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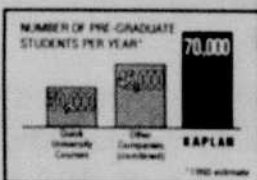
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Israel activist requests environmental solutions

By Ashley Bach
Student Activities Reporter

Israel is a country with great environmental problems and its citizens as well as Jews around the world need to help solve them, said the founding director of Israel's leading public interest environmental law and science organization in a speech given at Hillel Wednesday night.

Eighteen people gathered to hear Alon Tal speak, who received a doctorate in environmental law policy from Harvard University and has been fighting for change and increased environmental awareness in all levels of Israel for five years.

Tal said that Israel is years behind the West in dealing with most environmental issues. The activist described a nation where only 5 percent of all garbage is recycled, public transportation use is down 25 percent and 70 percent of the country is paved. This inability to catch up comes at a time and in a country that needs modern solutions the most.

"It's time we stop and think and change direction," Tal said.

Open space is harder to come by in the country, he said. Tal cited this dwindling of land to old policies and new indifference. "This wasting of land," he said, "it's a function of government policy."

Water quality and air pollution are also constant problems facing the public, Tal said. By 2010 Jerusalem's air quality may not even be livable. "It could be comparable to Mexico City where kids can't go out and play," he said.

Tal remains optimistic however, and through his organization, works in the courts and laboratory for solutions. "We don't always win but we keep on trying" he said.

He emphasized the importance of public involvement in the cause, citing the urgency of the issues. "It's our only Holy Land, and we have to do our best to keep it clean," he said.

Tal said the real reason he came to Eugene was to offer undergraduates an opportunity to get involved in the cause, working in Israel. Tal is director of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, where students can attend for a semester as well as participate in a 20-hour-a-week internship program.

"It's a great opportunity to come to Israel but leave with a quantitatively different experience," Tal said.

Symposium discussed successes of university

■ **LECTURE:** The event comprised a lecture by Jaroslav Pelikan and a four-person panel

By Jamie D. Pope
Freelance Reporter

Higher education, its public perception, scrutiny and criticism were among the topics of discussion at a symposium titled "Universities and the Public Perception," Wednesday in the Gerlinger Alumni Lounge.

The symposium, which was co-sponsored by the Office of the President and the University's Humanities Center, was originally scheduled as part of Dave Frohnmayer's inauguration as University President, but was postponed because of his daughter Kirsten's health problems.

The symposium consisted of a lecture followed by a panel discussion.

The main lecture was titled, "The University as Partnership" and was presented by Jaroslav Pelikan.

Pelikan, a history professor at Yale University and the President of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, spoke on the public perception of past and present.

Pelikan said he believes university professors are receiving severe public criticism.

"What has happened is that criticism that was once reserved for the church and the clergy, is being directed toward the universities," he said.

Pelikan said the focus of negative criticism is the result of questions facing higher education such as the balance between professors' research and the instruction of undergraduate students.

Pelikan believes undergradu-

ates do not always receive proper guidance regarding their education.

"When I started teaching at the University of Chicago in 1946, GIs would come to the pharmacy and say 'I want some red pills, some green pills and some blue pills because they look pretty,'" he said.

"If the pharmacy sold those pills, they would have gone to jail. Yet there were students who were afflicted with the worst disease of all — ignorance; yet, they were allowed to wander in their diseased state," he said.

Pelikan concluded his lecture by saying there needs to be a partnership between the public and the universities. He said such a partnership will restore the public's faith in the higher education system.

The second part of the symposium was a panel discussion. The panel was composed of four faculty members from the University: Christopher Toby Edson; a professor of education and policy management, Earl Pomeroy; a professor emeritus of history, Richard Maxwell Brown; a professor of history and Risa Palm Dean of the University's College of Arts and Sciences.

Edson, a professor of education and policy management, discussed the changing public perception toward higher education in the United States. He said this perception has changed because of a clash in values between the American university and society, which has caused a gradual separation between the two. Edson said there has been a growing resentment by the public toward universities.

"As we rely on university graduates, there is a sense of a loss of control," he said. "This has cre-

Human rights group to celebrate thirty years with ice cream, music

By Abe Estimada
Community Reporter

The Clergy and Laity Concerned, a human rights group based in Eugene, is holding its first major fundraiser of the year and will celebrate its 30th anniversary on Oct. 28.

The tenth annual event, called "Cornucopia," will be held at the First Congregational Church at East 23rd Ave. and Harris Street. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the Cornucopia ends at 9 p.m.

Area merchants and Eugene citizens have also donated about 200 items to be auctioned off during Saturday's event.

Events Coordinator Camas Davis said last year's fundraising event drew 250 people, and she said this year's festivities should be just as successful.

"This is our way of exposing CALC," Davis said. "It's a chance for people to see who's involved and what we stand for but in a setting that is not so formal."

Not only will attendees be treated to free Prince Puckler's ice cream, but they will also be entertained by Venezuelan-born Irene Farrera and La Zoo, an ensemble of five musicians from around the world. In between musical numbers, Paulette Ansari will entertain the crowd with a variety of stories relating African and African-American culture.

CALC was originally founded in 1965 as Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam. Part of the proceeds from Saturday's event will fund a project that will bring together Vietnam veterans and Vietnamese immigrants living in Eugene, Davis said.

CALC also sponsors various workshops on racial discrimination and other political issues for local high school students.

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Pomeroy analyzed the public perception of the western states. He said universities west of the Mississippi differ sharply from those on the east coast. One of these differences is a non-emphasis on theology.

He said western universities created the concept of the public institution. He said the state has eliminated fields such as religion.

Brown discussed the historical perspective of higher education in Oregon. He said Prince Lucien Campbell, who was president of the University from 1902-1925, was responsible for the expansion of the University.

However, Brown said the University is in same place it was in 1925 when Campbell died.

"Right now the University is having to justify its existence as it did in 1925," he said. "However, we have a president, who like Campbell, is a native Oregonian and is dedicated to higher education."

Palm said in a time of intense scrutiny and criticism, people still have faith in the University.

"Parents believe we will give their kids a good education," she said. "Undergraduates come to us when they could get their education in the military or a trade school. They come here because they believe they will get a better education here than in those other places," she said.

Steve Shankman, director of the University's Humanities Center, said the purpose of the symposium was to examine the issues which are facing higher education.

"The idea is to get a perspective on what we're doing and be more focused on the issues at hand," he said.