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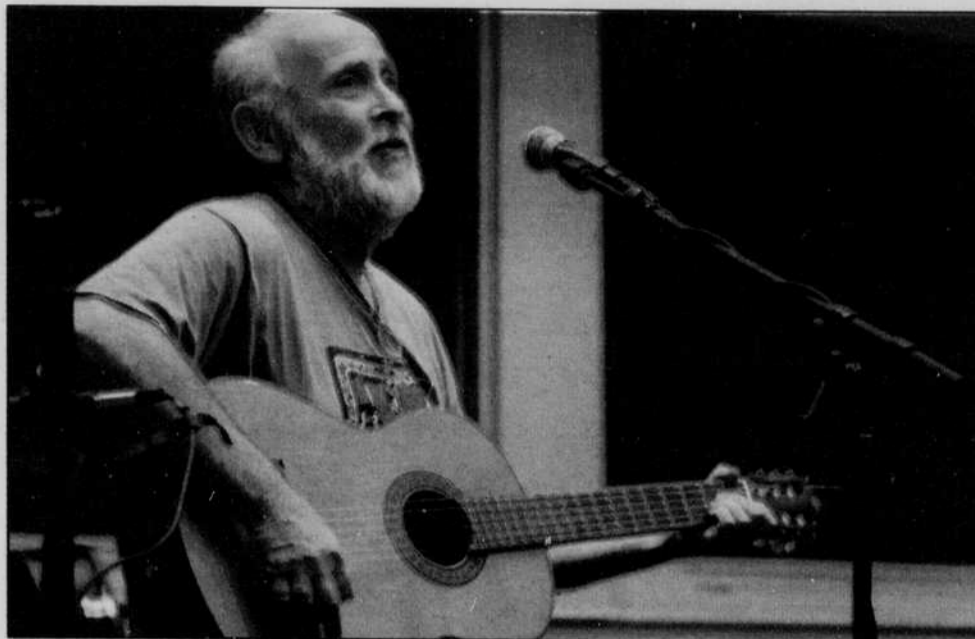
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a visit from the TOWN CRIER

John Seed discussed the current disconnect between humans and the earth during his presentation

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Renowned global environmentalist visited the University on Thursday night to discuss his latest rain forest conservation projects and spread awareness of growing ecological concerns around the world. During the presentation, titled "The town crier for the global village," John Seed played guitar, sang and



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John Seed, founder of the Rainforest Information Centre in Australia and co-author of "Thinking Like a Mountain," drew a crowd of nearly 150 community members and students Thursday night in Willamette 100.

recited and rapped poems; he also showed a film to explain his philosophy on deep ecology.

Seed is the founder of the Rainforest Information Centre in Lismore, Australia, and he is co-author of "Thinking Like a Mountain: Towards a Council of All Beings." Nearly 150 people attended his presentation.

The global significance of rainforests, Seed said, is that "they are the very womb of life." He said that although he saw many successes in his early stages of activism, which included

protests and various restoration projects, they were only saving one forest at a time while 100 others were being destroyed.

"Unless we simultaneously address the underlying psychological and spiritual disease that allows modern humans to feel separate from nature, the destruction of species and life-support systems will continue."

Seed discussed a point made by Arne Ness,

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Senators respond to funding requests

The ASUO Senate Summer Committee heard from student groups during its first meeting

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Five of six newly elected senators heard special requests and announcements from several student groups and one community member as the ASUO Senate Summer Committee conducted its first meeting Wednesday. Senate President Reinier Heyden presided over the meeting with the help of former Senate Treasurer Nicholas Hudson.

Hudson, now the ASUO finance coordinator, requested the Senate's approval to transfer \$8,940 from \$19,198.70 left in last year's Administrative Assistant payroll account into the Office Supplies account. The ASUO Green Tape Notebook, in which Senate rules, procedures and the ASUO Constitution are listed, states, "The Summer Committee shall allocate no more than a total of \$5,000 for special requests."

Hudson said this rule applies only to unallocated money, and this transfer deals with funds already assigned. The extra money in payroll resulted from vacancies in the administrative assistant position, which was not filled until February; the programs coordinator position; and an unpaid multicultural advocate, who was already being paid as a senator.

Kevin Day, former Athletic Department Finance Committee senator, said the Summer Committee cannot allocate more than \$5,000 from surplus, and because this money will not roll over into surplus until July 1, the money transfer is allowed. However, the Green Tape Notebook rules make no specific allowances for surpluses or unallocated reserves.

Also, Hudson's two special request forms were dated June 20, two days before the Senate meeting. However, the Green Tape Notebook rules state, "(Special) Requests over \$1,000 shall be submitted no less than five school days prior to the Senate meeting at which the request will be heard." No time requirement exceptions are listed for submitted Special Requests under Summer Committee.

Hudson's special request form stated that the ASUO "is the recognized voice of the student population and oversees all student programs. If the funding request is denied, we will not be able to fully co-sponsor events for student programs, which have a direct impact on the cultural and physical development of campus."

The Senate unanimously voted to approve this request. The executive office will now be equipped with four new computers, totaling \$6,000; three digital recorders, totaling \$420; a \$195 digital camera; two new tables with filing cabinets for \$1,500; and various other items.

"A digital camera is going to help out a lot down the road ... and hopefully we can do other things than just take pictures of ourselves," Hudson said.

