

News brief

Kesey's reading program reaches the end

The "Readin' in the Rain" series will conclude today with the showing of the movie version of Ken Kesey's "Sometimes a Great Notion" at 6 p.m. at the McDonald Theatre.

"Readin' in the Rain" is a city-wide reading program that featured reading and discussion of Kesey's "Sometimes a Great Notion." Ken Babbs, an original member of the Merry Pranksters, will introduce the movie and the Shelley James Music Box, and the Sugarbeets will provide music entertainment after the film.

Promoters originally listed ticket prices at \$20, but said donations will also be accepted for today's show.

"We want to fill the place up," said Scott Landfield, co-owner of Tsunami Books, one of the event's sponsors.

— John Liebhardt

EWEB

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The Eugene Water and Electric Board cut electric rates March 19 but added a temporary surcharge to customer bills to pay for \$40 million debt caused by EWEB's power purchases last year on the open market. The effect is a 2.64

percent increase on residential electricity bills. Students will see May bills rise on average \$2.80, EWEB spokesman Lance Robertson said.

Robertson said the utility has done its best to cope with a difficult situation.

"We've been able to deal with a \$40 million problem with a

very slight rate increase," he said.

The board plans to use the surcharge to pay off \$20 million of the debt and to use budget cuts passed the same evening to pay off the other \$20 million.

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Grad student

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translators were allowed for assistance.

After being deported, Randolph was also told he could not return to Ecuador for five years. He is appeal-

ing the ruling.

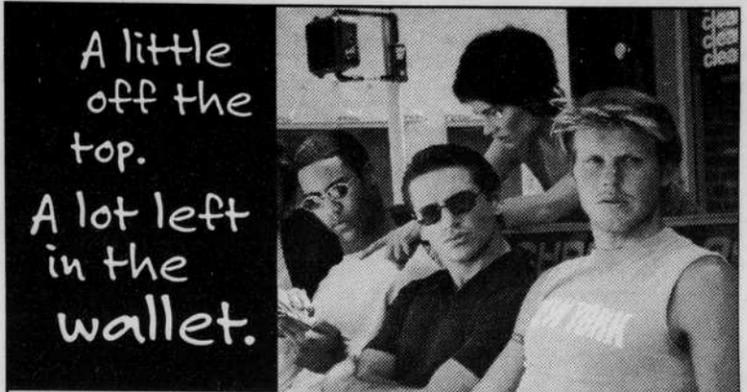
His experience was brightened by the number of visitors he had during his detention, he said.

"I had visitors from (Oleoducto de Crudos Pesados) and individuals," he said. "I had lots of

support."

Randolph is keeping the topic for his thesis, which now includes a documentary of his experience in Ecuador.

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