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Banquet to benefit the homeless

By Tammy Batey Emerald Reporter

Although most homeless people are hungry, they aren't the only group to suffer from a lack of food.

It's a point the St. Vincent De Paul Society and University Housing hopes to drive home at the Banquet for Hunger this Sunday at 8 p.m.

Most of the hungry of Eugene are children, said Carol Pelster, St. Vincent De Paul Society's western region youth representative.

"What most people usually forget is that not all hungry (people) are homeless," Pelster said. "Most of the hungry are children and single par-

"They're not lazy," she said. "They're not bums. They just can't make the rent."

At the Banquet for Hunger, University students and faculty, in addition to members of the community, will be able to experience what it's like to be hungry.

Those who attend the dinner will be given one of three different colored tickets, Pelster said, with each color representing a different class of eating.

One color will represent a first class style of eating, Pelster said.

"They'll be eating what a typical upper-middle class American family eat and what most of us (students) get," she said.

This meal will consist of fried chicken, spaghetti or a similar popular American dish.

The second color will represent a second-class style of eating while the third color will represent a third-class style of eating, Pelster said. The second-class meal will consist of soup and bread while the third-class meal will be rice and water.

"They'll (second-class diners) be eating what most people eat of the lower classes or what some people eat the fourth week of the month before their paycheck," she said. "They'll (third-class diners) will be eating what most homeless and what most people in third world countries are lucky to get." Hunger among Lane County residents will be difficult to avoid when you're "across from someone eating three times better than you," Pelster said

"We have the security of knowing we can go to McDonalds afterwards," she said. "Hopefully it'll make people think, 'Gee, I was pretty lucky I had that (to eat) yesterday."

A division of the St. Vincent De Paul Society in New York first organized a banquet to raise money for the hungry, and the society in Eugene decided to hold a similar function in the area. Pelster, a University student, went to University Housing for support of the program, said Ann Lyman, Hamilton Complex manager.

The complex is sponsoring the program, and Lyman said University Housing had three goals in supporting program.

"We hope to raise money for the hungry in Lane County, raise awareness (about the hungry) and empower (students) to make a difference," Lyman said.

Sally Smith, coordinator of educational programs for housing, said that University Housing became involved in the program because there was an interest in helping the hungry.

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"Our business is to facilitate what students want to do," she said. "Housing is many faceted in terms of our support all the way from the study of (cultures) to community service."

Raylea Fertsch, Hamilton program assistant, said it would be impossible for someone to attend the banquet and not realize there's a problem with hunger in Lane County.

"Students will know what it's like to eat a luxury dinner and see someone go hungry (eating rice and water)." Fertsch said. "We can do something to benefit people besides ourselves."

The Banquet for Hunger will be held in the Carson Hall cafeteria. Tickets cost \$2 and are available at the EMU and the University Bookstore. The money collected will go toward holiday food baskets for hungry families in Lane County. Pelster said.

John Van Landingham, Lane County housing task force chairman, will speak at the dinner.

Springfield looking for new city councilor

The City of Springfield is seeking applications for a vacant seat on the city council.

The volunteer position is for a vacancy in Ward 3 in central Springfield. The position was formerly held by Christine Larson, who resigned because she is moving out of the city.

The applicant will be appointed to fill the remainder of Larson's term, which will expire Dec. 31, 1992. The appointee must seek election to the position in order to continue serving on the council.

Ward 3 is roughly bounded by the Highway 126 on the north. Seventh Street on the west, the Springfield Millrace on the south and 21st Street on the east.

The six-member city council is responsible for setting overall city policy and city goals. The council also makes the laws which govern the city. The council meets formally at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Mondays of every month. Council work sessions are 6:30 p.m., the second and fourth Mondays of every month.

Council members receive no compensation other than expenses. Application forms are available in the city manager's office at City Hall, Fifth and A Streets, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

The deadline for submitting applications is 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6. The City Council is scheduled to conduct interviews for the position on the evening of Dec. 10. The appointment of the new councilor will be made at the council's regular meeting on Dec. 17.

For more information, call Eileen Stein, city recorder, at 726-3700.

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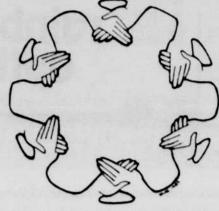
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