

Review board grants Amazon historical status

Vote: Designation may not prevent housing demolition

By Heatherle Himes
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Amazon housing resident Pat Saisi sat on the edge of a folding chair Thursday morning, nervously watching the Eugene Historical Review Board discuss her petition.

She knew that if the board declared Amazon an historical district it could profoundly affect the University's poli-

cies concerning the family housing project.

Saisi showed her neighbor Almar Millman her left hand, the first two fingers crossed for luck. He grinned his support.

Amazon Area Director Frank Gaddini sat behind Saisi, fidgeting. He, too, waited anxiously.

The board voted 3-1 to grant the petition.

Saisi gasped and began to cry. Millman's grin became a smile. Gaddini's face froze, his left foot jiggling wildly in its

brown penny loafer.

"It was a long shot," Saisi said. "We thought after we did the research that we had proved the historical significance."

Amazon activists hope that the board's decision means that the University must make efforts to preserve the historically significant buildings and cannot demolish the units to build new housing.

Mike Eyster, director of family housing, said the University will still consider other alternatives for the future of Amazon, including demolition and construc-

tion.

The University can appeal the board's decision to the City Council until Feb. 13 but has not yet decided whether to do that.

"I don't like the idea of forcing a property owner to do something they don't want to," said Lynda Sekora, a review board member who voted in favor of the designation. "But preservation was the deciding factor for me. There aren't many of these properties left."

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Eugene councilor driven by hot topics

Hornbuckle:
Councilor works to stop bureaucracy, helps working class

By Stephanie Sisson
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Kevin Hornbuckle doesn't believe he is that interesting of a person. He prefers to talk about what he does over who he is.

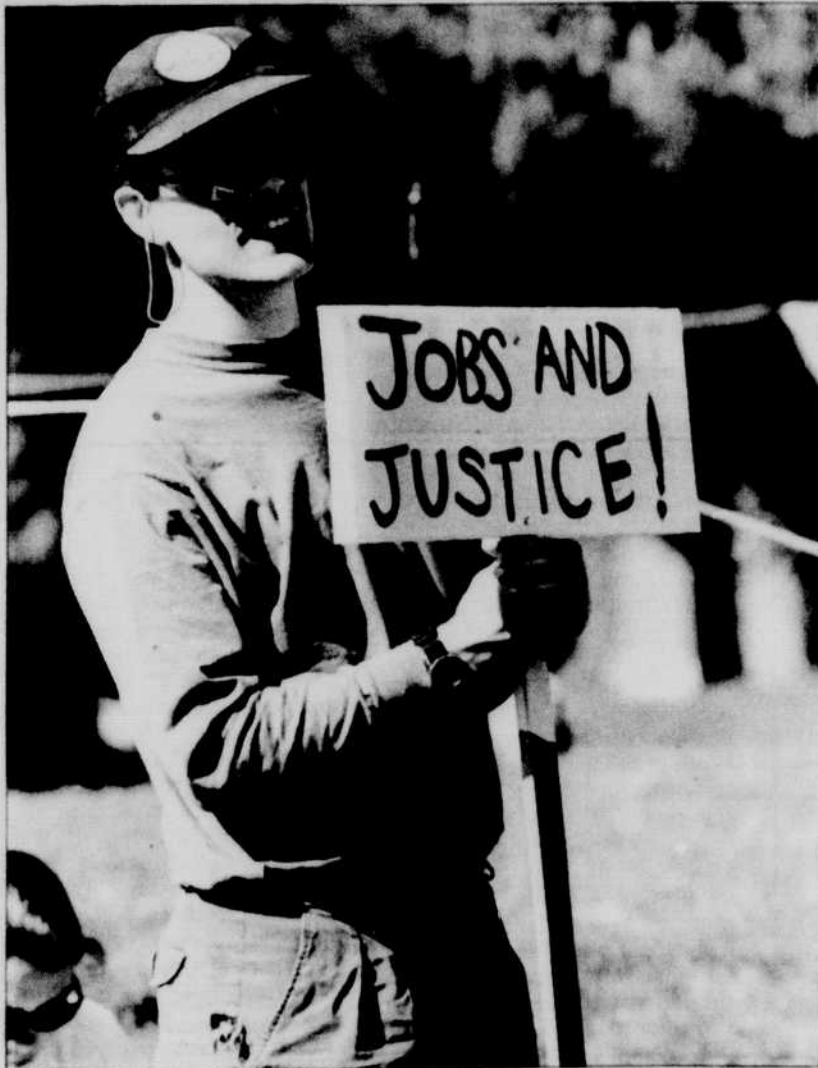
"Who I am is what I do, and the cause of what I do is a scientific understanding of society and economics," said Hornbuckle, Eugene City Councilman for Ward 3, the University area. Hornbuckle is also a mental health counselor at the Clinic for Rational Behavior Change.

