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WEATHER

Rain, chance of snow.
High 38. Low 28.

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Racist literature prompts action

■ **HATE:** An anti-hate group was formed in response to Aryan Pride fliers found last week.

By Jennifer Carter
Student Activities Editor

"The DEATH OF THE WHITE RACE is neither far off nor imaginary in the distant future.

The decision you make will be for this and the next generation. Keep it white or our children will be outnumbered 50 to 1 by colored people, who have been inflamed to hatred of our people by the JEWS MEDIA."

So read a flyer that was placed on University cars last week by Aryan Pride members, spurring student leaders to form an anti-hate crime coalition.

About 45 students met for the first time Monday evening to set group goals and discuss what the flyers say to the campus.

Manya Shorr, director of the Jewish Student Union, said it was important for her to speak out against hate crimes now.

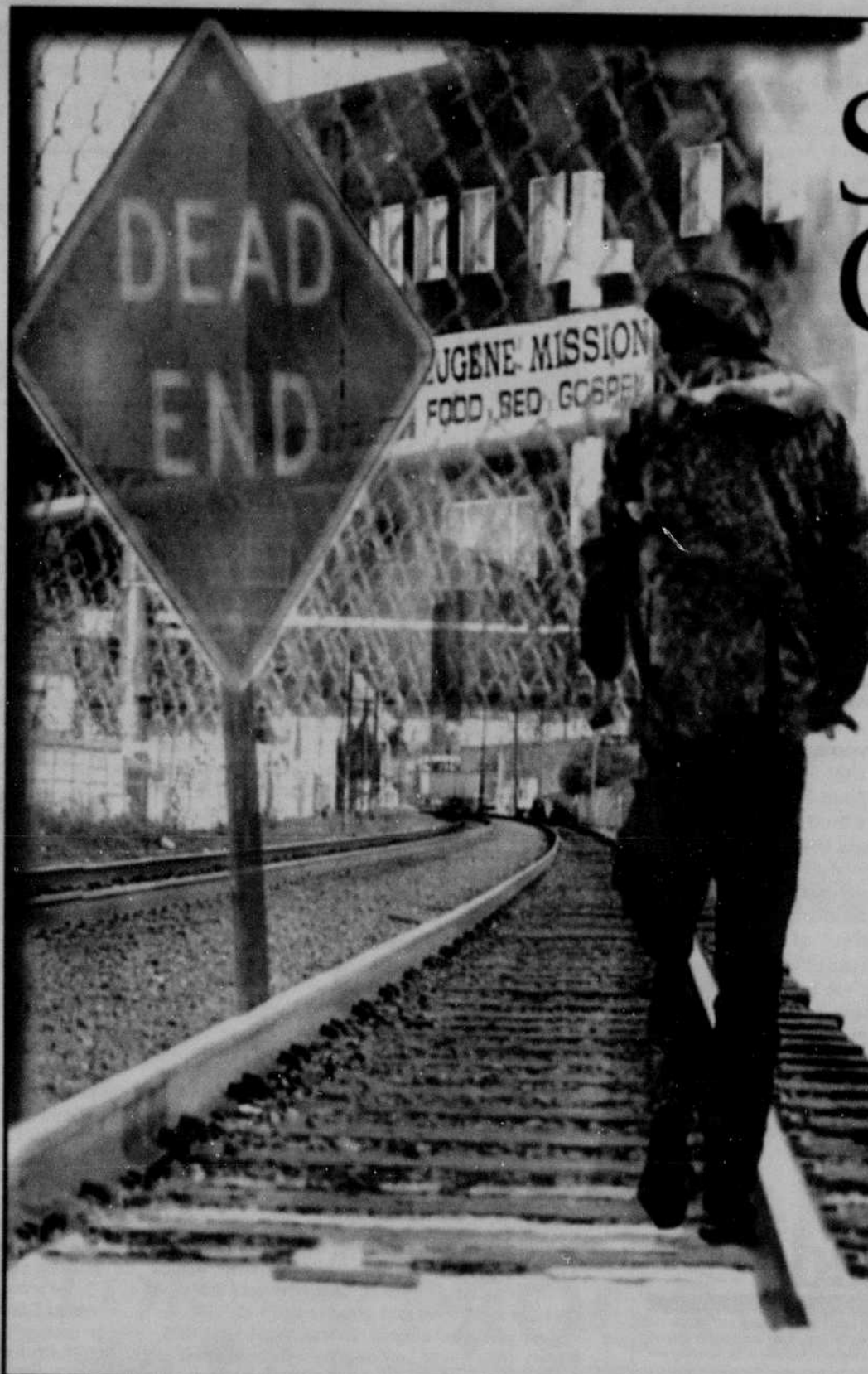
"I'm really tired of these things happening every couple of months," she said. "I wanted to do something about it now."

"When you're silent, that's when [white supremacists] become strong."

Student leaders and others interested in stopping hate crimes were not the only ones who came to Monday's meeting. Also present was a president of the Aryan Pride organization.

He did not identify himself at the meeting, but was identified

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SEEKING COVER

By Abe Estimada
Community Reporter

When temperatures dip into the 30s at night, Michele Reynolds and her children are reminded of what it was like living in her car with no food, no home and no source of income.

For three months, she tried unsuccessfully to find employment after losing her job as a caretaker in Hermiston. Left with no support system and undergoing a separation from her husband, Reynolds left eastern Oregon for the frigid January cold of Salem.

"We stayed in my car for two weeks before we arrived in Eugene," she said. "There was no place to take a shower, and we didn't know where the food was going to come from."

Worst of all, it was the icy stares from people that stung her the most. She had to leave Salem, and she heard that Eugene was a good place to find a job. But with no affordable housing in Eugene for her and her two children, Reynolds turned to the Inter-

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Homeless in Eugene

Monday:

Who is homeless & why

Tuesday:

Why no car camp & programs to compensate

Today:

How one shelter coped without the car camp

Local religious leaders speak out to promote 1 percent utility tax

■ **ELECTION:** The tax would fund energy- and housing-assistance programs

By Samantha Martin
Community Reporter

Local religious leaders representing a wide spectrum of denominations spoke in support of Measure 20-54 Tuesday, stating that the tax was an opportunity to "expand our compassion for those needlessly suffering in our midst."

The measure, which is on the March 12 ballot, would impose a 1-percent, utility-consumption tax for

a period of 10 years to fund affordable housing and energy assistance, and was the focus of the news conference at a local church.

Critics of the tax say it is unfair to impose an additional tax on people who are one step away from being homeless themselves. Yet that is precisely why the tax is important, the leaders said.

"You never know when you will be the next one without a home," said Rev. Gayle Sheller of the Eugene Mennonite Church. "We are never exempt from being dependent on others."

Larry Whittlesey, pastor at First

Evangelical Church, said, "Daily I am confronted with people coming to my church looking for a place to spend the evening. If you don't think this problem is real, come to my office and watch the faces of those who need help."

Rabbi Yitzhak Husbands-Hankin of Temple Beth Israel also agreed on the importance of affordable housing.

"We mustn't let this moment slip by in the hopes for a better opportunity to come," he said. "We diminish ourselves each day we fail to respond."

"My faith tradition says that apart from our community, we do not survive," Rev. Sheller said. "We are only healthy as a community to the extent that we provide for the vulnerable among us."

The typical household would pay about \$1 a month, and the tax is estimated to generate an estimated \$1.3 million a year to fund low-income housing.

About 1,200 people in Eugene are homeless, and another 24,000 people are one paycheck away from losing their homes, according to the Affordable Housing Committee.

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