



Yohanna Kinberg petitions for a religious consent form.

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Consent to observe holidays sought

Faith: JSU looks for avenue to let University students practice religions

By Mandy Baucum
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Last year, the first night of Hanukkah fell on the Wednesday of Finals Week.

To most students, that wouldn't make a difference, but to Jewish students like Yohanna Kinberg, it did.

On the first day of Hanukkah, Kinberg spent only two hours at her parents' house before rushing home to study for an exam the next morning.

"Usually I'd be there for a whole evening," she

said. "I went and hung out for two hours and left. That sort of just ruined the whole thing for me."

Kinberg, co-director of the Jewish Student Union, said she still feels lucky she was able to spend even the short two hours with her family on Hanukkah.

"I would say at the absolute least, 95 percent of Jewish students are from outside the Eugene area," she said. "I was probably one of the only people I know who had the option to go home and be with my family at all."

For Kinberg, and other students like her, observing a religious holiday outside of the traditional

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More using services of center for problems

Crisis: Callers include people who can't find jobs in today's job market

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When the telephone rings at the University Crisis Center, its staff members have no idea who is waiting at the other end of the line.

It could be a University student who is suffering from loneliness, an abusive relationship, or the loss of a girlfriend or boyfriend. It could be a person from the community who is mentally ill and needs someone to talk to because no one else will take the time.

Or it could be someone who is suicidal and has a gun or a bottle of pills in hand, unwilling to delay his or her plans to end it all.

The calls from suicidal individuals are the most difficult part of the job, said Skip, a University student and Crisis Center volunteer who asked that his last name not be used. But they also can be the most rewarding, especially when the callers abandon their suicidal plans and call back the staffers to say "thank you."

"I've had people call back and say, 'You saved my life,' and I've felt really good," Skip said.

From the center's confidential location, Skip and about 20 other staffers take turns helping people by phone from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. Monday through Friday and 24 hours a day on weekends. The center has been helping people since it was established in April 1970 by a doctoral candidate in counseling psychology, said Kim Balsam, director of the center.

Back then, about 50 percent of the callers sought help for drug-related problems, evidence of that era's widespread drug experimentation. But today, only 1 percent of the callers have sought

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Overtime



OSU's Jelani Boline sinks a three-pointer over Oregon's Kenya Wilkins to send Saturday's Civil War game into overtime.

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Residents ask city to help fight crime in community park

Group: Eugene Public Works cleans up illegal activities in West University Park

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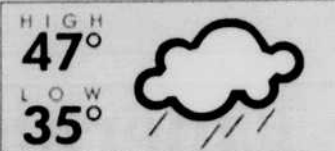
Eugene Public Works will remove shrubs, picnic shelters and lattice work in an effort to fight crime in West University Park after a neighborhood group Thursday complained about illegal activities there.

West University Neighbors, a group of residents and small businesses in the west university area, met with city planners and representatives from the Eugene City Manager's Office and the University Office of Public Safety, to resolve what residents see as the continuing deterioration of the tiny pocket park located at 14th Avenue, between Hilyard and Patterson streets.

The park was purchased in 1978 with community funds, said Dick Morgan, manager of Parks Services at Eugene Public Works Maintenance. The park, a pro-

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GOOD MORNING



► SPOKANE (AP) — If the law of supply and demand conformed to the law of nature, Allen Williamson's job would be a bed of

roses.

Instead, Valentine's Day brings peak demand at a season when U.S. rose growers lack the sunlight and warmth to bring forth more blooms.

"It's like trying to tell everyone all the wheat in the world will be ready and harvested on one day," said Williamson, owner of Jacobson Greenhouses. "It's like having Tomato Day, where you say this is the day you buy and eat your tomatoes."

More than half the roses sold nationwide are imported. In Colombia, which has gained an increasing share of the U.S. market the past few years, a recent cold snap wiped out much of the crop and has driven up prices.

Williamson wishes some people would buy their flowers a few days ahead of Feb. 14, enjoy them longer and avoid the demand-driven Valentine's Day price war.

Since that's not the way the marketplace works, he does his best to ensure high winter production without Mother Nature's cooperation.

Rose bushes are pruned in early December to boost the February harvest. Pruners are trained for a year on how to cut for the different seasons as they traverse 8-foot-high rows of thorny bushes on aluminum stilts.