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Hong Kong will become part of China

RULE: University students who call Hong Kong home have differing views on the upcoming hand-over

By Sarah Keech
Higher Education Reporter

Since 1842, the tiny island of Hong Kong and the surrounding peninsula of Kowloon have been under British colonial rule. Now, in less than two months, Hong Kong will

THE FACTS

■ At 12 a.m. on July 1st 1997, Hong Kong will revert from British colonial rule back to that of Communist China.

■ Hong Kong has been a colony of Great Britain since 1842, and in 1898 entered into a 99 year lease with China that will expire this year.

■ Public concern in Hong Kong over political rule and personal freedoms, has grown recently as the hand over date approaches.

■ Hong Kong is one of the largest financial centers in the world.

■ Hong Kong has a large foreign population, including many Americans and British citizens.

once again become part of China.

Students at the University with ties to Hong Kong have differing views on what the hand-over will mean for them and their home.

"I am excited and happy that China will rule again," said Elin Mok, a member of the Honk Kong Student Association (HKSA). "I don't think China would do anything to hurt the way that Hong Kong functions."

Mok will be in Hong Kong for the hand-over that will officially take place at 12 a.m. on July 1st.

HKSA has about 80 members and plans to continue functioning as usual in the coming years, Mok explained.

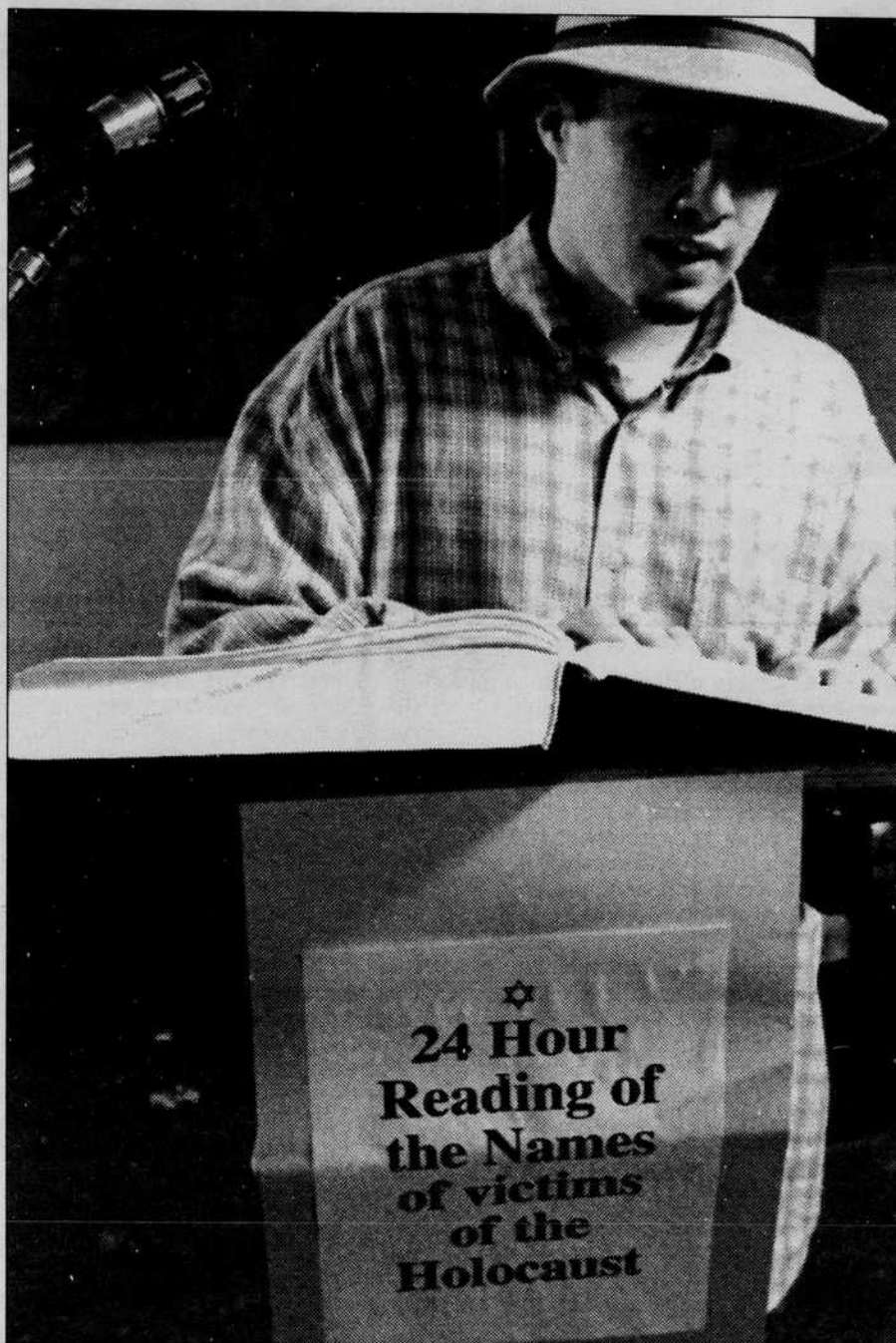
"We are planning to hold a seminar sometime next year focusing on the business and political situation in Hong Kong after the changeover," Mok said.

