

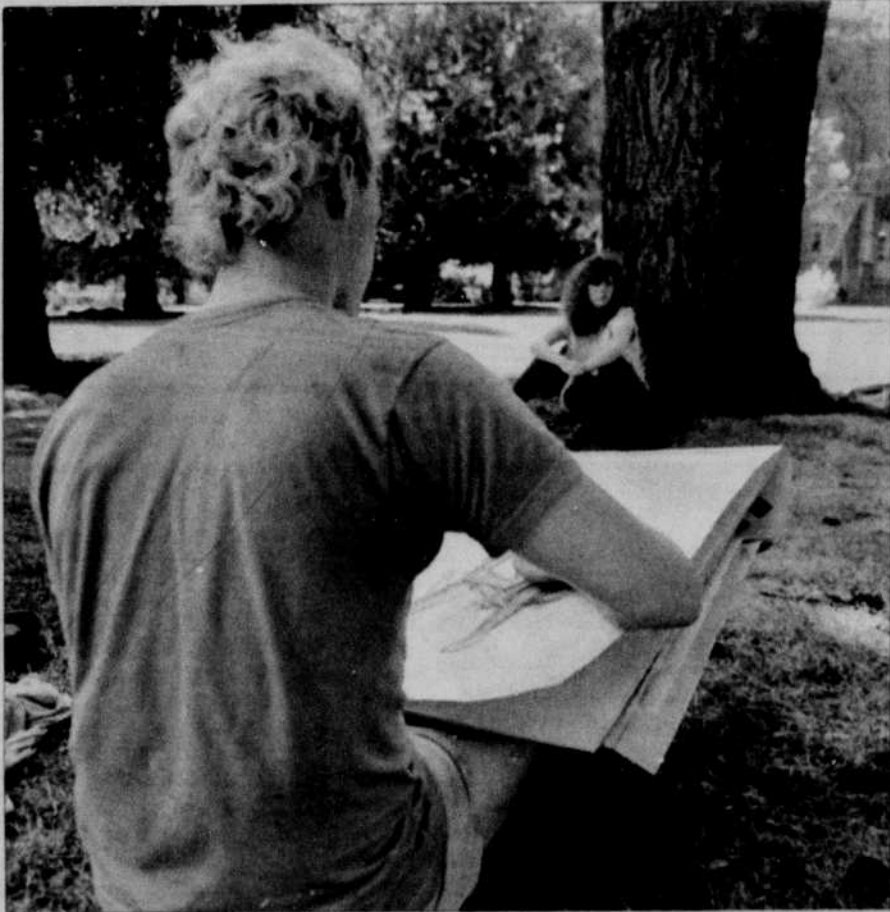
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On a lazy afternoon

University student Gregory Wadsworth draws student Kathleen Pender under a Douglas fir Wednesday, as unseasonably high temperatures draw students outside.

Photo by Sherlyn Bjorkgren

Stolen explosives missing

Police say explosives could be in dormitories

By Sarah Kitchen

Of the Emerald

Twelve explosives taken from a pick-up truck along with other items Tuesday are still missing, according to Sgt. Chuck Tilby of the Eugene Police Department.

A tear gas canister, a 12-gauge shotgun, ammunition, a hand grenade, a gas mask and other military items were stolen from a pick-up truck parked in the Bean complex lot Tuesday morning. Police found all but the explosives and the tear gas canister in a fourth floor Walton dormitory room Tuesday morning. At about the same time, tear gas powder from the canister was discovered on the second floor of the Wilcox dorm, which was evacuated for a few hours Tuesday while authorities cleaned up the powder.

The missing explosives are similar to blasting caps used by the military to ignite larger explosions, Tilby said.

"They are more dangerous than anything else we found," he said.

While the location of the explosives is unknown, it is possible they are still inside one of the dorms, he said.

The explosives are yellow cylinders with a white stripe and a protruding green wire. They are about one and a half inches tall and are not safe to handle, Tilby said.

"If anyone finds one, they are to call

the police immediately so we can dispose of them properly," he said.

It is not unusual for this type of explosive to spontaneously explode, Tilby said.

In another event that may be related to the finding of the tear gas powder, Tilby said Wednesday that a small paper folder containing a powdered form of tear gas was discovered by police at the University about three months ago.

The substance, found on the driveway area north of the Hamilton dorm complex, was similar to the tear gas found in Willcox dorm on Tuesday. The two forms of tear gas found are commonly used by the military, Tilby said.

