



Photo by Jeff Paskay

Eugene police officer Dennis Baker has been making the rounds in his new role overseeing the University area. Baker has been earning high marks from the ASUO president for his efforts to meet people on campus and open channels of communication between police and students.

EPD liaison 'getting to know' new beat

□ Sgt. Dennis Baker took over for former liaison Mike Cline last week

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Dennis Baker is taking on a new job many people wouldn't envy. But it was what he wanted, and he's taking steps right away to ensure his decision is one he won't regret.

As of last week, Baker is the Eugene police depart-

ment sergeant in charge of overseeing the University area.

Students here are known for rallies, protests and clashes with CIA recruiters on a regular basis. The tension between police officers and the public heightened in late April with the Federal Building vandalism in the aftermath of the Rodney King verdict.

So Baker's job has all the potential of being a difficult one.

But he took some advice from Mike Cline, the man

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Novelist to spin tale for HIV/AIDS

□ Local author Ken Kesey will perform "The Sea Lion" at a benefit Saturday

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He's gone from riding his magic bus "Further" across the country to riding waves of laughter from audiences in Eugene.

Ken Kesey, renowned author and 1960's icon, has set aside his wanderlust to help raise money for people with AIDS.

He'll read from his latest children's book, "The Sea Lion" Saturday at 8 p.m. in Agate Hall at the corner of Agate Street and East 18th Avenue. Proceeds will go to the HIV/AIDS Resources, Inc. in Eugene.

"The Sea Lion" is a Northwest Indian story about a boy spoon-maker who saves his tribe from an evil spirit.

Kesey said it is the same theme that he uses for all his books, including "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," which is a serious novel about people in a mental hospital.

"It has to do with the small rising up to the big," he said. "It's the same old David and Goliath story."

Kesey said he began writing children's stories because they are about fun. With his tales, he said, he hopes to revive the lost art of storytelling.

He said the problem is that kids spend too much time watching the modern storytellers and not enough time listening to the traditional storytellers.

"We have let TV and TV writers take over the task that used to be of uncles," he said.

His reading Saturday will be less like a traditional reading, and more in tune with Kesey's style — lots of flashy antics.

Kesey will dress in a wizard-like robe and an American-Indian mask and read against a backdrop of screen projected images.

He's putting on the show to benefit people with AIDS, he said, because the disease and the environment are his pet projects. He sees the two problems as being related.

"I feel like (AIDS) is an environmental problem," Kesey said. Because "this is in our life stream."

"It's the worst thing this planet has had to face," he

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Eugene group organizes national peace conference

□ War Resisters League will explore ways to resolve conflicts non-violently

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Peace organizers in Eugene and across the nation are set to attend the War Resisters League national conference July 31 - Aug. 2 at the Lost Valley Educational Center in Dexter, Ore.

The three-day event will offer workshops and seminars on "resolving conflicts non-violently in the 1990s." Eugene Peace Works is hosting the confer-

ence, located in Oregon for the first time.

Peace Works staff member Thom Alberti said the conference plays an important role for those involved in the peace movement.

"It will be setting the agenda, educating and organizing for the peace movement of the 1990s."

The conference will cover a wide range of topics, including, political lobbying, nonviolent protesting, Native American rights, environmentalism and alternative health practices.

Alberti said the post-Cold War era offers great opportunities to advance the peace movement's agenda.

"We're excited," he said. "A lot of the

causes of war are disappearing as we become a more global world."

One conference seminar will focus on a current hot spot — the war in Yugoslavia. The Friday seminar is titled "Neighbor Against Neighbor — Facing Hate".

The conference's focus on non-violent protest comes in the wake of the April 30 protest of the Rodney King verdict at the Eugene Federal Building, which resulted in the destruction of several windows. Three people are charged with destruction of federal property in connection with the protest.

Alberti said the Federal Building protest was an example of the type of politi-

cal activism that the conference will seek to avoid.

"As we learn to understand the causes of violence," Alberti said, "we can work to prevent violence."

The conference will also focus on environmentalism, which Alberti said is increasingly becoming a rallying point for the peace movement.

"The world is moving closer together as we work to a common goal," he said. "The 11th-hour of the environment is also helping to bring that together."

Registration for the three-day conference is \$25 to \$50 dollars.

WEATHER



A morning thunderstorm dumped between seven and nine inches of rain in parts of southern Texas near the border town of Eagle Pass Wednesday.

You should expect local morning drizzle today under cloudy skies in the Eugene area.

Warmer and drier weather is forecast for the weekend.

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Opening ceremonies for the Games are set for Saturday at Olympic Stadium.

Among the athletes competing are 17 world record-holders, including American heptathlete Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Ukrainian pole-vaulter Sergei Bubka and Cuban high-jumper Javier Sotomayer.

The first medals will be awarded Sunday in cycling, shooting, swimming and weightlifting.

- The United States basketball Dream Team opens its gold-medal run Sunday against the powerhouse Angola five.

- It's official — women's ice hockey and men's and women's curling will both be medal events at the 2002 games.

- Added to the winter medal chase were freestyle skiing aeriels and two new short-track speedskating events set to begin two years from now in Lillehammer, Norway.

- Yugoslav athletes found out Tuesday they won't be going to the Games. The United Nations Security Council okayed the participation of individual Yugoslav athletes, but turned thumbs down on team competition as a violation of U.N. sanctions against the country.

- Translation: About 80 of the 118 Yugoslav athletes — including its water polo team, the defending gold medalists — won't get a shot in Barcelona.