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HOLOCAUST REMEMBERED

Shoah Week begins with 24-hour vigil



A volunteer reads the names of Holocaust victims Sunday night in the EMU Courtyard.

EVENT: The Jewish Student Union hopes the University community will remember the individual lives of those affected by the Holocaust

By Laura Baker
Student Activities Reporter

"The importance of memory is a very powerful thing — to be able to remember and recall incidents of the past," Jewish Student Union Director Micah Citrin said.

That is what Shoah Week is about: remembering the Holocaust.

Citrin said this event, which began Sunday, is important because it gives the University community a chance to see where it is in terms of history.

"The fact is that 50 years ago there was one of the most devastating genocides the world has ever seen," he said. "That killing became systematized and industrialized. And while Jews were killed in the largest numbers, it went beyond Jews."

Shoah Week began with the 24-hour reading in the EMU Courtyard of names of people killed during the Holocaust. The reading ends tonight at 8:30 p.m. and will be followed by a memorial service and candlelight vigil.

Citrin said the memorial service gives students a chance to mourn the tragedy of the Holocaust and also acts as a springboard for the events during the week.

"This year is going to be especially unique because we're not so much going to be looking at the heavy, hard, extremely depressing facts," Citrin said. "We're going to be looking at who these people [who died in the Holocaust] were as individuals."



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A member of the Eugene Fire Department prepares to keep a truck cool by spraying it with water. The heat from a house fire can blister the paint off the fire trucks from dozens of yards away.

'Burn to learn' exercise teaches fire safety

FIRE: Mayor Jim Torrey and two members of the city council became firefighters for a day in a program sponsored by the fire department

By Ryan Maughn
Community Reporter

The telephone lines at the Department of Public Safety were busy all afternoon Friday with people calling in to report a fire in Springfield.

The fire department was already there, however. They were there from the moment the fire started. In fact, they lit the match.

A Springfield resident gave the fire department permission to burn her house to the ground on Friday morning so she could build a new one on the land and so firefighters could receive training in a real house fire.

The fire department uses the burning of these struc-

tural donations, which they call "burn to learn," to train new firefighters in real-life situations and to improve their knowledge of the way a fire burns, said Brian Terrett, the public information director. This gives arson investigators a better foundation from which to judge the cause of fires.

"In many ways for us [the "burn to learn" exercises] are the difference between saving a life and losing a life," Terrett said.

Mayor Jim Torrey and city council members Betty Taylor and Scott Miesner were at the scene in full firefighter gear, which includes boots, fire-proof garments and an oxygen tank, so they could participate in the exercise and improve their understanding of the Eugene fire department's practices.

The three city government members had to go into

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