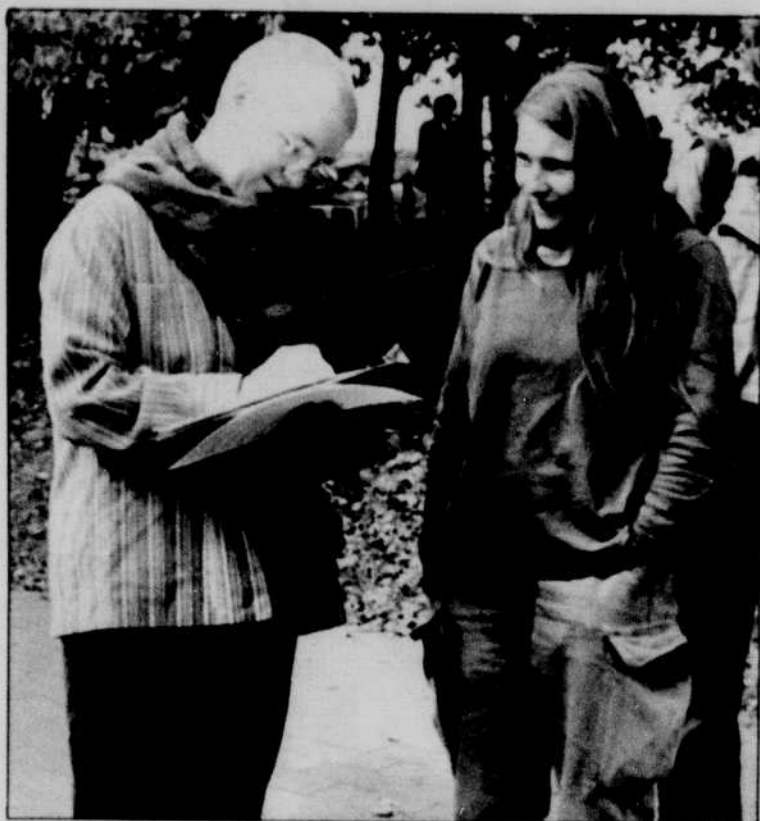




Jeanne Patton encourages Sunshine Kesey, daughter of Ken Kesey, to sign a petition against logging the Warner Creek old-growth forest.

Rust, musicians gather to save old-growth

By Melissa Lebahn
Community Reporter

Laws that were set up to protect some old-growth forests have been suspended and have prompted environmentalists to speak out Tuesday at a noon rally in the EMU courtyard.

Ron and Bryan Lloyd, along with Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust, performed a concert with songs from a new CD titled *Oregon*. Others spoke out about Warner Creek and old-growth forests.

Jeff Hogg, an old-growth activist who spoke at the rally, believes that our land is not being

managed to our own interest.

"The government is not doing what people want them to do with the land," Hogg said.

Laws were made to stop logging in Warner Creek, but four years ago there was an arson fire and 9,000 acres were burned. Now the Bureau of Land Management wants to salvage-log these trees because it says these trees are insect-infested, dead, damaged and lacking a viable ecosystem, Hogg said.

Catia Juliana, a graduate teaching fellow for the Sociology department who spoke at the rally, said we need to fight for our civil rights.

"Congress muted our voices," Juliana said. "We are not going to allow that."

We have done far more damage to our forests than Third World countries like Brazil and we are the richest country on earth, Rust said.

The northern spotted owl has become a symbol of conflict between jobs and environmentalists, said Julie Fox, a sociology professor.

"We must protect the earth for all life and generations to come," Fox said. "The ecological crisis will not be solved if we don't work together."

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Play highlights harsh reality, encourages education

■ **THEATER:** Group tries to make a difference in communities

By Amy Columbo
Student Activities Editor

For the four actors who performed in the ASUO Multicultural Center Monday night,

Their real lives and the lives of the characters they embodied in the limelight were interlaced with hardships.

The actors in the play "Stop Watch" were able to triumph — overcoming discrimination, poverty, death and isolation. The characters they played were not.

El Teatro de las Cucarachas, a traveling theater group funded by donations since 1982, brought a message to the University students and community members who gathered.

"I want to give you a message to take care of yourself," said actor Frank "Onespot" Renteria as he spoke frankly to the audience after the performance. "Don't let anything get in your way."

Renteria said that no matter what the color of your skin or the obstacles you have to overcome, he encouraged students to get their education and empower themselves.

Renteria's character in the play, known as "School Boy," didn't follow this advice. He got caught up in alcohol, drugs and a gang lifestyle. "School Boy"

ended up in jail for the murder of a gang member, another home boy.

The performance began with this murder. The play then works backwards to trace the reasons for the death back to the characters' childhoods and the hardened attitudes they developed as young children.

"That attitude starts when you are little kid and grows like a tree. It grows wild, it's full of weeds and nobody takes care of it," said Guillermo "Willie" Lopez, the founder of the theater group.

Lopez's character, known as "Stop Watch," demonstrates how a Mexican boy who crossed the border with his parents in search of a better life can develop this attitude and get caught up in gang life.

"Stop Watch" moved 17 times before he graduated from high school. He said it made it hard to make friends and grow roots. As a young boy he was punished for crying and showing his emotions because his father and his culture looked down on men who shed tears.

Lopez encouraged the audience to help make a difference in their communities.

"Some of us made it, some of us are survivors. But most of us are still out there in the barrios (neighborhoods)," he said. "We made a conscious choice not to ignore it, to become part of the solution."

Rally builds support for local issues

■ **RUST:** The county commissioner urges students to watch local government for their safety

By Melissa Lebahn
Community Reporter

Government action that affects students happens even at the local level, and it deals with community issues like the remaining old-growth trees, juvenile criminal justice, recycling programs and public health.

County Commissioner Jerry Rust participated in an old-growth rally with musicians Ron and Bryan Lloyd at the EMU Tuesday because he said he feels that people, especially students, should pay attention to the local government.

"We want to encourage more observation of the local government," Rust said. "It is important to your safety."

He said one big issue in the community is what happens to the remaining old-growth. Lane

County owns most of the timber land within the county and it receives more money from receipts than any other county.

"We're not so poor or so rich that we can afford to cut the rest of the old-growth," Rust said. "It's morally wrong for one generation to destroy it."

He also performed with Bryan and Ron Lloyd in support of the hunger strike, in which two activists are camping out on the steps of the Federal Building in protest to the logging of old-growth forests.

"They recognize the moral and ethical stand against environmental laws," Rust said. "I agree with them."

Another giant issue that affects people today is juvenile criminal justice.

"We are trying to identify problems early on," Rust said.

He said we must break the cycles and get criminals in their early stages because "once they become adults, they are nearly impossible to deal with."

Public health is an issue that students should also be concerned with, Rust said.

"Every student should be worried about cleanliness," he said.

He said they were looking at restaurant issues such as inspections because of the rapid spread of diseases like hepatitis that can affect many people and may result in death.

Some programs are working well, Rust said, citing the recycling program as a good example. Oregon has one of the most successful recycling programs in the U.S., he said.

People are continuing to recycle, reuse materials and bring costs down. They are reducing wastes, which give us fairly low garbage rates and higher recycling rates because the less we throw away, the less we pay, he said.

Rust wants people, especially the students, to know that he is there for everybody and wants to encourage more people to get involved in government at the local level.



In dredlocks, Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust plays in a band at the old-growth rally Tuesday. Rust later spoke about the need to be educated about local politics.

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