"What I do isn't about my subjective ideas about how things should be. I consider things from a scientific standpoint. For instance, I know scientifically that air pollution is bad for human beings, so I'm interested in helping reduce ... single-occupancy automobile transportation," he said.

Transportation, one of the hottest topics on the City Council agenda, is something Hornbuckle feels very strongly about.

Hornbuckle said people use automobiles unnecessarily, leading to serious public

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FILE PHOTO
Kevin Hornbuckle voices one of his many opinions with a sign he displayed at last year's Willamette Folk Festival on the University campus.

UNIVERSITY

Group co-director expected to resign

ISA: Officer to leave organization after allegations of financial misappropriations, will announce decision this afternoon

By Edward Klopfenstein
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The remaining co-director of the International Students Association is expected to announce his resignation today after withstanding months of pressure by ISA members to step down over alleged financial misappropriations.

Chia-Wei Shing is expected to announce his decision at 5 p.m. in the ISA lounge in the EMU.

"I think it's time for the ISA to move on," Shing said by phone Thursday night. "Apparently, my presence is causing some tension right there."

ASUO Finance Coordinator Francis Neo cleared Shing of any wrongdoing, saying that an informal investigation turned up no evidence that Shing pocketed ISA money. Neo conducted the investigation with Kenny Fahnbulleh, program coordinator for the ASUO, and May-ling Loo, international students coordinator, also with the ASUO.

Shing said he only wanted to do what would help the organization, adding that he held no animosity with those leveling the allegations.

"I don't think any sort of animosity will help the organization," Shing said.

Shing hopes to continue working with the organization but has no plans for accepting another position.

Shing's resignation will follow former co-director Douffy Youm's, who left office Jan. 18 because he could not associate with an organization that lacked "integrity and ethical standards," Youm said in a Jan. 20 *Emerald* story.

Neo froze ISA's \$28,000 budget Jan. 24 because the group had no clear leadership after Youm's resignation. Since Youm was the co-director that was most knowledgeable about the ISA budget, Neo said, the ASUO became concerned about the lack of accountable leadership and froze the account.

Neo dismissed allegations after several "sources" convinced him that Shing was simply pushed out for political reasons, Neo said, adding that the information convinced Neo not to enter a formal investigation.

Neo would not name who his sources were.

"Chia-Wei was a victim of a political character assassination," Neo said.

Because of Shing's loss of political support, Neo said he advised the official to step down "so the organization could move on and find new leadership that that will gather support to fulfill the goal of ISA, adding cultural and physical diversity to the University."

ISA members pressured the ASUO since October to push Shing out of office, Neo said, but student government officials told the members to handle the situation themselves.

Neo said the situation appeared relatively quiet until Youm resigned. After that, he said calls for Shang's resignation resumed.

Neo also said he did not wish to say who the groups complaining were.

GOOD MORNING

► **PORTLAND (AP)** — A company planning to build a natural gas-fired power plant in Eastern Oregon has agreed to donate \$2 million to help the environment.

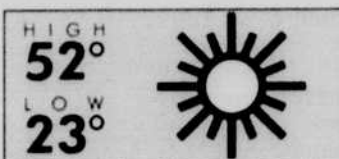
U.S. Generating Co. approved the fund Wednesday as part of an agreement that included a promise from environmental activist Lloyd Marbet and his Don't Waste Oregon Committee not to unnecessarily delay approval of the project.

The fund would be created after the start of construction on the plant, planned for September 1994.

The money would be used to limit release of atmospheric gas associated with global warming and to improve stream flows for fish.

► **TACOMA (AP)** — No longer stuck in Tacoma's tide-flats by business delays, a Russian refrigerator ship and its 32-member crew have sailed to Bellingham to pick up their long-awaited frozen chickens and head for home.

The 270-foot Clara Zetkin, from Vladivostok, ended its three-month stay in Tacoma on Monday. A stop that



was supposed to last two weeks in November turned into a lengthy sojourn because 130 trucks of chicken from Arkansas did

not arrive.

While in Tacoma, the crew made friends and became mini-celebrities because of its plight.

The crew will likely set sail from Bellingham this weekend.

► **NEW YORK (AP)** — David Letterman will return to his old stomping grounds for a Feb. 21 guest shot with Conan O'Brien, his successor on NBC's "Late Night," NBC said Thursday.

Letterman, host of CBS' top-rated "Late Show," is returning a favor. O'Brien appeared on Letterman's show on May 4, shortly after he was named to succeed Letterman as "Late Night" host.