

Campus cop enjoys a variety of duties

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Two aluminum beach chairs are nestled on a front lawn at 22nd Avenue and University Street. The students sitting in them spend a Friday afternoon sipping beer and taking notes.

Their activities could draw a \$200 fine. Drinking on public property not licensed for alcohol consumption is a misdemeanor in Oregon.

Meanwhile, it's just another afternoon on the job for campus patrolman Verne Hoyer of the Eugene Police Department. Hoyer's car — "3-Charles-11" — sidles up to the students' corner. Hoyer gets out and asks the students what they're up to.

"Psychology experiment," replies the woman, who has a notebook balanced on her lap.

Hoyer asks the two for identification. The woman has her driver's license; her partner says he doesn't have I.D. on him, but assures Hoyer he's old enough to legally drink. A wallet protrudes conspicuously from his back pocket.

Hoyer demands to see the wallet, and its contents confirm the officer's suspicions — the student is underage.

Hoyer issues the minor two citations: for drinking on unlicensed premises and for false statement to a police officer, which carries a maximum \$150 fine.

"I don't like to be lied to," says Hoyer, who has been with the Eugene Police Department for 10 years, seven of them on the University campus.

The women wasn't cited. Hoyer is one of five Eugene police officers who work out of the campus security office.

Although the campus officers' salaries are paid by the University, they still function as Eugene's policemen — carrying guns, making arrests, investigating and filing reports. Hoyer says he likes the University beat because it's varied and fast-passed.

"I love the job so well, sometimes I don't want to go home."

As the 30-year-old senior patrolman slips his car into drive to continue another night of cruising, his "officer" personality fades as he reflects on his job. "I'm a high-paid babysitter," he says.

Hoyer says students who are cooperative, tell the truth and apologize for their mistakes usually get off with a warning.

"We use the laws as a tool for people to be nice to us," he concedes. With more than 650,000 state and federal regulations enacted in 1965 alone, no one could — or would want to — enforce them all, he says, adding that police officers must use their discretion in fitting the punishment to its violator.

But the students Hoyer cites on his campus patrol assignment tend not to see things his way.

It is dark as Hoyer completes a turn from 20th Avenue onto Agate and begins following a red Datsun B-210 two blocks ahead. Its taillights top a hill and disappear.

The chase is on.

Both speeder and patrol car race through an amber signal before Hoyer pulls the car over. Hoyer determined the car was going 45 in a 25 mile-per-hour zone.

The driver disagrees. "I was never going 45! I demand to



Photo by Mark Pynes

Verne Hoyer, EPD, cites a bicyclist for riding without a light.

see the radar reading! I know my rights!" he shouts.

A flashlight shone through the Datsun's window reveals an empty beer bottle, providing the "probable cause" necessary for a continued search.

After a prolonged delay for information from dispatch, Hoyer writes up the speeding ticket, and hands it to the still-shouting driver.

"What a fucking joke," he barks, slamming his door.

"That," says Hoyer, "was the typical

student getting a ticket.

"Some patrolmen hate to come on campus," he says, because of the hostile treatment they receive. Hoyer says students regularly will hang out of buildings and spit on him, pour beer on his car, scrape off its paint — "so many things I don't know where to start.

"We represent authority, naturally. This is their first time away from home, and they're rebellious. But we're not just being bossy, they have to abide by the laws."

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MEETINGS

A Women in Transition support group for women returning to school will meet Thursday at 9 a.m. in Century Room B, EMU. For more information, call Mary or Joyce at 686-4099.

The Fair Budget Coalition, a group which opposes Reaganomics and cuts in human services, will meet today in the basement of Harris Hall from 6:45-9 p.m. For more information, call Eileen Donoghue at 345-5656.

The Psychology Club will meet today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 111M, EMU. Find out the outcome of our budget hearing. All members — old and new — please come.

The University chapter of Amnesty International will meet today at 3 p.m. in Century Room F, EMU.

The Administrative Support Group will hold an informal meeting today from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 111, EMU.

The EMU Budget Committee will meet today in Room 337, EMU, at 4 p.m.

The Condon Society will hold a meeting today at 4:30 p.m. in Room 45, Geology. Trips to the coast and down the Deschutes during spring break will be discussed, and those interested in going are encouraged to attend. The Condon Society is open to the University community.

The Political Science Student Union will meet today at 4:30 p.m. in Room 330, Condon Hall.

SPEAKERS

"Biochemistry of Host-Pathogen Interactions" is the topic of a lecture by University Prof. George Carroll today at 8 p.m. in Room 317, Science III.