"We are looking at the connections between the two cases, but we have no evidence to suggest they are related," Tilby said.

However, it is not common to find a powdered form of the gas, and the connection between the two incidents cannot be ruled out, he added.

David Badillo, Osvaldo Miranda and Eric Sagen were arrested on Tuesday afternoon on a charge of first-degree theft in connection with the items taken from the pick-up truck. Badillo and Miranda are being held in the Lane County Jail with a bail of \$10,000 each. Sagen was released on Tuesday night after posting bail.

Death claims two University fine arts professors



LaVerne Krause

By Alicia Gano

Of the Emerald

The University lost two professors this week when Ralph Baker and LaVerne Krause, both from the fine arts department, died.

Baker, 54, died Monday evening at Sacred Heart General Hospital from lung failure after developing pulmonary fibrosis. He is survived by his wife, Darelle, and their sons Eric and Brian.

Baker came to the University in 1971 after teaching at the University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada. For many years Baker was the curricular head of painting in the department and taught classes in painting, drawing, watercolor, composition and basic design.

An active painter throughout his teaching career, Baker was influenced by landscape.

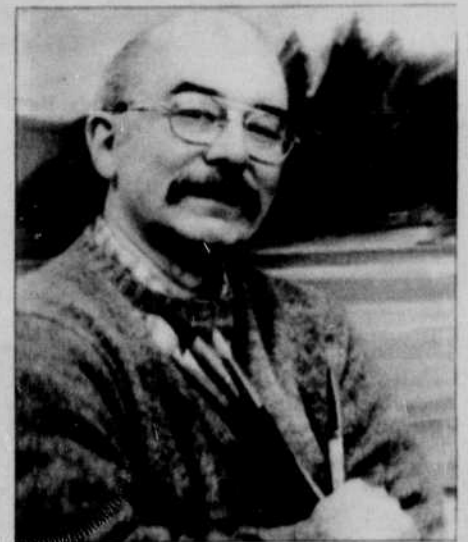
"I vividly remember a lecture by Ralph Baker when he first joined the faculty, and he showed these beautiful and powerful landscapes from his Canadian environment," said Ken O'Connell, head of the fine and applied arts department.

Through the '70s and '80s, Baker's art changed, and he began to work more in watercolor. Last summer he started a workshop on watercolor on the Oregon coast at Charleston.

Baker's work has been displayed in Salem, Corvallis, Philomath and recently at the Hult Center.

Baker's family is planning a life celebration for faculty, friends and students this Saturday. Contact the department of fine arts for details.

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Ralph Baker

Circuit court judge denies parents' attempt to end strike

By Janet Paulson

Of the Emerald

A Lane County Circuit Court judge Wednesday denied a request by Ed and Bekke Reiman for a temporary injunction in the continuing teachers' strike.

The Reimans, parents of two elementary schoolchildren, filed a lawsuit April 22 claiming the teachers' strike violates the students' right to education as defined in the Oregon Constitution.

Judge George Woodrich based his ruling on two considerations. Woodrich ruled that the plaintiffs had not established a reasonable likelihood that

the case would win in trial, which is a prerequisite in declaring a preliminary injunction. The judge further ruled he did not have jurisdiction to enjoin the case, that it was a matter to be determined by the state Employee Relations Board.

Charles Porter, the attorney representing the Reimans, maintains that striking teachers are in violation of Article 8, Sec. 3 of the state constitution, which states the "Legislature is to establish a uniform and general system of common schools requiring minimum educational opportunities."

In order to declare a temporary injunction, which in theory would have returned striking teachers to the classrooms, the plaintiffs had to prove two points, Porter said. First, the plaintiffs had to prove the likelihood of the case winning in trial. Secondly, it was necessary to prove injury on the part of the plaintiffs.

Woodrich did not believe the plaintiffs could sustain their claim that the strike is unconstitutional. Porter strongly disagreed and stated, "This is a violation of the constitutional rights of every student in the 4-J District."

Woodrich said Oregon State Statute

243.726 allows teachers to strike. According to Ed Reiman, the judge placed more weight on the state statute than on the constitutional rights of the students. Reiman said he simply does not agree with the judge's decision and does not believe any state statute should override constitutional law.

"Education is a constitutional right — just like life, limb and property. It is vital to the future of this nation — as vital as breathing. Without education we are socially dead. . . . It is a grave injury to

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