

## ENROLLMENT

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Portland to attract a large student population," said Gary Powell, PSU vice president of finance and administration. "People in the work force are going back for second degrees, or brushing up on job skills. The figures are somewhat misleading, though. We have more part-time students.

"There is a momentary downturn in the number of high school graduates," Powell said. "But that can also be attributed to students attending community college before enrolling at PSU."

Powell said PSU was a bit too successful in complying with the state mandate to reduce enrollment. And the state's notice this summer to increase student enrollment came a too late for PSU, Powell said. He said most of the freshmen students had already chosen a college.

## STAIR

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Hospital U-Can program physical therapist and member of the Eugene Low Riders wheelchair basketball team.

Continuing research may provide a way for people to leave their wheelchairs, he said.

Event participants will receive T-shirts, and local businesses have donated door prizes that will be awarded during the event, Eller said.

The University was the number five fund raiser last year, Eller said the USF&G is donating 15 round trips to the Sugar Bowl game to the top fundraising school this year.

For participation information, contact the RIM staff at Gerlinger Hall or call 346-4121.

## ACQUIRED DEFICIENCY

An investigation into a person  
Leaving nothing to chance  
Stabbed repeatedly in the back  
And ordered onward to dance  
A hand is the symbol of a carrier  
No such thing as a fence or a locked door  
Warnings left like dead insects  
Ordinary life becomes a state of war

Dedicated to my grandfather Joseph Chester Kime (Kime and Bonebreak, J.C. & E.K., photographers, Akron.) A pioneer in color photography, he bought his wife Peg, a high school classmate of John S. Knight of Knight Ridder, a Willys Knight (whose namesake W.J. Willy, died with Joseph Patrick Kennedy, Jr. in 1944. Joe Jr.'s sister Kick's husband William, Marquess of Hartington also died that year. (Kick died in '48.)) He died of alcoholism in 1944 (2/2) leaving 3 children: Joseph, Janet and William (of DePere, WI and salesman for Employers' Insurance of Wausau (dec'd. '86.))

Also to W.E. Wright (son of Christina Eichenberger) who helped his brother C. Nelson, whose only child Richard B. was born Oct. 16, 1928, found Wright Tool & Forge Co. in Berberton, OH in 1927 before his death on Nov. 18, 1929. Having a taste for the exotic, W.E. once had a jeweler spend an entire year making him a watch that told the day of the month, phase of the moon, etc. His obituary in The Akron Beacon Journal, a Knight Ridder paper, appeared on page 1 under the headlines: "Announce Wright Services are to be Held at Home; Rev. Stephen E. Keeler may Come from Chicago to officiate at Rites; Name C. of C. Committee." This very interesting piece also included a eulogy from Harvey Firestone, one of his Florida neighbors, as well as an account of how W.E.'s chauffeur found him dead in the back seat on the way back to work from lunch. Nelson (who was born without the "C" in Rittman, OH and had sold hand tools from the trunk of his car prior to founding Wright Tool) always kept an oil portrait of W.E. on the wall across the landing at the head of the stairs in his home (as well as a pair of antique dueling pistols atop the grey metal cabinet in his upstairs office there.) He died Easter Sunday, 1972, followed later by his wife Inez Marie (Bill was visiting us when the call that she had died came.) An avid hunter, Nelson also had a Derringer pistol and a sawed off shotgun in his gun collection.

Please see my ads in the 85-86 Emerald; 8/31/90 Kent Stater; 9/7/90 Yale Daily News; 9/7/90 Cardinal (Madison, WI); 10/19/90 Emerald; 11/2/90 Boulder CO Camera; 11/2/90 Cornell Sun (also 9/7/90); 11/2/90 Univ. of Chicago Maroon. Never forget Alice Cooper's "Billion Dollar Babies" and watch out for spiders!

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## COMMUNITY

# Homeless arrested in protest

By Brian Bloch  
Emerald Reporter

What began as a protest more than one month ago ended in three arrests early Thursday morning outside of the Lane County Courthouse in Eugene.

Wayne W. Semancik, 24, Cynthia F. Straight, 46, and Eric Stauffer, 19, were arrested by Eugene police around 5 a.m. for camping outside the Federal Building, at 125 E. Eighth Ave.

The three were arraigned Thursday in a Lane County municipal court and pleaded not guilty to the charges. They were released later that day, with a trial set for Dec. 6.

They must return to the court today to make payment arrangements on each of their \$50 securities.

Political and environmental activist John Vance said Semancik had been camping outside the courthouse for 34 days in protest of the county's decision to shut down the Opportunity Shelter for the

homeless.

County officials justified closing the shelter near South Eugene High School in June by saying they wanted to devote the funds to more permanent housing solutions.

"It was a political statement," Vance said of Semancik's camping. "That's what it was all about."

About eight homeless people had joined Semancik during his protest and were using the camp for shelter, food and companionship, Vance said.

The campers had constructed three small shelter areas near the flagpole outside the courthouse, he said.

Tim Birr, public information officer for the Eugene Office of Public Safety, said Eugene police responded early Thursday morning to a complaint from Lane County Administrator Jim Johnson and took the three people into custody.

Johnson said he had received complaints from county officials and employees alleging public urination and

other disruptions by the people staying at the camp.

He said the complaints, coupled with the growing number of people inhabiting the camp, caused the Lane County Board of Commissioners to take action. After discussing the issue, the commissioners requested that Johnson notify police officials, he said.

"The board unanimously decided the situation had gone on long enough and they directed me to take action and call the police," Johnson said. "The general feeling was that the situation was escalating."

"Some people don't want to follow the rules," he said. "But, the fact is that there are places to go (for the homeless)."

However, Vance disagreed, saying that there are not enough places for single homeless individuals to find food and shelter.

"There needs to be a place for single people to go as well as families," he said.

## GODDESS

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considered to be from the living body of a goddess, and the earth was worshiped as the means of life itself.

But shifts in what was deemed sacred created the beginnings of today's environmental crises. "If we say what is sacred is not of the earth, but is external, then that gives us unlimited license to exploit the earth," she said.

She said that just as people now ask how slavery could have been condoned, or how Hitler could have been allowed to order the deaths of thousands, someday people will call industrialized society "the great genocidal criminals of the 20th century," and ask how it could have let the earth be ravaged by environmental atrocities.

She said this condemnation will be directed at not only corporations, but at the rest of the members of society who stand by and let it happen.

Not only is the environment being violated, Starhawk said, but religious freedom is as well. She cited the Shoshone Indians, who have been embroiled in conflict with the U.S. government over possession of their sacred lands, now part of

the Nevada nuclear test site.

When Starhawk last protested at the test site, she learned that many of Shoshone's sacred landmarks are now radioactive or have been destroyed.

"If we believe that the land, that the earth, is sacred, or if we accept someone else's belief that it is ... then what we have done (to the Shoshone lands) is a terrible desecration," she said.

There is no protection for sacred lands, however, Starhawk said the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that religious freedom does not apply to land-based or place-based religions. "If your religion is the earth, it doesn't count."

She said that what a society thinks is sacred determines what we think is important, and the earth and the environment are not considered sacred by most people.

Starhawk said in early times, cultures worshiped the processes of life, celebrating the cycles of birth, life, growth, death and regeneration.

Ancient civilizations also celebrated the erotic, heterosexual and homosexual. "There was a celebration of the erotic for the energy that it raises," she said. "This kind of erotic connection is good for the land, the earth, and is part of the meaning of life."



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