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Internet's obscenity targeted by Exon Bill

Computers: Services that transmit 'indecent' messages may be sued

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The University may have to police all the information that comes through its computer network if the Exon Bill, which would outlaw the transmission of obscenity or sexually explicit materials over such networks, becomes law.

The bill would place a whole new burden on the University, said Dave Meyer, network engineer for University Computing.

"It would put an administrative load on University Computing that wasn't there before," he said.

Meyer said he does not know exactly how the bill would be enforced, but monitoring the information that comes over the Internet would be extremely difficult. Often it is hard to determine where e-mail and other on-line material originates.

It is similar to a plumber being responsible for everything that went through the pipes at someone's house, Meyer said. It would be impossible for the plumber to monitor everything.

The Exon Bill, named for its sponsor, Sen. Jim Exon (D-Neb.), passed in the U.S. Senate 84-16 on June 14. It is intended to prohibit the e-mail equivalent of obscene telephone calls

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'I love this game'



Summer school students Takashi Masuda and Dai Miyachika battle under the hoop Wednesday afternoon, enjoying good weather that's expected to last all week.

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EPA official leads panel on economy, environment

Forum: Local opinions will be delivered to President Clinton

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The Environmental Protection Agency is looking for cheaper, smarter and cleaner solutions, the agency's second-highest official said in Eugene Monday.

Fred Hansen, EPA deputy administrator, conducted a panel discussion in the EMU Gumwood Room on how the Pacific Northwest's changing economy affects the environment.

Various panels across the region were scheduled to hear local environmental and economic concerns as a precursor to President Clinton's Pacific Rim Regional Economic Conference in Portland today.

A full capacity audience of 50 listened to Hansen, a University alumnus and Oregon native, and six panelists: Ed Whitelaw, University economics professor and economic consultant; Mike Gleason, Eugene city manager; Steve Gordon, wetlands preservation and development expert; John Liveley, executive director of the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Partnership; Tauni Samuel, director of human and public affairs for Springfield Forest Products; and George Grier, member of the McKenzie Watershed Council.

Hansen and the panelists gave a short introduction, including a statement about their organizations' environmental and economic concerns.

"At the local level, your economy is moving from a resource base to a diversified economy as it moves into the 21st century," Hansen said.



HANSEN

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GOOD MORNING

► President Clinton and Vice President Gore will be attending the Pacific Rim Regional Economic Conference today at Portland State University.

Clinton will be discussing international trade, high-tech exports, the Northwest economy, education and working families at the daylong conference, according to news reports.

Gore and seven cabinet members arrived in Portland on Monday afternoon. Clinton was scheduled to arrive late Monday evening.

The Clinton administration plans on placing 100 percent tariffs on luxury Japanese car imports starting this Wednesday, unless an agreement between U.S. and Japanese negotiators is reached before then.

► WINFIELD, W. Va. (AP) — A man who tried to flee a courtroom Monday got tripped up by a retired police officer — literally.

The retired officer said he

was acting on instinct when he stuck out his cane and tripped Charles D. Dillon.

Dillon, 19, of Liberty, tried to bolt from the courtroom when a judge refused to free him on bond.

"I saw the guy coming. I knew he should be stopped," said 68-year-old Leo Hamon. "I waited until the last second so he couldn't turn the other way."

Sheriff's Sgt. Harold F. Mynes, who rearrested Dillon after he tripped and fell, praised Hamon's quick action.

"Once a cop, always a cop," Mynes said.

Dillon pleaded guilty May 23 to grand larceny, breaking and entering and arson.

► YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — For the sixth weekend in a row, tourists trying to visit Yosemite National Park without reservations were turned back because of gridlock.

"It's probably the hardest

job we do," ranger Kristine Hutchinson said. "Some people take it pretty well. Some people don't."

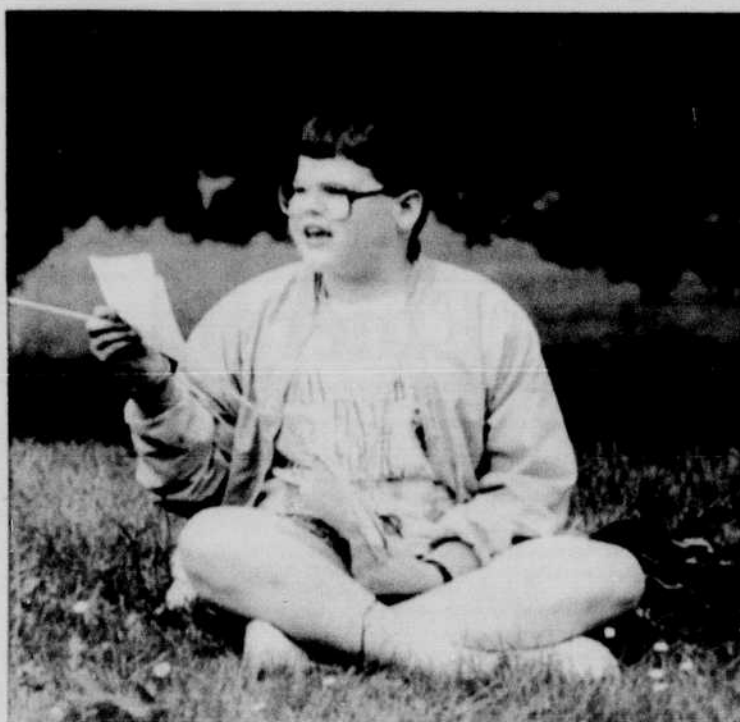
More than 4 million people came to Yosemite last year, nearly twice as many as visited in 1981. And heavy snow cover in the high country this year has restricted movement out of the park's valley.

Visitors who were turned away were handed fliers informing them of places to go and things to see in communities nearby.

San Jose residents Tony and Beverly Dunn developed a system to find a parking place last week.

"We wait at one end of the lot looking for people walking with their keys exposed," Ms. Dunn said. "When that doesn't work, we've been known to drive on the wrong side of the road to get a spot. People look at us nasty and we tell them, 'Sorry, we're British. We didn't know better.'"

Lawn learning



Jesse Whitehead, a seventh grader and part of the University's Summer Enrichment Program, works on a writing project on the EMU lawn.

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