



Photo by Sean Poston
 About 40 students and community members, who slept outside near the EMU Tuesday as part of OSPIRG's Hunger and Homelessness Week, gathered to discuss the problems surrounding homelessness and some possible solutions.

Students sleep out to raise awareness

By Karen Engels
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Newspapers took the place of sleeping bags at the OSPIRG Homelessness Sleepout in the EMU Breeze-way Tuesday night as about 40 students and members of the community braved a night of cold, wet weather as part of National Hunger and Homelessness Week.

The event, co-sponsored by OSPIRG and the ASUO, was designed to raise awareness, both on campus and in the community, of the problem of homelessness in the Eugene-Springfield area, said Gretchen Haber, OSPIRG staff organizer. Participants were encour-

aged to sleep under newspapers rather than sleeping bags to get a more accurate idea of what the homeless experience.

"It will be a good learning experience," Haber said of the homeless joining students in the sleepout.

Some people have criticized the sleepout idea, Haber said, adding that she realizes sleeping outside for one night isn't enough.

"We can't begin to experience what a homeless person goes through," she said. The goal of the sleepout was to publicize the issue and give participating students a

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Students, local residents share ideas about hate crimes

By Lisa Millegan
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The key to stopping hate crimes is to begin at the personal level, said a panelist Tuesday at a University forum on the subject.

"Just say 'hi' to the guy next to you," said B. Hartwell, who works with the Homeless Action Coalition and the Whiteaker Community Council executive board. "Reach out and make the first connection."

Hartwell was one of eight panelists who participated in the forum, which was designed to help the campus community and Eugene-Springfield residents work together to stop violence in the community.

The forum was preceded by a "Stop the Violence" march, in which about 25 students braved rain and winds to walk through the west University neighborhood where racial and sexual attacks have occurred during the past year.

Both events were organized for the ASUO-sponsored "Stop the Hate Symposium," a week-long series of events focusing on bigotry and violence. During the panel discussion, Sydney Kissinger of the Springfield

Human Rights Commission said the solution to intolerance is definitely not more bitterness.

"The biggest challenge is to be able to stay soft in our hearts, to be able to go on and not become the enemy," she said.

Before hate crimes will become a thing of the past, more legislation must be passed and more research must be done also, said Greg Rikhoff, of the Eugene Human Rights Commission. For a start, gays and lesbians must be protected against unfair discrimination and more statistics should be gathered about domestic violence, he said.

One point that all panelists agreed upon is that hate crimes remain a pressing problem in the Eugene-Springfield area.

"Over the last six months, we've had an official reporting of one hate crime per week in Lane County," said Rikhoff. "We're estimating that for every reported (crime), five to eight go unreported."

Although blatant racist attacks may have, in general, declined since the 1960s, racism is far from dead, said

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Photo by Andre Harvie
 Prior to a forum Tuesday on hate crimes, several students took part in a "Stop the Violence" march, in which they walked through neighborhoods where attacks have occurred.

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The fourth in a six-part series on AIDS continues with today's installment, which focuses on the symptoms of the disease and some of the medications available.

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Sign up

Springfield High School's Debbie Reynolds, who played a key role in helping the Millers win the Midwestern League title last year, has signed a national letter-of-intent to play basketball at the University, coach Elwin Heiny announced Tuesday.

The 5-foot-7 guard averaged 12.8 points and 4.6 rebounds a year ago as a junior. Her brother, Keith, was a standout for the Ducks' men's basketball team from 1988-90.

User charges keep recreation facilities going

By Janna Williams
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University students can still dive into the Gerlinger pool for an early morning swim, shoot hoops until midnight in Esslinger Hall, or challenge friends any time of day for a game of racquetball.

The University's recreation facilities appear to have emerged from the Measure 5 budget slashing without any scars, but looks can be deceiving.

Before Measure 5, the facilities at Esslinger, Gerlinger and Gerlinger Annex relied on University funding to continue operating. These facilities now rely on funds generated through fees.

"Our direction is going more toward self-support and reliance on college work-study," said Gary Walker, Dean of the Department of Physical Education.

Almost all of the students employed as lifeguards, weight room attendants and front desk security are on the University work-study program, said John Yates, security supervisor of the three buildings.

Currently, the Esslinger facility is open 6:30 a.m. to midnight Monday to Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Yates said these hours have been gradually reduced during the past decade. Esslinger used to be open until 3:30 a.m. five days a week.

The recreation facilities generate funds from charging community members a \$2 fee each time they come in. Students who forget their University ID cards also are charged \$2 to enter.

University faculty and staff have the option of buying a

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PE course fees increase

The cost of taking service physical education courses from tennis to trampoline has risen to \$35 from last year's fee of \$24. The College of Physical Education has been disbanded as a result of budget cuts, but the courses will be available as long as students are willing to pay the increased cost.

Lois Youngen, one of three tenured professors who will remain at the University despite cuts in her department, said the department is creating a new unit of the Service Physical Education courses, the Recreation and Intramurals program, and the Esslinger and Gerlinger recreational facilities.

All three facets of the unit will be entirely self-supporting, Youngen said.

The \$35 fee for SPE courses will be used to pay instructor salaries. The department lost \$100,000 of state funding that went to salaries, upkeep and security.

Most of the security personnel are work-study students and upkeep is mostly handled by the instructors themselves, but the salaries are now in the hands of the students, Youngen said.

If a course has enough students signing up to keep it full, the instructor's salary is taken care of by the \$35 coming in from each student. But if a course has low popularity, there is

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