

ACLU files suit on editor's parole



SEATTLE (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union says parole conditions imposed on an editor of a newsletter for prisoners deny his constitutional rights, but the chairman of the state parole board says the conditions are standard.

The ACLU of Washington has filed a lawsuit charging that parole conditions prohibiting Ed Mead from corresponding with people who have been convicted of a crime violate his rights of free speech and free association.

"The parole condition is an unreasonable attempt to interfere with Ed Mead's work as editor. He was allowed to correspond with felons when he was in prison. So why can't he do so now? The restriction is ridiculous," said Julia Hampton, legal program director for the ACLU-W.

Kathryn Bail, chairwoman of the parole board, said the condition that he not contact other felons is a standard parole condition.

"It's not imposed 100 percent of the time but quite nearly. The obvious basis is that lots of historical experience indicates offenders transition better to a law-respecting lifestyle when they involve themselves in non-criminal lifestyle behaviors," Bail said.

Mead served 18 years in prison on a conviction

stemming from his role in a foiled bank robbery committed by a political group known as the Seattle George Jackson Brigade.

While in prison, Mead became active in prisoner rights issues, wrote legal writs for other prisoners, and organized Men Against Sexism, a group opposing rape in prison.

Four years ago, Mead and Paul Wright, who is a prisoner at the Monroe Reformatory, founded the newsletter Prison Legal News, which they have jointly edited.

Mead was paroled from prison in October 1993. As a condition of parole, the state parole board required that he not "associate with individuals with prior felony convictions."

The ACLU-W said the board has refused his request to modify its order to allow such contact indirectly through correspondence.

Mead objects to the order because of his desire to continue working on Prison Legal News, which involves reviewing numerous unsolicited letters from people with felony convictions.

"Mr. Mead is a very political person," Bail said. "He would like to continue to do newsletter work. We are not restricting him from doing the newsletter. We are restricting him from contact with other felons. It might be a technical line, but it's a real line and one we're not going to budge on."

COMMUNITY UPDATE

•The Bureau of Land Management will sponsor two outdoor gatherings Saturday to recognize the nation's trail system and to discuss recreation issues. Gatherings will be at McGowan Creek Rifle Range and at Shotgun Creek Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Water bottles, T-shirts and bandanas will be given away. For more information, call Liz Aleman at 683-7578.

•People with disabilities and their families, friends and service providers are invited to attend a legislative breakfast June 11 at Hilyard Community Center, 2580 Hilyard St. The breakfast, which begins at 9 a.m., is organized by Community Partnerships. For more information, call Pam Ring at 343-5256 or call Ross Settlemyer at 345-1801.

•The National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League will conduct its Liberty Auction June 11 at the Downtown Athletic Club. The auction begins at 6:30 p.m. Auction items include a guest appearance on *Northern Exposure* and a three-day river raft trip on the Klamath River. A buffet and a no-host beer and wine bar will be available. Admission is \$10. For more information, call 343-4557.

•The United Way needs volunteers for the following positions: visitor center host for Mount Pisgah Arboretum, three hours per month; graphic artist for Retired Senior Volunteer Program, four hours per week; craft assistant for Eugene Good Samaritan, three hours

per week; camp cleaners for Girl Scout Western River Council, 10 hours per week. For more information, call the United Way Volunteer Connection at 683-9000.

•The public is invited to a petting zoo from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Petersen Barn Community Center, 870 Berntzen Road. The event will feature mini-carnival games, a fishing pond, bubble making, face painting, pony rides and a live reptile exhibit. Zoo animals include llamas, Chinese pigs, fallow deer and traditional farm animals. For more information, call 687-5521.

•"Hearts and Hands: A Social History of 19th Century Women and Quilts" will be presented Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Trade Kaufman Senior Center, 996 Jefferson St. Joanne Mulcahy, a professor from Lewis and Clark College, will discuss the lives of 19th century women. For more information, call 687-5331.

•The Eugene Family YMCA will offer an open house Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. YMCA facilities will be free to the public and people may participate.

•Sacred Heart General Hospital will present a free film in its Mental Health and the Cinema program Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. The movie *South Central* explores the life of a Los Angeles gang member. The movie will be shown in the hospital's 2 Main conference room, 1255 Hilyard St. For more information, call 686-7044.

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MEETING

India Association will meet today at 5 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room. For more information, call 344-0920.

RELIGION

Eugene Branch of the American Association of University Women will conduct its annual recognition brunch Saturday at 10 a.m. in Gerlinger Hall. Judy Ervin, Oregon State president of AAUW, will speak and recipients of the Ola Love and Education Foundation fellowships will be honored. For more information, call 345-8411.

Hillel will offer a vegetarian shabbat potluck tonight at 7 at 1996 City View St. For more information, call 343-8920.

Meditation classes are being offered each Friday at 7 p.m. at 1456 McKinley Court. Everyone is welcome. For more information,

call 344-8874.

Pacific Forum will present an interview with Peter Sorenson, candidate for the state Senate, today from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid St. For more information, call 344-0483 or 346-4694.

Deadline for submitting Et Als to the Emerald front desk, Suite 300 EMU, is noon the day before publication. Et Als run the day of the event unless the event takes place before noon and is requested to be published earlier.

Notices of events with a donation or admission charge will not be accepted. Campus events and those scheduled nearest the publication date will be given priority. The Emerald reserves the right to edit for grammar and style.

Et Als run strictly on a space-available basis.

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ic design and last year's open house coordinator. "People ride by on their bikes and wonder what this place is."

Sillman said the main reason she is having the open house is so campus students will become more aware of the things that go on across the street from the University, a place that few students recognize as a part of the campus. Many times even the other art students get so involved in their own work, they don't get out to see what the other students are creating, she said.

"It's an end-of-the-year celebration," said Sillman. "We want to have a little party."

"We are going to have fibers displayed as well as digital photography on the walls of the one of the Millrace buildings, and we will be displaying jewelry and metals in Building Three," she said.

Ceramics will be on display in the Wilkinson House, located adjacent to the Millrace buildings, and sculpture will be displayed in Building A. Sillman said there will be an exciting display of motion graphics film at 7 p.m. that may be the highlight of the open house.

Sillman said she decided to let the students set up the open house because last year's event was too much for one person to handle.

Sillman also said that despite all the work the students are putting into the exhibit, they don't get school credit. However, she said it's probably a good experience for the students to work together and to see all the art they've created throughout the year.



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come check out RANT 'N' RAVE. WHAT IS RANT 'N' RAVE ?

RANT 'N' RAVE is a multi-media interactive exhibition combining popular trends and retrospective ideas to create the ultimate social event. RANT 'N' RAVE begins at 10 pm in the EMU Ballroom Friday, June 3. For information contact Julie Manela or Jenny B. in the Cultural Forum at 346-4373.

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