

Police arrest communist for 'disturbing the peace'

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Eugene police arrested a member of the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade on charges of "loud and raucous noise" and unauthorized use of a bull horn Thursday at the University.

RCYB member Edmund Smith, from Eugene, was addressing passersby with a bull horn at the corner of University Street and 13th Avenue when a Eugene police officer arrested him. Smith is not a University student.

The police department reportedly had received complaints of loud noise, but a student on the scene said the RCYB member's speech wasn't a disturbance.

Calling it a "very mellow situation," Jeff Vetterick, a broadcast freshman, said Smith

was "expressing his ideas with little, if any, vocal or physical disturbance. That was my observation — unbiased."

However, after Smith was driven away in a police car, the busy streetcorner became a hubbub of confusion.

About 100 students gathered on the EMU lawn as two other RCYB members and a graduate student vied for the crowd's attention.

As students shouted slogans such as "We like our freedom," RCYB member Nancy Whitley responded by tossing yellow ribbons attached to matchbooks into the crowd and shouting "Burn a yellow ribbon. Take a stand with the Iranian people."

Physics graduate student Art Noxon meandered among the onlookers, loudly quoting theorems and equations from a quantum mechanics textbook.

Spectators applauded and cheered.

"People can say whatever they want. I was just walking by and stopped to see what was going on," said Joel Thornburg, a senior business major.

After more than three years on campus, Thornburg said incidents like Thursday's are "pretty normal."

"I think they're equally foolish," undeclared freshman Chris Anderson said of the RCYB members and other participants. "It's interesting because I haven't been exposed to it."

After his release, Smith returned to campus and said the charges of "loud and raucous" behavior were only a "legal pretext."

"Fundamentally, it was for taking a political stand for these revolutionaries," Smith said.

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SUAB: No tests deadweek

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SUAB unanimously decided Thursday to present to the University Senate a proposal that would prohibit professors from making new assignments or giving tests during deadweek. If approved by the Senate, the proposal then would go to the University Assembly.

Considered the week prior to

final exams, deadweek's original intent was to insure that no major assignments and student activities would interfere with study time.

Under the proposal, class periods would be unchanged and instructors would not be prohibited from introducing new material, said Kathy Stebner, ASUO vice president for university and academic affairs.

"We don't want to shoot ourselves down by making it too

restrictive," board member Keith Johnson said, arguing against inclusion of a new materials prohibition clause.

Stebner, who proposed the new rule, said Academic Provost Richard Hill said such a prohibition clause could prevent passage of the deadweek guidelines.

Stebner said cutting instruction time is a concern, but predicted that concern will diminish when the University switches to a semester system.

German seminar site chosen

The German Academic Exchange, an agency of the West German government, has granted the University's Germanic languages department \$5,000 to host a studies seminar.

The University is one of four universities chosen to host the seminar.

The choice is "a sign to the

reputation the University holds nationally," says German professor Walther Hahn, the seminar's organizer.

The seminar, which is meant to acquaint participating students with German culture, will include lectures on German art, economics, history, mass media, military, music, philosophy and politics.

Another aspect of the seminar is a German film festival, with the film 'Wozzeck' playing this Friday and 'Stroszek,' playing Saturday. Both films will be shown at 8 p.m. in Room 107, Lawrence Hall.

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