

# Torrey applauds community in annual address

The mayor discussed the day curfew for minors and the homeless

By David Ryan  
Freelance reporter

Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey announced plans to implement a controversial day curfew for Eugene's youth in the next year during his annual "State of the City" address Wednesday at the Eugene Hilton.

Under the curfew, minors caught skipping school would be picked up by police and taken to the Looking Glass Youth and Family Services Center. The center would then contact parents.

Homeless youth would inevitably be affected by the day curfew law. "You can't deal with [truancy] just in the schools," Torrey said. "Some of [the homeless youth] are runaways, but unfortunately a large number of them are throwaways."

Looking Glass would actively try to contact parents who do not show up after 5 p.m.

"The most important issues we can deal with is how we are taking care of our young people," Torrey said. "I heard a statistic that 30 percent of children born in Oregon will be born to unwed mothers. We need to focus on prevention

and suppression before incarceration."

City Manager Vicki Elmer was in favor of Torrey's day-curfew plan. "He's trying to get kids back in school and deal with homeless youth," she said.

During the address, Torrey also talked about Eugene's homeless population in general. "We have a homelessness problem," he admitted. "We have so many of these people that we don't have enough financial resources to deal with their needs."

In response to the city's inability to deal with the homeless, city resident Charles Grey, who headed the Homeless Action Committee, was honored for his respectful attitude while dealing with city officials and his "fire and enthusiasm."

Aside from these issues, Torrey's address focused mostly on city accomplishments, especially in overcoming budget difficulties arising from Measures 47 and 50.

Community involvement eased the strain, he said. The city received \$100,000 from former Mayor Ruth Bascom to build a memorial park, \$20,000 in donated supplies and labor to build crosswalks at Sheldon High School, and more than 3,000 hours in labor from volunteers involved in Stream Team, a wetland, stream

and pond conservation group.

In further defiance of budget cutbacks, the city is planning to build two new fire stations, one on Willakenzie Road to deal with emergencies and another on Second Avenue and Chambers Street to serve as the new master station.

Overcoming budget cutbacks wasn't the only accomplishment Torrey cited.

"A record number of voters say they are pleased with the city government," he said, referring to a Eugene city survey. "Ninety percent of people felt that they were part of the community. Eighty-four percent of people surveyed had an overall satisfaction with city services. Sixty-two percent of people surveyed said they were satisfied with the city government."

"When I ran for mayor, over and over again, people told me that this City Council was a joke. I defy anyone to say that now."

The day curfew and community involvement were part of Torrey's personal philosophy of government that guided city events in 1997.

"Governing in a democratic society is like navigating a riverboat," Torrey said, quoting President Abraham Lincoln. "You can't just set a course; you have to steer from one point to the next."



CHAD PATTESON/Emerald

Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey speaks during the annual "State of the City" address Wednesday at the Eugene Hilton.

## Maximizing Human Potential!

# Sign-UP!

LEAGUES	DIV	MIN. No. PLAYERS	ENTRY DEADLINE	START DATE	FEE
+Basketball	M*W*C*	5	**Instant Lottery Scheduling	Jan. 20	\$40
Coed Volleyball	C	6	January 23, 5:00 pm	Jan. 28	\$40

\*\*INSTANT LOTTERY SCHEDULING  
Basketball Instant Lottery: Thursday, January 15, in 102 Esslinger, time TBA

### ONE DAY EVENTS

Table Tennis	MWC	1-2	Feb. 05 5 pm	Feb. 7	\$2 per person
Badminton	MWC	1-2	Feb. 19 5 pm	Feb. 22	\$2 per person
Wrestling: Team/Individual	M	Team (3) or Indiv. Weigh-ins	Feb. 04	Feb. 04	\$2 per person
			Feb. 04	3:45-5:00 pm, ESL Locker Room	

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Basketball Scramble	MW	5	Jan. 14, 3 pm	Jan. 14 & 16	NC
Open Swim Meet	MWC	4	Feb. 18	Feb. 20	NC
Free Throw, Hof Shot, 3 Point	MW	1	Feb. 11	Feb. 11	NC

### TWO-DAY EVENTS

Indoor Soccer	MWC	5	Feb. 12	Feb. 14 & 15	\$15
Stadium Football	MWC	7	Feb. 19	Feb. 21 & 22	\$35

\* M=Men, W=Women, C=Coed + Intramural sport - under IM regulations (See Handbook)

### MANDATORY PRE-SEASON MEETINGS:

Sport	Date	Time	Location
Basketball	Tuesday, January 13	4 pm	204 Condon
Coed Volleyball	Wednesday, January 21	4 pm	302 Gerlinger

### MANDATORY PLAYOFF MEETINGS:

Sport	Date	Time	Location
Basketball	Thursday, February 12	4 pm	204 Condon
Coed Volleyball	Thursday, February 12	5 pm	107 Esslinger

**Earn Money!**

Now accepting applications for RIM Basketball officials.  
Apply at 102 Esslinger or call 6-4113.  
1st meeting-Jan 7, 5:00 p.m.  
Room 63 Esslinger Hall



102 Esslinger • Phone #6-4113 • CHECK US OUT! <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~pars>

## Stewart Says...

IT'S TIME TO WINTERIZE YOUR CAR.



Here's the Simply Smarter way to get the convenience of a Chevron credit card. For REPAIRS and same as cash prices on gas.

**CALL 1-800-FREE-APP (373-3277)**

In just 3 minutes, upon approval, your card can be in your wallet in three days. There's no annual fee, so pick up a phone and apply today.

515 E. Broadway (off Franklin)  
484-0446 for appointments



Simply Smarter

## The Shutterbug

Where You Are Guaranteed Better Service and Price!  
Amazing Film Developing Special!

**\$2.99**  
Standard 135mm 135-24 Exp. Developed and Printed 3x5 Size  
Other Expires 1-21-98. No other coupons or discounts accepted.

**FAST FILM DEVELOPING**  
Overnight Service Monday - Friday

**Save On All Darkroom Supplies!**

<p><b>Ilford WarmTone MG</b> Black and white variable contrast paper with a contrast range close to standard multi-grade fiber base papers. 25 sheets - 8x10 size <b>\$21.99</b></p>	<p>Print File Pages... <b>10 for \$1.99</b> <b>15% OFF Filters</b> Ask About our <b>Memories Plus Club Cards</b> Extra Savings Everyday Throughout the Year!</p>
--	--

**SPECIAL STUDENT DISCOUNTS!**  
Eugene Campus ~ 890 East 13th Street.....342-3456

FIND STUFF IN THE ODE CLASSIFIEDS  
(JOBS, PLANE TICKETS, ROOMMATES, PETS, AND EVEN PEOPLE TO TYPE YOUR PAPERS FOR YOU)