"The Republic of Belau: A Trust Betrayed" is the topic of a lecture today by Teresita Uiechong, a native Belauan cultural worker, educator, and organizer. Teresita will speak at 7:30 p.m. at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St. Belau, a small island in the United States-controlled Trust Territory of the Pacific, recently adopted a nuclear free, military free constitution. Teresita will explain

Belau's struggle for a nuclear-free constitution and recent United States attempts to nullify the constitution and guarantee unlimited U.S. military access to the island. Teresita will also deliver the same lecture Thursday at 7 p.m. at Clergy and Laity Concerned's monthly Peace & Justice Forum, Emerald Baptist Church, 19th Avenue & Patterson Street.

"The Show's About to Begin," a panel discussion presenting the Eugene Performing Arts Center to the University, will be held Saturday from 1-3 p.m. in the Fountain Court, EMU. Sponsored by the Oregon Student Public Interest Group as part of its Educational Forum Series.

Software and systems designs is the topic of a presentation by Chuck Missar today at 7 p.m. in Room 238, Gilbert Hall. Plan to also attend next week's discussion, when the Oregon Computing Association will host a representative from Hewlett-Packard on March 10.

SEMINARS

"Creating a Solar Economy in Lane County" is the topic of a presentation by Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust today at 7 p.m. at the Eugene Public Library, second floor. For further information, call 686-3696.

Oregon Dunes Symposium — The University Survival Center is sponsoring a series of slide shows, films and speakers today and Thursday focusing on the Oregon Dunes. "Wildlife Management in the Dunes" is the topic of a lecture by Charles Phillips, Siuslaw National Forest wildlife biologist, today at 11:30 a.m. in the EMU Forum. "History and Wildlife of the Dunes" will be the topic of a slide show by Teri Sluder of the Dunes National Recreational Area and Bob Warren, dune naturalist, today at 7:30 p.m. in Room 101, EMU.

Reducing Stress Through Relaxation is the topic of an ongoing seminar offered by the Student Health Center

on Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Stafford Hall lounge.

FILMS

"Gems of America," a documentary movie sponsored by the University geology department and the Eugene Mineral Club, will be shown today at 8 p.m. at the Eugene Water and Electric Board cafeteria, 500 E. Fourth Ave. The film focuses on precious stones mining and lapidary.

A slide show on Big Wall rock climbing in Yosemite Valley and free climbing in Oregon and the California Sierras and desert will be shown today at 7 p.m. in Room 107, Lawrence Hall. Sponsored by the University Outdoor Program.

A film on how group marriage works will be shown today at 7 p.m. in Studio D, IMC (in the main library basement). This film draws you into the emotional and practical realities of life in a group marriage. For more information, call 345-5626. Offered by the Alternative Relationship Center through SEARCH.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bible study: Wednesdays at 3 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation, 1236 Kincaid St., which is part of the Campus Interfaith Ministry. You are invited to share in this time of learning.

Campus Interfaith Ministry offers an information table at the EMU every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A chance to meet the campus ministers and receive information about CIM.

The Episcopal Campus Ministry holds regular communion services every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Koinonia Center Chapel, 1414 Kincaid St. Bible Study begins at 5:30 p.m. immediately following the services. Everyone is welcome.

The sixth annual series of wildflower walks offered through the University will begin Thursday and continue every Thursday through June 10 at Alton Baker Park.

Conducted by David Wagner, University herbarium director, the walks are leisurely and informal. They are held from 12:30-1:30 p.m., rain or shine, and start at the north end of the footbridge over the Willamette River near Autzen Stadium. For more information, call 686-3033.

Bringing Libertarian and Unification to Education is holding a rally today at 1:30 p.m. outside the EMU Fishbowl. BLUE is an organization that believes our education system is inefficient for the needs of society.

Purim and the Lubavitchers at Hillel table in the EMU lobby today from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Undeclared students: Need help in planning your schedule for spring term? Today at 3:30 p.m. in the Academic Resource Area, Room 164, Oregon Hall, the staff of Academic Advising & Student Services will assist students with questions such as: Are your courses fulfilling University requirements? If you get a "D" in a class, should you proceed with the next class in the series? Who is your faculty adviser? Individual help will be available for all students who attend. The workshop will be repeated Thursday at the same time.

Juniors: Today is the last day to turn in Mortar Board information sheets. They may be obtained in the main library and returned to the ASUO office, Suite 4, EMU.

The Peace Corps will have an information table today in the EMU lobby. Interviews are being held today through Friday at Career Planning & Placement Service. A group meeting has been scheduled today from 3:30-5 p.m. in the EMU Forum.

Anyone interested in study, kibbutzim, or any other programs in Israel is welcome to attend an information session in Suite 5, EMU, today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a slide show and plenty of information.

Pre-meds: Applications are available for the MCAT. The deadline for mailing is March 26. Please see Marjiss Strange at the Office of Academic Advising & Student Services, Room 164, Oregon Hall.

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