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# University recycling pioneer receives honor

Jamie Pope  
For the Oregon Daily Emerald

In 1989, Karyn Kaplan saw a need for a recycling program at the University. Kaplan, who is now the Recycling Program manager, has built a successful recycling program at the University.

Because of her efforts, Soroptimist International of the Americas recently honored Kaplan with the Women of Distinction Award in the environmental field at Valley River Inn on May 16.

"This award is really special because it is an award for women helping women," Kaplan said. "[Soroptimist International] is an organization of professional women who recognize the contributions of women in society. If it weren't for them, I don't think I'd be here."

Kaplan said she saw the need for a recycling program while she was a student working in the Survival Center.

"I was trying to be a recycling advocate," she said. "Then a group called Pearl Buck, a group who works with people with disabilities, came to the University."

"At the time recycling at the University was minimal," Kaplan said. "Only newspaper and unbleached paper were being recycled on campus."

Kaplan said she worked hard to help promote recycling at the University.



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"I was hired by the University in the fall of 1990 to help begin the Recycling Program," Kaplan said. "Five years ago, the University recycled 16 tons of paper per month. Last month, we recycled 62 tons."

She said the Recycling Program recycled 988 tons of materials, including newspaper, unbleached paper, glass, plastic and scrap metal, in the 1993-94 school year.

Kaplan said 34 people are employed by the Recycling Program. She also said students earn academic credit in exchange for working in the program.

"We have different kinds of students who have worked for us," Kaplan said. "We have had different students work for us, such as environmental studies majors and journalism majors among others," she said.

Kaplan said she wants everybody to understand the importance of recycling.

"Just think, if everybody at the University were to use the back side of a piece of paper at least once a day, we would save 20,000 pieces of paper per day, 140,000 pieces of paper per week and 7.2 million pieces of paper per year," Kaplan said.

Kaplan said recycling and environmental technology are growing industries.

"Environmental technology is big business," she said. "For example, Weyerhaeuser's recycling division is the largest in the world."

"Yet people are in a state of denial," Kaplan continued. "There are a lot of people who seem to think there is not a problem with the environment."

Kaplan said people find it difficult to change. One example she used was the timber industry.

"The timber industry is going through some big changes right now," Kaplan said. "It takes time for an industry to change, and as a result there is some lag time. Without the support to do it, that lag time lasts longer."

Kaplan said the Women of Distinction Award is not a one-person accomplishment.

"This award is the representation of a lot of hard work by a lot of people," she said. "There were a lot of people involved."

Other Women of Distinction Award recipients included: Caroline Frengle, director of Food for Lane County; Marion Malcolm and Tina Eoff, directors of the Second Chance Renters Rehabilitation Program; and Jody Runge, University of Oregon women's basketball coach.

## Variety show gives greeks winning edge

Natasha Shepard  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Winning the Greek Week Variety Show put the Sigma Phi Epsilon at the top in the Greek Week competition, said Forest Mealey, Interfraternity Council greek activities chair.

For sororities, Chi Omega was awarded first Saturday for accruing the most points in competitions throughout the week, which included a banner contest, airband, University Day participation and designing and buying t-shirts.

Both Chi Omega and Sigma Phi Epsilon competed in the Greek Week Variety Show at the Hult Center on Friday.

Because Sigma Phi Epsilon had so many members partici-

pate in the variety show, they were given the points needed to win the Greek Week competition.

First, second and third place winners were awarded points for the Greek Week competitions.

Chi Omega sorority and Delta Upsilon fraternity won first place in the Greek Sing competition for their "Battle of the Sexes" lip-sync and dance.

Second place went to Kappa Delta and Lambda Chi Alpha for their Prince lip-sync and Alpha Theta/Fiji/Delta Tau Delta won third place for their choreographed '70s medley.

More than 400 people attended the variety show, although attendance was less than in past

years because several fraternities had planned their Mount Shasta trip for the same weekend.

Sixteen acts included solos by several greek members, as well as comical lip-sync renditions of several songs, including a Baywatch airband performance by Delta Delta Delta sorority.

The variety show committee also showed its Greek Week slide presentation, including pictures of greeks participating in various activities throughout last week.

New trophies were purchased this year to be awarded to the winners of the Greek Week competition. The winners will be allowed to display their prizes until next year's Greek Week competition, Mealey said.

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#### MEETINGS

Oregon Ballroom Dance Club will meet today at 5:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room D.

Students for Sexual Assault Free Environment will meet tonight at 8:30 in the EMU Ben Linder Room. For more information, call 346-4095.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance Youth Group will meet today from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Kolonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St. For more information, call 346-3360.

Career Center will sponsor a workshop on effective interviewing today from 2 to 4 p.m. in Room 221 Hendricks. Sign-ups will be in Room 244 Hendricks. For more information, call 346-3235.

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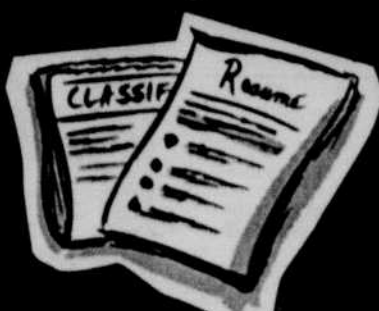
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## INCIDENT

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the direction of police.

After waiting five minutes and issuing repeated warnings, police fired tear gas and the crowd immediately dispersed.

One of the police vehicles on the scene was outfitted with a video camera and captured most of the riot.

"The video clearly documents the fire setting and bottle throwing," said Capt. Tim Birr, spokesman for the Eugene Department of Public Safety. Those people identified by police as being involved in criminal activity will be vigorously prosecuted, he said.

Residents of 707 E. 17th Ave. said the party was unruly, but the situation did not warrant a tear gas response.

"It was a dangerous situation," Corinne Burden said. "They did need to disperse it, but the force was totally excessive. There is no way to justify it."

"We have a limited amount of tactical options in a situation like this," Birr said. "The intent of the gas is to make everyone leave and leave quickly."

"We had fires being set, street signs being pulled up and bottles thrown at police and civilian vehicles," Birr said. "All of this was happening while officers were watching."

Several University students at

the party said problems were started by uninvited guests congregating outside the house and on Hilyard Street. The party-crashers were coming from other parties that had been broken up, students said.

Chuck Yu, owner of Hilyard Street Market, located across the street from the party, decided to close the store early because several belligerent party-goers in and around his store caused numerous problems. Police also asked Yu to close the store before the riot started.

"Without the tear gas, I don't think they could have dispersed the crowd without injury," Yu said. "I think the police did a really good job."

People caught in the tear gas suffered intense burning sensations in their eyes, throat and skin. One resident of the house suffered a bloody nose as a result of the gas, and a man who picked up a tear gas canister received blisters on his hand.

Residents said they cannot return home because gas residue continues to permeate the house. "It has left a house full of people homeless for a while," resident Nikki Elsensohn said.

After the crowd scattered, police found the street littered with broken glass, street signs and garbage, according to Birr. Public works crews were called in to clean the area following the incident.