

Supporters march with homeless

Gov. Roberts offers money to provide relief to the homeless campers

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State police arrested two men Friday night for criminal trespass in Armitage State Park after a small group of homeless campers and about 80 supporters marched to the park holding candles and shouting "open Armitage now."

Rick Aquizap, a homeless camper on the north bank of the McKenzie River, and Patrick Dodd, a local activist for the homeless, were taken into custody and held at Lane County Jail.

The marchers wore neon pink "We're Gon-na Walk" buttons. About 15 state and county police officers looked on but made no attempt to stop the marchers as they walked over the footbridge from the north bank of the McKenzie River to Armitage yelling, "Welcome home" and, "We've got Armitage now."

Before the arrests, Jack Wiles, a state parks official, said it would be a joint decision between he and the state troopers whether they would make any arrests that night.

"If they want to gather here peacefully and set up a camp as a symbol to make a statement, that's fine," he said. "But if they try to stay here, we will take action."

Before his arrest, Aquizap said he would illegally camp in Armitage Park despite the threat of arrest.

"We'll do this until they arrest us, and let me tell you, I don't want to go to jail," he said, "but people have to understand the homeless problem is not going to go away, and we are not the stereotypical homeless. We are not criminals."

Dodd said that before the march the event was not a demonstration but an attempt to establish a permanent camp for the homeless.

"We're doing this so people can have a decent place to camp. Does this look like a decent place to camp?" he said, looking around at the campsite on the north bank of the McKenzie. "When it's been raining, it becomes a slimy hellhole only made tolerable by the people who live here."

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Photo by Jeff Paslay

F.J. Maloney, a first-year law student at the University, lobbied for the state Board of Higher Education to reconsider the date the new residency requirements would take effect. He was one of about 15 students who protested the changes at a rally in the EMU Friday.

Tighter out-of-state rules approved

Board changes effective date of proposal and votes unanimously to limit in-state status

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The state Board of Higher Education unanimously voted Friday to adopt a proposal that will tighten tuition residency requirements for out-of-state students.

The board changed the proposal's effective date from July 1, 1993, to Nov. 1, 1993, so out-of-state students enrolled before Nov. 1, 1992, could apply for residency under the current rules.

The new rules will deny in-state tuition to out-of-state students who are in Oregon primarily for the purpose of obtaining an education, according to a draft of the rules.

"Only out-of-state students who establish that they want to live here will get residency," said Shirley Clark, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

There is no formula to follow for establishing intent to live in Oregon, Clark said. Factors considered include paying state income taxes and owning or leasing property in Oregon, she said.

University Residency Officer Larry Waddell said he will examine students' activities to determine their intent to remain in Oregon.

"If their primary activity has been being a student, I will deny them," Waddell said.

Clark said if the new rules work as they are supposed to, fewer out-of-state students will be able to establish residency.

From fall term 1991 to fall term 1992, the University approved 65 percent of residency applicants and rejected 35 percent, Waddell said.

"The least we're going to see is a reversal of those figures," he said.

Students said they were concerned out-of-state students would be less likely to attend Oregon schools if they couldn't get residency.

"It's a bad thing for education in Oregon because it's going to have an impact on the diversity of the population," said John Mulvey, a first-year University law student.

Board member Les Swanson had similar concerns.

"It's important we tighten residency requirements because they have been more lax than most other states," Swanson said. "But one of the problems we may face is that we may see less diversity at our universities. That diversity has often come from out of state," he said.

Enrollment figures show that while the University's total population has declined during the past three years, the number of out-of-state students has grown.

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Rally: Board snubs input

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The state Board of Higher Education's new residency rule changes are just another example of the board ignoring student input, about 15 students said Friday at a rally in the EMU.

The rally took place before the board voted unanimously to adopt the residency rules proposal, which will make it harder for out-of-state students to establish residency in Oregon.

The students held signs with slogans such as, "Stop Residency Elite-ism," "Access 4 All" and "Maintain Diversity." Only one out-of-state student, however, spoke at the rally.

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WEATHER

Eugene-Springfield residents should expect areas of fog and low clouds today with partial clearing in the afternoon. Highs will be between 55-60.

Heavy snow forced closure of a 168-mile section of Interstate 84 for seven hours early Sunday as a major storm moved through the state.

PACKWOOD ACCUSED BY WOMEN

WASHINGTON (AP) - A top Oregon Democrat called on Sen. Bob Packwood Sunday to more fully respond to several women's allegations they were the target of unwelcome sexual advances during the senator's 24-year career.

Rep. Les AuCoin, who lost his bid to unseat the Oregon Republican this month, said he hopes the women's charges will lead to ethical reforms in the Senate.

Packwood said in a statement late Saturday night that he was sorry if any women felt pressured or embarrassed by his conduct.

He said he would not discuss any of the specific charges leveled by women in a story *The Washington Post* published on Sunday.

SPORTS

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) - Washington State began making holiday travel plans to Arizona on Sunday.

Washington State's 42-23 blowout of then-No. 5 Washington in a raging snowstorm Saturday assured the Cougars a place in the Copper Bowl at Tucson, Ariz., on Dec. 29 to cap their best season since 1988.

Although Copper Bowl officials have not formally announced which teams will be invited, "We've agreed to accept a bid to play in the Copper Bowl if a bid is extended," Washington State athletic director Jim Livengood said after talking with bowl officials by telephone Sunday morning.