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Photo by Bobbi Lo

OSPIRG representatives demonstrate recycling is an economically and ecologically sound practice. Seventy-five percent of what we throw away can be recycled and reused on another day.

OSPIRG pushes recycle idea

By Kelvin Wee
Emerald Reporter

The Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG) found an interest in garbage at the EMU East Lawn Monday — an interest in recycling garbage, that is.

OSPIRG representatives demonstrated their claim that 75 percent of all disposed garbage can be recycled when they collected a weekend's worth of "trash" from five students living in the dormitories and separated it into "recycleables" and "non-recycleables".

Items found among the garbage included bottles worth almost \$1, apples, a pumpkin,

tissue paper, pizza boxes, plastic milk bottles, styrofoam cups, and cheese wrappers — just to name a few.

According to a flyer handed out by OSPIRG, the average consumer in Eugene throws away 5 pounds of garbage daily, totaling 1 million pounds annually. According to OSPIRG, this is enough trash to fill Autzen Stadium to the rim seven times a year.

The "majority of students don't realize that Oregon has a problem with landfill space," said Tim Goss, recycling group project leader. He added that Portland will run out of landfill space within three years.

He explained Eugene

residents can learn from other major cities in the nation like San Francisco, a city that has had to transport its garbage more than 55 miles since 1968.

A recent example of the garbage dilemma was the barge that journeyed from New York to three different countries and six different states, searching for months for a disposal site. It finally returned to New York for disposal, Goss said.

Lane County currently leads the nation in garbage recycling, Goss said, citing that the county recycles about 75 percent of all newsprint.

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Student Senate calls for strike of classes

By Jeff Morgan
Emerald Reporter

A resolution supporting a general strike of Friday morning classes was unanimously passed at an emergency meeting of the Student Senate Monday evening, allowing students to attend a sit-in of the State Board of Higher Education's Nov. 13 meeting on campus.

The senate meeting officially lasted about three minutes. After the meeting was called to order, the resolution was read, voted on and passed. The meeting was then adjourned.

The resolution was passed unanimously by the 10 senators attending. If only nine senators had attended the meeting, there would not have been a quorum and no vote could have been recorded. There are 18 senate seats and at least half must attend to form a quorum.

The executive committee of the state board recommended two weeks ago that University President Paul Olum retire in June, 1989. That is three years before Olum's preferred retirement date.

The strike of classes originally was called at a Nov. 6 meeting of students organizing in support of Olum.

After the meeting, senators addressed letters to University department heads explaining that "Faculty members are urged to show their solidarity with students in this matter. Instructors without morning midterms or other special projects on Friday can show support by

canceled classes or allowing absences."

The letter also noted that students are having an organizational meeting today at 3:30 in Room 110 Fenton.

There will be a student rally on Thursday at 12:30 in the EMU Courtyard, followed by a march to the campus state board office at Susan Campbell Hall. The rally originally was set for Wednesday, but organizers changed the day because Wednesday is Veteran's Day, a state holiday.

The resolution, which was presented by Vice Chairman Jon Kisting, reads: "Whereas, this Student Senate has expressed its disagreement with the Executive Committee of the State Board of Higher Education's recommendation concerning Dr. Olum's retirement date. Be it resolved, that this Student Senate supports a general strike of morning classes on Friday, November 13, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in order that students may attend a sit-in at the State Board of Education's meeting that morning."

According to a statement released by the state board, the decision about Olum's retirement was set to "facilitate the orderly transition of management" into the 1990s.

However, students and faculty have criticized the decision, saying it endangers projects such as the University's search for a new provost, the development of the Riverfront Research Park, the capital campaign to raise money for the library, and the conversion from the quarter system to semesters.

Vandalism, prolonged neglect mar Masonic Cemetery

By Betsy Clayton
Emerald Reporter

The hole in the ground is about 2 feet in diameter. A piece of wood from the coffin lies in the dirt near by. The 1946 grave in Eugene's Masonic Cemetery was dug up by vandals last summer.

Mike Helm lives next to the cemetery, located at East 26th Avenue and University Street, and he is concerned about the condition it's in.

"It's just trashed, and it's such a wonderful old place," he said.

A walk through the graveyard illustrates the extent of vandalism inflicted on the site. Parts of tombstones have been chipped off or taken away. Many have been moved from one grave to another. The majority of them are pushed over and the walls and fences around family burial plots are knocked down.

"Nothing that's broken in here is ever fixed," Helm said. He pointed out tombs of prominent people in local history, such as Thomas Condon and the Kincaid family, are vandalized severely. Oregon's first governor, George

Whiteaker, and Eugene Skinner, the founder of Eugene, also are buried at the Masonic cemetery.

On Oct. 12, Helm gave a 10-minute presentation to the Eugene City Council asking for help in restoring and maintaining the historical burial place. Helm believes a lack of community concern and the years of neglect are worse than the vandalism itself.

City Counselor Cynthia Wooten said the council has taken no action — yet. A report from the city manager has been requested, and it should be ready within the next three weeks. The report should include information on what the city could do, how the Masonic organization feels about the cemetery and a possible increase in police patrol in the area.

"I feel really strong about the cemetery as a place that should be revered. So many founders and civic activists who've made important contributions to the community are buried there," Wooten said.

The Masonic Lodge No. 11 is in charge of the cemetery's upkeep and of Hope Abby, located on Masonic property. Alice Adams, the cemetery's unofficial historian, said the individual plots were sold to families and individuals and the

lodge maintains the "alleys" and "streets" between the plots.

Helm said he is angered by the low level of upkeep.

"It's the Mason's cemetery but the history belongs to all of us. If they don't have the money or man power then it seems it's up to them to designate the responsibility," he said.

Helm conceded, however, he doesn't know where the responsibility should go. "It's historic and it's treated like a garbage dump and there's no one in charge," he said. Helm was hoping to get some direction or ideas when he went to the city council, he said.

Adams said the lodge has made attempts to get someone else to care for the cemetery.

"Believe me, we've tried everything from people who are legal to those who are willing. There is no one who will accept the responsibility for it, and that's why the lodge is stuck with it," she explained.

As to the problems on the individual plots, Adams said the Masons cannot do anything about them.

"When a plot is sold you own it like it



Photo by Ted Shepler

Eugene resident Mike Helm is concerned about deterioration of Masonic Cemetery.

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