

## Protest in Bend

About 50 people rallied in Bend Monday to voice their concern over what they call the corporate slant of the Forest Service

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## Cox is making the changes

The Emeralds rookie center fielder has had to adjust to a new town, a new league and a new kind of baseball bat to get by in Eugene

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### TODAY

Mad Duck(ling) Theatre has an 11 a.m. show on the Robinson Amphitheater lawn.

### WEATHER

Today  
Sunny  
High 96. Low 62.  
Wednesday  
Sunny  
High 92. Low 61.

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## Young student excels in Japanese

An 11-year-old taking summer session said she isn't daunted by classes with students twice her age

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Among the many summer session students trying to survive the heat and wondering how they're going to get through the next three weeks and eighteen credits, one stands a little apart from the rest.

Eva Sylwester could be classified as an average 11-year-old. She plays video games, likes to draw, has three birds and loves the Beatles. So of course she has chosen to spend her summer, not running around and playing, but studying Japanese at the University.

Steve Sylwester, Eva's father, said she has always been one step ahead when it comes to education.

"She taught herself to read when she was two years old," Steve said.

Eva's parents said they felt the public education system was holding her back. Around her second-grade year, they applied for her acceptance at an accelerated school in Eugene.

"You have to submit to a lottery and it doesn't matter if your child should be in this school or that school," Steve said. "It's by luck of the draw. If you're in, you're in. If you're not, you're not."

When Eva wasn't chosen in the lottery, her parents turned to the Yujin Gakuen School, which focuses on computers and Japanese.

"My wife did not want to consider the option of home schooling, so we looked at their Japanese immersion program," Steve said.

So Eva learned Japanese.

This summer, Eva is in second-year Japanese at the University, currently maintaining an A average in her 200-level courses.

"I wanted to keep up on my Japanese, so my dad suggested I take classes here," Eva said. "I just had to take a placement test to see what level I would study at [this summer]."

Eva said she doesn't want to let her Japanese go to waste and hopes to visit Japan one day.

"I'd like to go," Eva said. "It's kind of



LAURA GOSS/Emerald

Eva Sylwester's father, Steve, suggested she take summer classes at the University.

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## Chaney's life celebrated by family, friends

Community members gathered Friday to remember the unique University anthropology professor who died last week

By Peter Breden  
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Friday's memorial service for University anthropology professor Richard Paul Chaney was reflective. Friends and family filled St. Thomas More Catholic Church for the service.

A mass was held in memory of the professor who died July 20 of a heart attack.

The service concluded with an open microphone for people to come forward and share their feelings and stories about Chaney.

The stories told of humor, elation and spirit.

Chaney's next-door neighbor described how she and Chaney extinguished a fire on a new section of his house, doing so without calling the fire department or waking anyone inside the home.

One of his long-time colleagues described how Chaney had wall-papered a room in his house with aluminum foil, leaving rough spots for texture.

A more recent student of Chaney's remembered the dialogues that would extend for hours with Chaney. The student left one six-hour session to find that his car had been towed.

The time of sharing brought out many doleful chuckles along with an abundance of tears for Chaney's passing.

Graduate student Bill Stephens commented, "Richard was a higher example as a person ... he used to say, 'Who do you say I am?'"

Almost everyone who shared mentioned Chaney's energy and spirit as a person. He was a person who will be remembered and felt as much as he will be missed, they said.

"Surely goodness and mercy will follow me for all of my days," Rev. Vincent Benoit read from the Old Testament's Psalm 23. "And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come."

## Non-custodial parents may not have to pay tuition

A wide effect could be felt if the state appeals court upholds a previous ruling

By Charles E. Beggs  
The Associated Press

SALEM — A dispute between two divorced parents led to an appeals court hearing Monday on whether a parent can be obliged by law to help pay college expenses.

Marianne Groom, ex-wife of Dennis Crocker of Portland, took the case to the state Court of Appeals after Crocker won a ruling that a law requiring such support payments is invalid.

Multnomah County Judge Paula Kurshner last fall overturned the law as unconstitutional. She agreed with Crocker that the law violates equal protection provisions of the state and federal constitu-

tions because it gives privileges to adult children of divorcees that aren't received by comparable children whose parents are married.

Her ruling for now affects only the single case. But officials said it could have a wider impact if the appeals court goes along with the trial court.

A brief submitted by state attorneys speculates that eliminating the law could make the obligation to support 18- to 21-year-old students "the responsibility of the state."

Crocker and Groom were divorced in 1987. A court ordered Crocker in 1995 to financially help his oldest daughter with her education.

He brought the legal challenge when his ex-wife

attempted in 1997 to get similar aid for a middle daughter, who was 18 at the time.

The state says non-custodial parents can be required to pay support until a child is 21 under certain conditions, including that they attend college and maintain at least a C average.

Barry Admanson, an attorney for Groom, said the law doesn't make support a duty but gives judges discretion.

The attorney general's office, in a brief filed with the court, said that laws on distributing benefits based on marital status will survive challenges "if they are a responsible attempt by the Legislature to address a perceived problem."