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Racist trial verdict pleases advocates

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C.C. Jackson

Members of minority commissions in Eugene and Springfield said Tuesday that they were pleased by a jury decision finding white supremacist Tom Metzger responsible for the beating death of a black man in Portland two years ago.

"I was very pleased and very surprised by the amount of money awarded," said C.C. Jackson, president of the Eugene Commission on the Rights of Minorities, at a press conference Tuesday morning.

"At the same time, I have to

remind people that it's not over; the fight is not over," she said.

Metzger, his son John and his White Aryan Resistance organization were assessed \$12.5 million in damages during a highly publicized civil lawsuit in Portland for advocating violent acts against minorities.

Seraw was beaten to death by members of the Portland skinhead group East Side White Party while returning from a party. One of the skinheads claimed to be in constant contact with Metzger.

In finding Metzger liable for Seraw's death, the 12-person

jury ruled Metzger was partly responsible for the killing by sending an agent to Portland to incite the skinhead group to violence.

George Wickizer, Springfield Human Rights Commission chairman, said rights groups will now try to combat racial incidents by encouraging more education and monitoring hate crimes that don't make official police reports.

David Fidanque, associate director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Eugene, said the ruling will send a strong message to white supremacists.

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Briefly

KRS-1, a rap artist who is trying to change the negative image of rap while confronting drugs, corruption, hypocrisy and AIDS, will speak tonight as the concluding event of the ASUO Fall Symposium.

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The removal of an environmental magazine from a Lane County Courthouse information booth last May has again raised controversy.

Lane County Commissioners Jack Roberts and Bill Rogers are co-defendants in a \$50,000 lawsuit that may be brought by the publisher of the magazine *Forest Voice*.

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Almanac

Influenza vaccines are available starting today from the Student Health Center. The shots will be given to students for \$3.50 and faculty and staff for \$4.00 from 8 to 9 a.m. every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday until the end of fall term.

Sports

The Club Sports men's soccer team will play its big match of the year in Corvallis today at 3 p.m. as Oregon takes on Oregon State.

Oregon and Oregon State will battle for the Oregon Cup in today's match, the trophy that is annually awarded to the winner of the Civil War match.

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Nationally

ATLANTA (AP) — Black leaders who had regarded President Bush as "a breath of fresh air" feel an ill wind blowing from the White House in the form of his veto of a civil rights bill.

"We don't have to read his lips anymore," said the Rev. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Atlanta-based civil rights group founded by Martin Luther King Jr. "His lips have spoken loud and clear."

King's widow, Coretta Scott King, said Bush vetoed the legislation to pander to "those who profit from discrimination and demonstrates racist attitudes among those who call the shots in the White House."



Bob Weir and the rest of The Grateful Dead entertained about 60,000 fans at two concerts at Autzen last June. University Vice President Dan Williams said Tuesday that the band will no longer be welcome for annual concerts at the stadium because of concerns about drug use.

Grateful Dead banned from Autzen Stadium

From staff and wire reports

The Grateful Dead will have to survive without the University.

After a decade of concerts at Autzen Stadium, the rock band has been banned.

Dan Williams, vice president of administration, said the University received about a dozen letters after the Dead played two concerts here in June. The writers complained that the school appeared to be condoning drug use by letting the band play there.

The concerts raised about \$200,000 for the University's indebted athletic department.

"Times may change, but right now the environment is a little hostile for this type of thing," Williams said Tuesday.

Williams acknowledged that police had reported little trouble at the concerts.

"We had a lot of drug use," Eugene po-

lice Capt. Dick Loveall said in June, after the concerts. "A lot of people were (using drugs) but a lot weren't."

"I'm amazed that that many people can get together anywhere and have no problems," Loveall said. "On the other hand you have a segment of the police community that says there are just too many drugs."

It is the drug issue that has Williams worried, he said.

"My view is that this activity is not central to the mission of the University, or the athletic department for that matter, and to change public perception on the issue, even if it is not correct, is simply not a good use of our time and energy," he said.

Williams said other rock groups can appear at the stadium, and added the Dead may be invited back sometime in the future.

In June, assistant athletic Director Sandy Walton said the summer shows had present-

ed no logistical problems. "From a logistics point of view and the point of view of the police there is no reason the Grateful Dead should not be welcomed back," she said after the concerts. "Everything went unbelievably well. It was more of a love fest than anything else."

A spokesman for the promotions company that booked the group in Eugene said Williams' decision was unfortunate.

Mike Cohen of Double Tee Promotions in Portland said some people may be uneasy around some of the group's rabid following, known as "Deadheads."

"They are more intimidated by the way they dress, the length of their hair, their modes of transportation," Cohen said.

Cohen said he will try to book the group somewhere else in Oregon next summer.

The Grateful Dead is touring in Europe and unavailable for comment.