

Council votes to assist homeless

■ **MEETING:** Interfaith Shelter System, Runaway Shelter and Wood Leaf Village will receive money

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The Eugene City Council unanimously voted to allocate a total of \$277,000 for low-income housing projects and homeless shelters during Monday night's meeting.

The City Council voted to draw \$49,000 from contingency funds to help remodel the old fire station number seven on Roosevelt Boulevard as a shelter for Lane County homeless youth.

When the reconstruction is complete, the converted fire station, which will be run through Looking Glass services, will hold 17 beds for youths, said Kari Whitney, programs supervisor for the Runaway Shelter.

"I would support this motion because it will help kids in crisis...

this is an investment for the young and their future," said City Councilwoman Nancy Nathanson.

The City Council also approved to spend \$40,000 in contingency funds for the Interfaith Shelter system, a Eugene-Springfield homeless program that uses local faith centers to house homeless families for the night while providing child care and job search materials during the day.

The City Council granted \$188,000 to pay for building permit and systems expenses in the Wood Leaf Village, a low-income housing project.

The City Council's actions come at a time when local shelters are bursting at the seams with homeless families and individuals look for refuge and assistance.

"There is a lot more demand this year," said Jake Dudell, program director for the First Place Family Center, a service of the five-year-old Interfaith Shelter system. "It's packed. It's stand-

ing room only."

The First Place Family Center, which provides free laundry and shower facilities, has been turning away families for lack of space, Dudell said.

Whitney said since Looking Glass began operations in July, 73 youths have used their overnight bed facilities.

The City Council has also come under fire recently by homeless activists for not sponsoring a homeless car camp this year, fostering a perception among them that the council is not doing enough to address the problem.

Homeless Action Coalition members were staging an all-night vigil in front of City Hall during the council meeting to kick off National Homeless and Hunger Week.

About 30 people, singing protest songs and hanging upside down U.S. flags, were vowing to stay in front of the McNutt Room for as long as possible.

Competition: Critters claim College Bowl championship

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— all from Hamilton complex — got together on a whim and won their dorm competition. Soon, they found themselves in the campus finals and in the first round faced a team of graduate students. As the questions described old English literature and the moons of Jupiter, the Frisbee Faces, as they called themselves, lost handily 245-25.

"We were whipped," Alarid said.

Fortunately, they were still alive in the loser's bracket and as the questions moved to sports and movies, the young team went on to win two games before eventually folding to a team called Nixon's Plumbers. Each

team, like the Faces, was able to focus on its strengths even though the questions were on a variety of subjects.

"We have no idea what they're going to ask," Jenni McClellan, a graduate student in linguistics, said.

After all the matches were over, a team called Critters came away with the campus title. For the regional championships in February, however, an all-star team will be formed from the contestants who answered the most toss-up questions.

All the contestants, however, could be proud of the fact they faced some pretty tough questions. Do you measure up? Answers: Patty Hearst, The Baker Street Irregulars and Southern Baptists.

Gathering: Hikers will be remembered by University

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"He never felt like he fit in," she said. "All I can hope is that he fits in where he is now."

But she said she believes he is still part of her life.

"All I have to do is reach in my heart or to the stars, and he'll always be there," she said.

Kathy Waters, Casey's roommate, described Casey as introspective.

"He was a quiet, deep person," she said. "He really cared about people."

She told those listening that his caring attitude should be imitated by others.

"We should make effort to get to know people," she said. "We all need to see each other's differences and understand each other."

Frohnmyer said the pair would be honored in three different ways. Two trees would be designated in the hikers' names. An endowment would be established in their name for the Outdoor Pursuits program — a program that both of the students were involved in.

Last, a trip would be planned to the trail on the Three Sisters Wilderness area where the two were lost.

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Micronesia & South Pacific Program will meet tonight from 5 to 6:30 in Room 204 Condon. For more information, call 346-1425.

MISCELLANEOUS

ASUO Women's Center will sponsor a workshop titled "Resources for Women Going into Business for Themselves," today at 1 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room E. For more information, call 346-4095.

Student Senate will sponsor a forum titled "Incidental Fees," today from 2 to 6 p.m. in EMU Maple Room. For more information, call 346-3749.

Geography Club will offer a lecture titled "The Environmental Consequences of Greater China" by Dr. Carolyn Cartier today from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in Room 110 Fenton.

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