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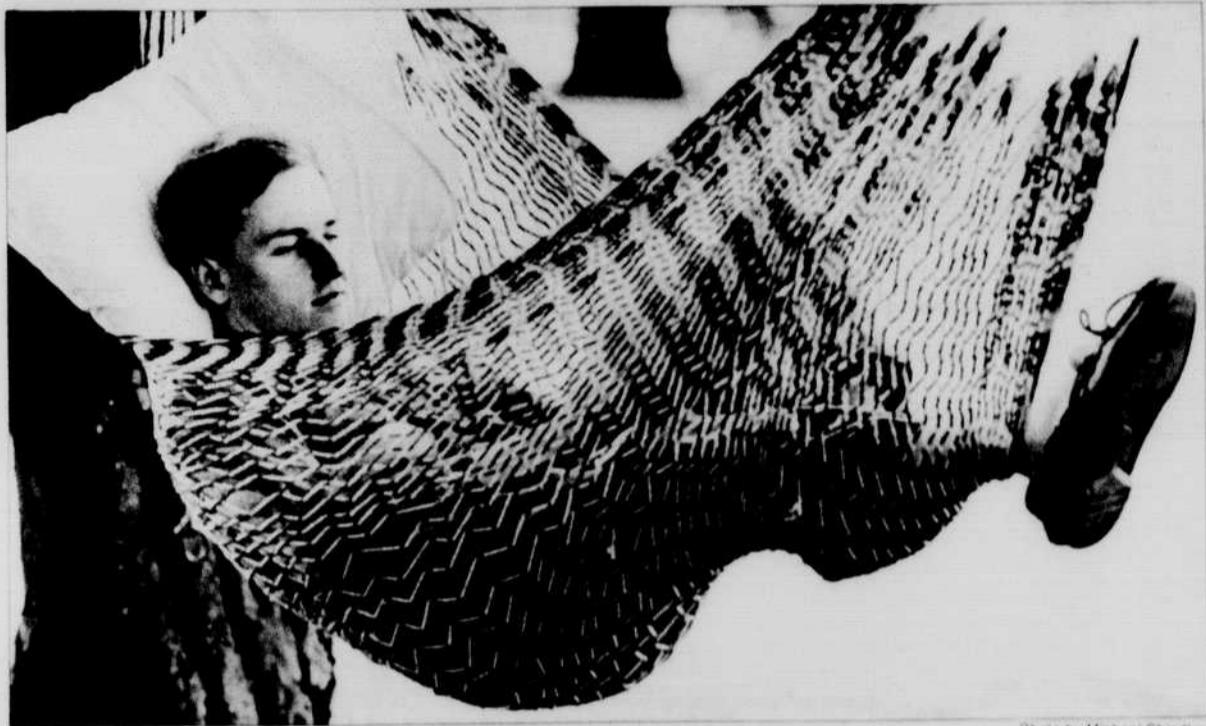


Photo by Michael Shinder

Jim Moody, a senior in political science and philosophy, brought his own hammock out to the trees by the Hamilton complex to relax in the shade and read Voltaire's "Candide."

County may cut HIV test funding

White Bird employees 'dismayed' as county proposes handing voters decision in form of a serial levy

By Tammy Batey
Emerald Reporter

White Bird employees say the future of the medical clinic's anonymous HIV testing has been taken out of their hands leaving them feeling powerless.

First, a management team from the county's department of health and human services proposed eliminating county funding for the clinic's HIV testing without consulting clinic employees. Now the county may hand voters the decision of whether to fund the testing in the form of a serial levy.

Lane County must offset a \$4.4 million budget shortfall, caused in part by lagging timber sales, either by eliminating county programs or finding new revenue sources.

The Lane County Budget Committee Tuesday night rejected most of the recently proposed \$4.4 million in 1992-93 cutbacks, which included the elimination of county funding for the clinic's anonymous HIV testing.

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Russian scientists to track health risks

Team's computer models show nuclear contamination

By Carrie Dennett
Emerald Associate Editor

Four Russian scientists are wrapping up a visit to the University as progress continues on a computer project aimed at tracking health and environmental risks posed by the 1986 Chernobyl Nuclear Plant accident.

The scientists are part of a team that also includes several University researchers. The Russian and American researchers met at the University to begin the nine-month task of building a digital data base using gathered information.

Researchers will use personal computers and a geographic information system, a tool well known to landscape architects, to produce computer models that show the nature, location and extent of radiation contamination as it continues to move through the landscape and biological systems.

The project is designed to allow quick and effective responses to people exposed to radiation hazards, and to im-

prove decisions made in the aftermath of such accidents.

Russian team member Dimitri Kavtaradze said the computer system used for the Chernobyl project is important because it will make it easier for the Russian people to understand why certain decisions are made.

Macintosh computers are being used because they are relatively inexpensive, portable and user-friendly.

"Macintosh is information that could be studied by one person in an evening," Kavtaradze said.

This is precisely what researchers wanted, because the goal of the project is to get accurate information to Russians in the contaminated areas.

In the summer of 1993, University Associate Professors John Baldwin and David Hulse will join Kavtaradze in Chernobyl to conduct a series of workshops for area residents and local government.

The workshops will be facilitated by the establishment of a Demonstration Center for Sustainable Development in the Chernobyl study area.

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Residents enjoy 'Big Country'

Southeastern Oregon's inhabitants like the weather and slower pace of life

By Jayson Jacoby
Emerald Reporter

Editor's note: This is the last in a three-part series about the people and places of Eastern Oregon.

The first question most people ask in reference to people living in Southeastern Oregon is why. Or more specifically: Why do they choose to live in such isolation, so far away from the comforts of the city, and where it gets so hot in the summer and so cold in the winter?

Not surprisingly, most residents of Oregon's "Big Country" give different reasons for coming to the state's most sparsely populated corner, but they have quite similar reasons for wanting to stay.

In many ways the modern residents of Southeastern Oregon are a lot like those who came before them. Those earliest ranchers and homesteaders came mostly from the Midwest, where many had been exposed to pamphlets advertising the won-



Photo by Jayson Jacoby

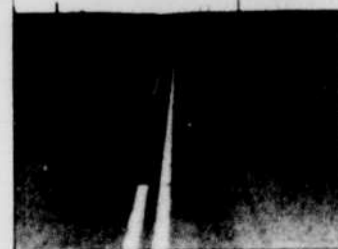
The Wagontire store — and every other building — is owned by that town's only two residents, William and Olgie Warner

derful climate and agricultural potential of the region.

Unfortunately, most of those claims bore little resemblance to reality, and when the settlers did arrive, having risked everything on the move, most were gone in just a few years, victims of the harsh climate. What they left behind — a few wind-blown and rotting buildings scattered throughout the re-

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On the road
to
Eastern Oregon



LIVE A LITTLE

The Portland-based band Little Women will record an album live at WOW Hall Saturday.

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PRO-CHOICE EFFORT

Congressmen Peter DeFazio and Les AuCoin are among those who will be in Eugene Sunday to take part in a pro-choice march and rally.

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MAKE TRACKS

The Oregon track teams start their dual meet seasons Saturday at Washington.

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