together, to combine our efforts and pool our resources in support of a good friend," said David Espinoza, a friend of Bissell's, to the group of 20 gathered in Harris Hall. A "Terry Jackson Defense Fund" has been formed for that purpose.

"As his friends and supporters, we do not want him to go to jail. Therefore, experienced and competent legal counsel has been retained," Espinoza said.

Seattle attorney Larry Finegold, who represents Bissell, estimates the legal costs may be as high as \$60,000, Espinoza said. "Sixty thousand dollars is no small sum and will require the generosity of many," he said. "We know that many people, even those who have never met him, have been touched by Terry's case."

The federal conditions for Bissell's bail were met and accepted Wednesday after four unidentified friends of Bissell's put up \$95,000 of equity in property, a long-time friend, Kathy Blago, announced at the meeting.

Unless the \$25,000 required for Bissell's state bail is increased, he could return to Eugene within one week, she said.

Bissell is scheduled to appear before U.S. District Judge Walter McGovern for trial March 31.

Blago indicated that Bissell is eager to resume a normal life in Eugene and would like to return to his prior job.

Events are being planned in Eugene, Seat-



David Espinoza and Kathy Blago

tle and North Carolina to pool resources for Bissell. Plans are currently underway to show and sell a collection of Bissell's paintings and to hold a benefit dance and raffle, Espinoza said.

"The issue of justice is raised here. (Bissell) has had a very open and productive life in this community" and has rehabilitated himself, Espinoza said.

U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese's initial comments at the arrest of Bissell, where he praised the arrest as an example of the determination of the FBI to counter domestic terrorism, have no relationship to reality, Espinoza said. Bissell lived a productive life while in Eugene as a physical therapist, he said.

Those interested in contributing to Bissell's defense fund can make out checks to the Terry Jackson Defense Fund, 1675 Washington St., Eugene, 97401.



Space Adventures

Youngster Jacob Falk (left) talks to Paul Dewhurst about the future of reusable spacecraft. Dewhurst is at the Valley River Center this week through Sunday promoting his \$20,000 replica of the space shuttle Columbia, which includes a replica one-quarter the size of the shuttle.

Photo by Maria Corvallis

Oregon college freshmen improve in '85

The toughened entrance requirements that were put in place at Oregon's universities last year significantly improved the success rate of entering freshmen, according to a recent report.

Beginning last fall, freshmen entering the universities and colleges in the Oregon State System of Higher Education were required to complete four years of high school English, three years of math, three years of social science, two years of science and two years of college-prep electives.

Before last fall, freshmen were admitted to State System schools solely on the basis of high-school grade points with no subject matter requirements.

This is the fourth annual report on the academic performance of all new freshmen students in Oregon's public four-year colleges and

universities.

The report shows that new freshmen especially improved in math, foreign languages and English composition classes.

"With the experience of one class, we can say with confidence that the high school subject requirements did improve the academic performance of college State System freshman students," said Gary Christensen, director of school relations for the State System.

Freshmen last year received higher college grade-point averages in all areas except social science, which registered no change, according to the report.

Enrollment in basic-level algebra classes declined 17 percent for all new freshmen last year, Christensen said. Freshmen enrolled in higher-level math courses and in more English composition and

foreign language classes, the report showed.

William Davis, State System chancellor, proposed the tougher admissions requirements in 1983. "The State Board of Higher Education was moving to strengthen admissions standards long before the 'A Nation at Risk' report was issued," Davis said. "Oregon was a leader in requiring its high school students to take more college preparatory classes to get into college."

The freshmen performance report also showed:

- Enrollment by students in the State System in the fall following graduation continues to increase, up almost 3 percent for 1985's high school graduates.
- Enrollment of under-represented minority groups (blacks, Hispanics and Native Americans) decreased by 15 percent in 1985-86.