



THE FAMILY MEEK: Members of the family were pleased with the sculpture and gladly stood for a picture with the statue of their relative. Staff photo by Tina Riggs

## Meek family attends sculpture unveiling

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About 25 members of the Joe Meek family were present last Thursday for the official unveiling of the Joe Meek statue in the outer area of the cafeteria.

Opening the ceremony, Norman Bursheim, chairperson of the art department, gave a short talk on the necessity of art at the College and the prospect of the relocation of the bronze artwork.

Bursheim also briefly discussed a proposed Performing Arts Center which would house the drama, music, and art department...and Joe Meek.

Without further ado, Bursheim introduced Leland John, art instructor, and the two artists proceeded to unveil the partially covered statue.

Dr. Donald Epstein, a history instructor, lectured on the life and times of Joe Meek.

"Meek was a mountain man," Epstein explained. "He

trapped furs...until the fad for Beaver hats in Europe diminished. Then he came to Oregon."

Epstein related a few humorous tales about Meek, and also some serious stories of Meek's life and involvement in Oregon History.

Four of Meek's grandchildren, Ruth, Joe, John and Eva Meek, were able to attend the event. Many great grandchildren were also there. Three generations of 'Joe Meeks' posed for a picture with the

sculpture honoring their relative.

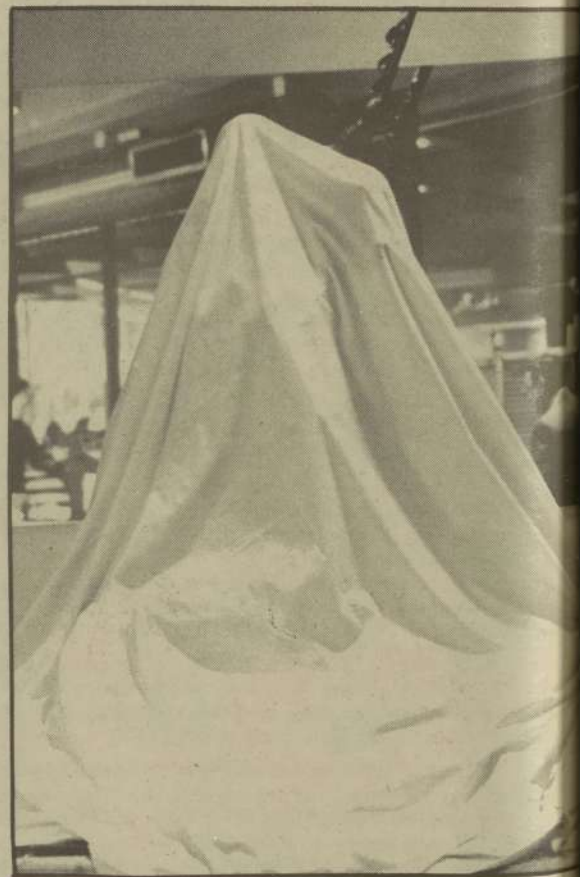
Dan Huber, sculptor of the Meek statue, was unable to attend the ceremony, but Bursheim extended his apologies. Huber is said to have had a lifetime admiration of Joe Meek, which prompted him to

create that particular piece. Prior to the large sculpture, Huber produced several miniatures of the Meek piece, now valued at \$2,000 each.

The Joe Meek sculpture indeed thought provoking and a wonderful tribute to a truly inspirational man.



THESE FOUR GRANDCHILDREN of Joe Meek attended the official unveiling of the bronze sculpture. Staff photo by Tina Riggs



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THE FIGURE WAS covered only partially for the ceremony which took place last Thursday.

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