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dealing with the black community," Boggs said.

On a national level Alpha Phi Alpha is also involved with apartheid issues, teen-age pregnancy, and drugs and crimes concerning black youth, he said.

As far as the Eugene and University community is concerned all three organizations would like to see more interaction and awareness.

"We would like to do more things that can help make the University more harmonious and comfortable for new students," Boggs said.

A lot of black students go into "serious cultural shock" when they come to Eugene because they may have come from completely different environments, Boggs said.

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority is another newcomer to the University greek system. It started at the University in the fall of 1989, said Rochandra Truesdale, who became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha last fall.

Alpha Kappa Alpha was founded on January 15, 1908 at Howard University in Washington D.C by 16 Afro-American college women.

The sorority's emphasis is on education and high scholastic standards through unity and friendship, said Truesdale.

A joint chapter will be established between the three University members and six Oregon State University members in the fall, she said. Internationally there are over 110,000 Alpha Kappa Alpha's.

Although Alpha Kappa Alpha is very education-oriented, community service is a top priority, she said.

The sorority has donated books to the the children's ward at Sacred Heart Hospital and visited a hospital in Corvallis for the elderly each of the past two terms, Truesdale said.

"We're going to try and do community service projects once a month or term depending on people's schedules," she said.

Increasing membership is a goal of all three fraternities but each anticipates some problems due to the lack of blacks at the University and the fact that they don't rush like other fraternities and sororities do.

According to the sororities' by-laws, freshman cannot become pledges until they have finished one college term. An interest group is formed so that they can participate in fundraising and other activities until they become eligible to pledge, Truesdale said.

"If a black greek council was formed more blacks would probably feel more comfortable and not so alienated from the school and community," Brown said.

Although these organizations are predominately black they are open to all students, said the three representatives.

"Alpha Phi Alpha has been interracial since the 1950's," Boggs said, adding that former Vice President of the United States Hubert Humphrey is an honorary member.

Presently the fraternities are trying to form a black greek council, similar to the University Interfraternity Council, but aimed at sponsoring events and activities for black students at the University.

Truesdale said she also believes a black greek council is needed because she feels they are not being recognized enough on campus.

"We were asked kind of late by the Panhellenic to participate in Greek Week," she said, adding that they did not have enough time to prepare, and they had already planned a Greek picnic with the other members in Corvallis.

Truesdale said she would like to see more unity on campus among the Afro-American students.

"We can't very well be unified among other students until we are unified among ourselves," Truesdale said.

Another sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, is planning to start on campus in the fall, she said.

LOGGING

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Freres Lumber Co. in Lyons, the company purchasing the timber from the Lookout Sentinel sale, said the watchman keeps a gun because of the many trespassing incidents that have taken place at logging sites in Willamette National Forest.

"There have been so many incidences of vandalism and what we consider terrorism," Freres said. Freres said he could not verify whether the watchman had pointed his rifle at the protesters.

The watchman, employed by Nelson Logging Co., with whom Freres Co. contracted to log the site, notified law enforcement officials, who asked protesters to leave the area.

Miller and three others were taken into custody by Lane County sheriff's deputies after the locks were removed from their necks with a grinder, a process which took several hours.

"It probably took a total of five hours to grind off all the locks," said Dylan Treon of Veneta, who was locked to the yarder. Arrested were Treon, Miller, William H. Smith, 21, of Eugene and William Lawrence Zang, 35, of Eugene.

The four were charged with second-degree criminal trespassing and third-degree criminal mischief — both misdemeanors — and lodged in the Lane County jail until Friday night. The four must appear in court June 19.

Miller and the others had been part of an Earth First! forest occupation camped out near Blue River since April 21, the day before Earth Day.

The University's Survival Center has been providing support to the camp by doing telephone work, soliciting donations, coordinating transportation to and from the Blue River camp site, and identifying timber sales, said Trevor Dick, an-

cient forest coordinator at the Survival Center.

The forest occupation is part of an intensified campaign to stop logging of old-growth forests, Dick said. "The occupation will continue all summer until the logging stops," he said.

Members of Earth First!, the Survival Center and other activist organizations are frustrated that the issue of preserving old-growth forests seems at times to be reduced to a rivalry between spotted owls and loggers, Dick said.

"Politicians are trying to polarize the situation by making workers concentrate on this one issue," he said. "It's an easy thing for politicians and the press to grab hold of, but they're only fanning the flames."

"The ecosystem is the issue," said Miller. Endangered survival of the spotted owl signals that the health of other forest animal and plant life is at risk, he said.

"We can create new jobs," said Smith, one of those arrested with Miller. "We can't create more old-growth."

Miller said his stay in the forest before his arrest confirmed his belief that clearcutting must be stopped to save what is left of old-growth timber in Oregon. Even the timber industry's effort to replant clearcuts cannot replace old growth, he said.

The replants Miller saw consisted of a single species of tree and were sprayed with pesticides to prevent undergrowth, thus increasing the risk of soil erosion, he said. "They're replanting a crop, not a forest," he said.

Miller said he plans to return to the Earth First! camp and continue to help their protest although he won't do anything soon that would run the risk of a second arrest.

"There are a lot of things to do without getting arrested," Dick said. "Now is the time to act. If people don't stop talking and start working the forests are going to be gone."

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My most unusual experience at ASU (so far) has got to be the time that I was sitting on a bench outside on Cady Mall trying to catch up on some reading. I sat in this spot for about an hour when a guy I had never seen before walked over to me and handed me this note. I just looked up at him with a completely black stare and took the note from him. He caught me so off-guard that no words would come out of my mouth. He didn't say a word either and turned and walked away. When he was out of sight I slowly opened the note to find that he had written a poem about me. I had no idea he had been observing me the whole time.

Here is the poem:

I sat from a distance and write as words so vividly come to my mind. If I could only paint what I'm imagining, the colors of the bright days and the red roses would shine as you would bring them to life.

I've walked by once, twice, see someone so beautiful I had to write to let this person know that her beauty does, not only present pure attraction, what it resembles is a passage way through a mirrored sun with the feathery touch and heat of a candle's breath.

Now that you're sunglasses are removed yes I'm convinced someone so beautiful must have a prince. Oh he is a lucky guy with you he has by his side.

Sitting here in the middle of campus writing to a girl I know nothing about is exciting. I'm glad I had a chance to say hello when a captivating image took me by surprise and made me sit and write, I tell you no lies.

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