The Senate unanimously approved a similar funds transfer from last year's Administrative Assistant payroll account into

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Voice takes steps to recover from theft

The publication's staff is working to get back on schedule after its computer was stolen on May 22

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On the evening of May 22, staff members of the Oregon Voice left their office unaware that a thief stalked the halls of the EMU.

When staff members returned to their office the next day, they discovered that their office computer had been stolen. The computer, a G4 Graphite Tower, belonged to the Oregon Voice's publisher, Scott Carver.

The used computer had an approximate value of \$300.

Carver said that the Oregon Voice had been operating without an official office computer since he joined the publication, partly due to a previous theft that left the Voice without a computer.

The previous theft occurred when the Oregon Voice had its own office in the late '90s, prior to the publication's brief dormancy from November 2000 until the following year, when a number of student journalists revived the publication.

Currently, the Oregon Voice shares an office with a number of other student groups in EMU 20, located in the basement. However, Carver said the blame for the break-in rests with the Oregon Voice.

"It was clearly our fault," said Carver, who admitted that staff members had "negligently left the door unlocked on the night the computer was stolen."

In Carver's estimation, the stolen computer stored 80 percent of an issue of the Voice. This constituted only a minor setback to the publication, as Carver and other staff

members worked from their home computers to piece the lost issue back together. Although the Voice has fallen behind its self-imposed publication deadline, Carver said the staggered publication schedule is "partly theft-related and partly from us being assholes."

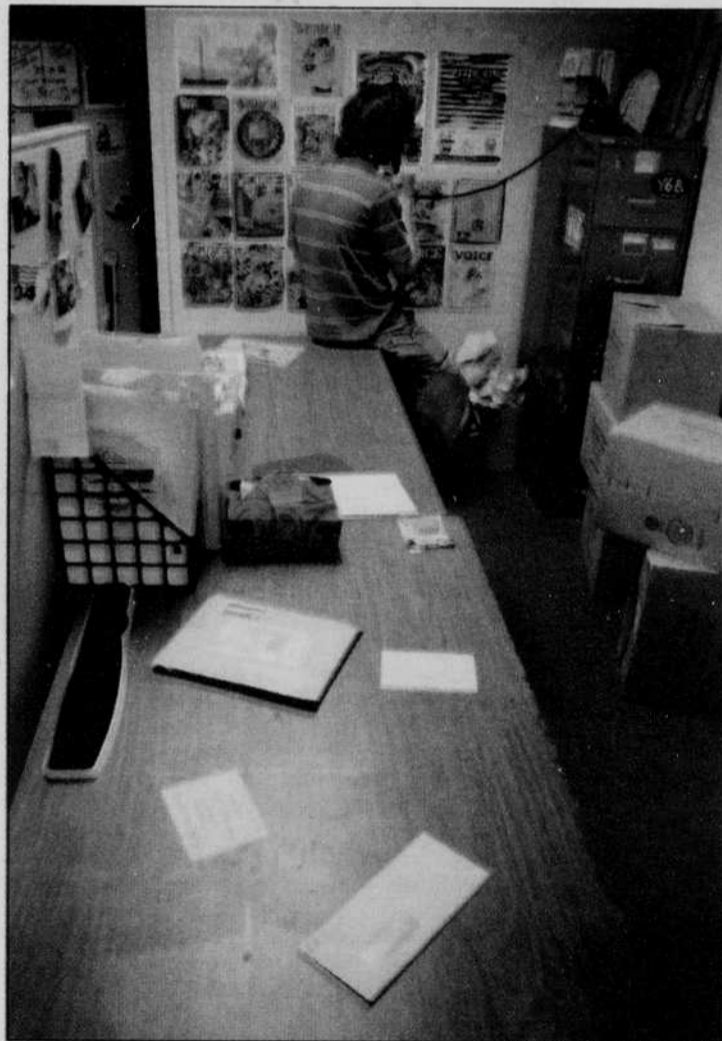
As an employee of the Knight Library, Carver said he has been privy to a number of property theft complaints and believes that something should be done about them.

"For some reason, the University has an aversion to security cameras," said Carver.

Department of Public Safety theft prevention officer Chris Fosnight said theft is always an issue on campus. According to a DPS Public Safety Bulletin from April 1, \$160,000 in personal property has been stolen from campus in the past year. Most of the property has been bicycles, but there have also been numerous incidents of computers being stolen from offices.

Fosnight is not convinced that security cameras are the best solution because they could make people feel uncomfortable and because cameras are only useful after thefts have already occurred as tools for prosecutors.

There are a number of proactive steps that people can take to protect themselves from computer thieves: People should never leave offices or rooms containing computers unattended; all doors and windows should be securely locked overnight; and computers should be fastened to desks or other stable objects using lightweight cables, Fosnight said. He



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Scott Carver, publisher of the Oregon Voice and a senior journalism major, checks voice mail in the office where the publication's Mac G4 computer was stolen.

also said a preemptive step toward recovering stolen property is to hold on to serial numbers. Carver didn't have the serial numbers for his computer.

"I can't just go to pawn shops now; all these computers look the

same," said Carver.

Carver plans to place an equipment request for a new office computer before the summer is over and also request that the EMU Board move the Voice to a non-communal office.