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International friendship

Andrea Hinds paints her sister Iris's face at the Nicaraguan Friendship Day fundraiser held Thursday at Skinner Butte Park.

The Council for Human Rights in Latin America organized the day to ship food and medical supplies to victims of violence in Nicaragua.

Photo by Dusty Etzel

University makes exception in prosecuting law student

By Stephen Maher

Of the Emerald

The criminal charges filed last week against University law student Willy Bernard Bils for alleged academic dishonesty rarely face other students, according to University officials and college administrators from around the state.

Bils, 32, allegedly paid a legal researcher \$500 in November 1986 to write a federal law seminar paper for him. He pleaded not guilty to two counts of criminal simulation, and one count each of first degree forgery, second degree criminal trespassing and tampering with a witness in Lane County Circuit Court on July 13.

"From everything that I know, and I feel confident, this is probably the very first time we've ever had this happen," University Archivist Keith Richard said.

"We did have a student whose degree was withdrawn

because he had plagiarized his master's degree. But that didn't go to court," Richard said.

Bill Ballester, University student conduct coordinator, said it was not unusual for students to be charged by both the University and the state, but that in the two years he has been student conduct coordinator, none of the cases have involved academic dishonesty.

A check with universities around the state revealed similar scenarios.

"We rewrote our guidelines for academic dishonesty last year and it has no mention of criminal prosecution," said David Andrews, chairman of the student conduct committee at Oregon State University.

"There have been conduct cases that have simultaneously been under investigation by the courts and the university. But none to my knowledge that

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Stoops and 'Hobo Queen' discuss homeless

By Mike Drummond

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The plight of America's homeless was brought to campus when Michael Stoops, spokesperson and national advocate for the homeless, and Beverly Curtis, "Queen of the Hobos," spoke at a human services seminar on Friday.

The workshop on the homeless, held in the Chiles Center, functioned as both a forum for the homeless issue and as a one-unit human services course.

More than 50 people attended the seminar, which featured a slide show, personal accounts

by Stoops and Curtis on what it is to be homeless, and a roundtable panel discussion.

Stoops is nationally known for his unorthodox ways of highlighting the plight of the homeless; most notable was his 135-day stint living in the streets of Washington, D.C. last year, where he lobbied for a national homeless bill, and more recently, his 26-day fast on the steps of the state capitol building in Salem, where he pushed for increased funding for human services.

Stoops, still slightly pale and visibly weak from the fast, spoke of his work at Baloney

Joe's in Portland's Burnside area and focused his comments on what could and should be done at the national, state and local levels to help people without homes.

Baloney Joe's, established in 1978, began as a daytime shelter for the homeless and now functions as a comprehensive center providing food, jobs and shelter for those in need. Baloney Joe's currently handles about 100 people a week.

Friday's seminar brought Stoops to the University for the first time, and he expressed an eagerness to return.

"I'd like for the University to

use us (Baloney Joe's) as a resource, and I'd like to use the University to make presentations because speaking to college students is really important," Stoops said.

"Oregon has horrible human services programs and a lot of people are just one paycheck away from living on the streets," Stoops added.

Beverly Curtis, a 67-year-old former alcoholic and former street person, is a reformed alcoholic and former street person.

Curtis, or "Ma," has remained sober for the past two years, but before that her life was an endless roller coaster of inebria-

tion, fist-fights and shelterless nights.

She recounted her story starting from when her mother abandoned her at a young age and how she soon turned to drinking.

By the time she was nine, she was an alcoholic and always was finding herself in trouble, Curtis explained.

Bounced from one household and school to another, Curtis was finally sent to reform school for wayward girls at age twelve. This, however, didn't last long for she got caught

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Goldschmidt gives Oregon education a boost

By Mike Drummond

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Gov. Neil Goldschmidt, in a move to fulfill past campaign promises, signed four bills on Thursday designed to strengthen Oregon's education system.

The four bills, approved during the 1987 legislative session, compose a \$6 million legislative package dubbed "Educational Excellence" that hit on major areas of the State's school system.

With the stroke of a pen, Goldschmidt allocated more than \$1 billion for basic school support, allotted \$65 million for capital construction for higher education institutions, provided money for school safety net funding and established a teacher mentor program.

"Nothing could be more important for the future of our children and for the economy of

the state in which they are growing up than to provide them with a quality education," Goldschmidt said.

Goldschmidt cited US West, a telecommunications company, as an example of a company that wants to construct a research center in a state with a high priority for education. US West has selected Oregon as one of 14 site finalists.

The new research facility would employ up to 1,500 scientific and technical personnel and support staff.

"Today we are sending a message that Oregon is committed to excellence in education. And I believe we have an excellent chance of being selected as a finalist for this research facility," Goldschmidt said.

The number one criterion on US West's list is a "commitment to excellence in education," Goldschmidt said.

The four bills will provide the following:

- House Bill 2020 establishes a "Beginning Teacher Support" program to aid new teachers, an "Oregon Teacher Corps" to attract highly qualified Oregonians into the teaching profession, and pilot programs for "school improvement and professional development."

- House Bill 3379 will identify options to reduce the reliance on local property taxes for funding elementary and secondary education.

- Senate Bill 5551 appropriates more than \$1 billion for basic school support, the so-called safety net, which will increase for the first time since 1980 the percentage the state contributes to education.

- Senate Bill 1014 allots \$65 million for construction projects at the state's community colleges and universities.



Photo by Angie Muniz

Gov. Neil Goldschmidt in his commitment to Oregon education signed into law Thursday in Portland four bills designed to strengthen Oregon's education system