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10,000 students. Gessert said she would like to see cultural interaction occur between the universities here and there.

"I would really love to have more people from the University involved. University involvement is really important" if the project is to continue for a number of years, Gessert said.

University President Paul Olum, a member of the Soviet Sister City Project's advisory board, said he also hopes exchanges between the two universities will take place.

"Anything that furthers international understanding and

cooperation is something to strive for... You are less likely to have hostile feelings," Olum said.

The idea of a Soviet sister city began in November, 1986. Members of the proposed Soviet Sister City Project began collecting letters of support from various Eugene organizations and individuals. The project was then officially approved by Mayor Brian Obie and the City Council on May 13.

On May 21, six members from the project's board of directors traveled to Seattle to attend the Soviet-American Sister Cities

Conference. At the conference, the members met with Yuri Menshikov of the Association for Relations between Soviet and Foreign Cities and informed him of their request to add a Soviet sister city.

Menshikov forwarded their request to the city of Irkutsk, and Wednesday the Eugene City Council made that request formal by agreeing to send a letter of invitation.

According to Gessert, Obie initially had reservations about the project, fearing that Irkutsk was located too far away from Moscow and that interest in the project would decline over the years. As a result, Obie asked that Gessert prepare a 20-name list of people who would be willing to travel to the city over the next five years. Gessert said she had the list completed within the hour.

However, on Wednesday the mayor was nothing but optimistic about the project.

"I am tremendously enthusiastic about this sister city relationship and have become convinced. I am determined to make it a success... I was very concerned that we hold up our end and have appropriate representation to travel as a group for the next five years," Obie said.

Some of the upcoming events scheduled by the project are a photo exhibit composed of pictures taken by Soviet children and a delegation of Soviet athletes who will travel to Eugene in May.

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## The Tommyknockers STEPHEN KING

*Late last night and the night before —*

Something *weird* is going on in the town of Haven. Bobbi Anderson has tripped over something *huge* in the woods behind her house, and it's not of this earth...and it's been there for more than two million years.

*Tommyknockers, Tommyknockers, knocking at the door.*

In folklore Tommyknockers are never-seen goblins or the ghosts of lost miners. In Stephen King's imagination, however, a traditional children's verse has turned into a tale of alien presences and quietly horrifying metamorphoses taking place in the kind of small town that is a King trademark.

*I want to go out, don't know if I can —*

While Anderson compulsively exhumes the thing she's found, other people in town are making strange devices — things that can move people to the far side of the universe in the blink of an eye, among others. Nobody knows how. But they *all* know — though no one says so — that the Tommyknockers are responsible. The very *air* is changing, and all the birds and animals and insects have fled or died. And something *dreadful* is happening in Anderson's toolshed.

*— 'Cos I'm so afraid of the Tommyknocker man.*

The *Tommyknockers* is not Stephen King's best book, but it is very good; its only drawback is that readers will be further convinced that New England has more supernatural places in it than all the rest of the country combined. *The Tommyknockers* is a tale those readers will find hard to put down.

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