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Students camp out for awareness

■ **SLEEPOUT:** 20 students slept in the EMU courtyard to raise awareness about homelessness

By Jennifer Carter
 Student Activities Editor

More than 1,000 people are homeless each night in Eugene and Springfield, according to National Student Coalition Against Hunger and Homelessness statistics.

Wednesday night, about 20 students joined these people in a gesture of solidarity, choosing to leave their homes to sleep under a tarp in the EMU Courtyard until 8 a.m. this morning.

Students who participated in the Campus 2000 sleepout said they were trying to raise student awareness about hunger and homelessness, both on local and national levels.

Kania Edelberg, an OSPIRG member, said student awareness about hunger and homelessness is low. "They live here for four years and don't know what's going on in the community."

It is also hard to develop an accurate understanding about who the homeless are, she said. "There's a lot of homelessness, but it's hidden."

Edelberg knows what she is talking about. Around the age of 12, Edelberg and half of her family became homeless. During this period, she lived in shelters and with other homeless families in vehicles. When they lived with other families they were



(Left to right) Erik DeBoard, Missy Rock, and Erin Curtin listen to a band while participating at the Hunger and Homeless Sleepout.

able to hide their homelessness, she said.

Wayne Ford, co-chairman of the Eugene-Springfield Homeless Action Coalition, said because people live in different situations when they are homeless it is hard to document the problem.

"We don't know how many people are sleeping in their brother's living room; we don't know how many people are living in a trailer or a camper in somebody's driveway," he said.

John Simmons of the Eugene Mission agreed with Ford, saying there is still a large homeless population that is not receiving support. The Mission sees some of these people, about 300 a night, he said.

"There's a lot of people out

there on the street who aren't being provided for," he said.

Simmons encouraged people to take active roles in helping people who find themselves hungry and homeless by donating food and clothing to local shelters. He also asked people to drop off newspapers in Eugene Mission recycling bins. Through newspaper donations, the Mission makes about 50 percent of its annual budget and provide about 90 people with jobs in their work-therapy program.

Joe Softich of Catholic Community Services said there is little that can be done to help people because of a lack of resources.

"All we can do is listen to them," he said. "There are so few resources."

ISA receives smaller increase than requested

■ **STUDENT SENATE:** The councils governing the Greek system were granted special requests

By Ashley Bach
 Student Activities Reporter

The ASUO Student Senate approved special requests from the International Student Association (ISA), Interfraternity Council (IFC), and Panhellenic Council during its meeting on Wednesday night in the EMU Board Room.

ISA, the umbrella organization for many campus cultural groups, requested \$4000 for its upcoming International Week in April. In addition, ISA members requested a separate \$1325 for items pertaining to the event, which includes an international night at its conclusion.

The Senate, after looking at

the ISA's proposed revenue from the cultural evening as well as fundraising, decided the group's full request was unwarranted. Several senators said ISA's original budget, along with its income from event tickets, should sufficiently cover the week's expenses.

"They (the ISA) were budgeted money and they should work within that budget," senator Sean Martin said.

ISA members said they needed the full amount due to deficits caused by some of the smaller groups under their budget.

"Our budget has been eaten away," said public relations officer Lisa Khan. "We don't have the funds we're supposed to get."

The Senate granted the ISA a request of \$975, citing the group's disorganization and mis-

takes in calculations.

ISA members, however, said such a decrease would cause the quality of their event as well as those of the smaller groups to suffer.

"It's a pretty late stage to go back and make changes," said assistant director Subir Dutta.

The Senate also approved a \$1500 request from the IFC, who wanted funds for two nationally-known speakers to come to campus. Joel Goldman and T.J. Sullivan will speak on "Friendship In The Age Of AIDS" on April 9.

The Panhellenic Council also had its transfer request of \$324 approved by the Senate.

In other Senate business, a ballot measure regarding incidental fees was passed on to the ASUO Constitutional Court for approval on the spring ballot.

BE THE EDITOR

The Oregon Daily Emerald, the independent student newspaper at the University of Oregon, is accepting applications for the position of Editor for the 1996-97 academic year.

To be eligible, a candidate must be:

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Applicants must be in good academic standing.

Interested parties should pick up an application packet, which includes a job description, at the ODE front desk in Suite 300 EMU or call 346-5511 for more information.

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