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Today Sunny
High 83, Low 57

Wednesday Showers/Sun
High 76, Low 56

Students rock the campaigns

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Peace presides at meeting

All sides involved are pleased with the peaceful progress made in Friday's anarchist meeting

By Sara Lieberth
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The signature-laden banner that hung atop Carol Berg's small furniture booth at the Saturday Market last weekend said it all. "Nice going Anarchos, EPD, Peaceworkers! — Community."

The kudos were in response to the pacifistic outcome of the much-hyped anarchist gathering held the day before in downtown Eugene.

It seemed at first like a contradiction in terms — anarchists peaceably organizing to hone their energy and message for the general public. A contrast, at least, from the June 18 protest that resulted in broken windows, blocked traffic and 19 arrests. But in the absence of a repetition of such violence, Friday's gathering in Monroe Park could actually be the start of an effective, grass-roots social-justice movement here in Eugene.

After relocating the planned event from the congested downtown mall to the park at West 10th Avenue and Monroe Street, about 150 activists, media personnel and police converged on the park grass for more than an hour.

Activists met in groups delineated by focus, in clusters around small, staked signs reading "Peace-keeping," "Public Forum," "U of O Anti-riot" and "Coalition Building."

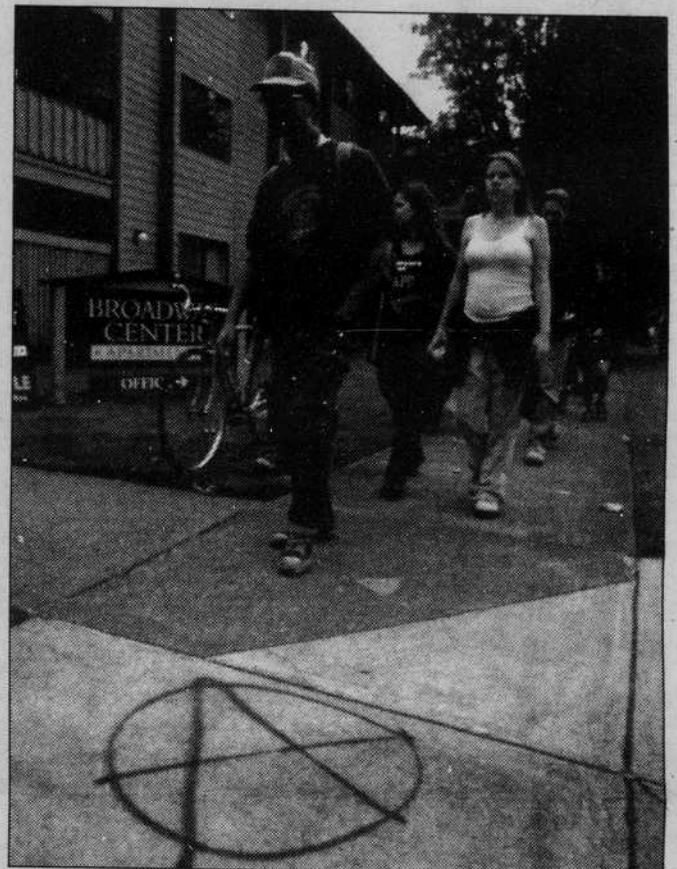
Carol Berg of Cascadia Alive! facilitated the large public forum group, allowing participants to raise issues they deemed pressing and concluded by agreeing to schedule an on-going large-scale forum for more of the same.

"I'm relieved that ultimately it became a community event," Berg said. "We were working together and coming up with productive ideas."

The peacekeeping enclave discussed how to make future protests free from the violent outbursts that characterized June 18 as well as the means for successfully getting their message across in the broader community. Those in the coalition-building meeting brainstormed about issues to address in future gatherings, including racism, homophobia, campaign reform, education and a perceived lack of public spaces. They also composed a short list of "who's missing," from the discussion, such as members of the Latino community, children and those from rural areas.

Although many activists expressed their disdain for the huge media presence Friday, with one young woman declaring, "We want a community dialogue not a media monologue," others acknowledge the attention as a vehicle for getting their message to the public. "We live in a world that's insane," one woman shouted, "and we're sick of not be-

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Scott Barnett/Emerald

Demonstrators walk past a remnant of last month's anarchy rally on their way to Friday's non-violent rally held at Monroe Park.



Ellen Klaastad, a reserve materials clerk at Knight Library, cheers during a rally for higher education employees.

Catharine Kendall/Emerald

OPEU unhappy with proposals

The University's OPEU is considering a strike if contract negotiations continue to stagnate

By Sara Jarrett
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The University's Oregon Public Employees Union is fighting for two major changes in its contract for the next biennium.

The OPEU is seeking equal treatment of its 4,000 workers with the state's other

18,000 OPEU workers. It also wants its employees' wages and benefits to be brought up to market standard. According to the latest survey by the Oregon University System, University classified workers are paid, on average, nine percent below market level.

A few years ago, with the passing of Senate Bill 271, the OUS gained more internal control over its budget by being granted the power to negotiate directly with its classified workers, while the rest of the union proceeds to deal with the Department of Administration Services in Salem. Consequently, workers that are technically part of the same union are faced with different contracts.

This has caused bitter feelings within the University's OPEU because it's not being offered the same deal that the other OPEU workers signed with DAS on Wednesday. The new contract grants the OPEU a four-percent wage increase during the next two years, full HMO coverage

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Moon visited 30 years ago by Apollo 11

Adults around campus fondly remember the momentous moon landing by Apollo 11

By Sara Lieberth
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Initiated by John F. Kennedy's challenge in 1961 to put an American safely on the moon by the end of the decade, NASA's Apollo 11 mission successfully answered the call by landing a lunar module on the surface of the moon 30 years ago today.

"Here men from planet Earth first set foot upon the moon July 1969 A.D.," read the plaque left behind by the astronauts. "We came in peace for all mankind."

It was at 4:17 p.m. on July 20, 1969, that the famed Eagle landed, carrying with it pilots Michael Collins, Buzz Aldrin and Commander Neil Armstrong. And when Armstrong descended off the ladder to become the first human to step foot on Earth's satellite, the world watched with awestruck attention.

Indeed, nearly everyone old enough to remember this unprecedented and unforgettable moment in American history can specifically locate themselves when first they witnessed the "giant leap for mankind."

Lt. Col. Bob Rhen of the military science

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