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Mayor Jim Torrey burns the Hult Center mortgage Wednesday night as City Manager Jim Johnson applauds.

## Hult

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Neufeld said she was intro-duced to the Hult Center through the free Thursday evening concert

"The Hult Center was instrumental in helping me network as a writer and a singer," Neufeld said. "It was food for me-spiritually and emotionally.'

Each year the Hult Center hosts nationally and internationally acclaimed artists who draw audience members from all over the Pacific Northwest.

"The center really has a regional significance," Hoffman said.

Performances like last year's Riverdance and Les Miserables put the Hult Center on the map.

"People come all the way from northern California to southern Washington, from the coast to past Bend," Hoffman said.

Eugene resident, Michael Harbour, said he came to the bond burning festivities to sample the different groups that performed.

About 50 members of University Gospel Choir performed as well as resident companies like the

66 This is a truly community facility. When this facility first went on-line, I don't think anyone knew what that would mean for the community. "

> Jim Torrey Mayor of Eugene

Oregon Mozart Players and the Eugene Ballet Company, the Eugene Symphony Orchestra and Dance Theater of Oregon.

One of the major reasons the Hult Center was built was to celebrate our resident companies,' said City Manager Jim Johnson. 'We should also look to the fu-

"It took 20 years to pay it off," Neufeld said. "Now it's debt free and I'm sure the community will be able to do more things.'

"The future is in the hands of the community," Hoffman said.

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City of Eugene "would never want this college community to believe that we don't respect them.

'No one from the city believes that this is reflective of the student body of this school," he

Only five of 12 people involved were affiliated with the University, he said. And Torrey said he was very happy with the effort the University put into developing alternative forms of entertainment. These programs helped to reduce the level of activity Saturday, he

Frohnmayer said that riots are a national problem and not restricted solely to the University.

When you have a lot of people in a relatively small area and you add alcohol to the equation, it increases the possibility of violent behavior, he said.

Frohnmayer said the University has to work to create a solution to the national riot problem by creating a positive Oregonian and Eugenean solution."

"We all have to work together to solve this problem," he said. 'We simply have to be even more creative and work even harder."

Frohnmayer said some possible solutions to the ongoing riot problem would be to hold some alcohol-free events in a place larger than the EMU. These events would last longer into the night and hold more people, he said.

But Frohnmayer said he feels the University has made progress in the last year. There were fewer people involved this year and fewer people arrested, he said.

Torrey seconded Frohnmayer's comment. "This is happening all over the country," he said. "It could have been a lot worse."

Frohnmayer and Torrey also

used the meeting as an opportunity to discuss the recent incident regarding a student who was arrested at Hamilton Complex Monday night. However, Frohnmayer said the two incidents were completely unrelated.

There was no indication of alcohol related to this incident, and a vast number of the students present supported the police, Frohnmayer said. The tenor of the students was very different, he said.

Both Frohnmayer and Torrey said the problems that caused this year's riot are not solely restricted to the people involved.

Torrey said there was a high level of expectation of something of this nature taking place on Halloween because of the media coverage of the one-year anniversary

"My understanding is that TV cameras were out at 5 or 6 in the evening in expectation of events happening," Torrey said.

It seemed that if there wasn't a riot, there would have been a feeling of frustration among members of the media, he said.

There should be a close self-examination by the media of the appropriateness of their actions, Torrey said.

Frohnmayer said that he agreed with Torrey in that the media played a large part in the riots this year. He added that the students he had spoken with felt the same

The students were genuinely angered that the media acted this way, especially through internal on-campus media, Frohnmayer said.

Torrey said the complete cost of the riot to the city is thus far undetermined, but the preliminary cost was \$9,000 for the police officers' overtime.



Mayor Jim Torrey and President Dave Frohnmayer discuss solutions to prevent the violence and vandalism from Halloween riots at a press conference Wednesday.

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