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Drug-testing policy questioned in Student Senate resolution

By Sarah Kitchen
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The Student Senate, by a vote of four to two and one abstention, has passed a resolution opposing the Athletic Department's drug-testing policy.

The Senate opposes the creation of the drug-testing policy for three reasons: because it was initiated without a formal rule-making procedure; because the Student Senate believes the drug testing policy to be in violation of Article I, Section 9 of the Oregon Bill of Rights, and Amendments IV and XIV of the United States Constitution; and because of the margin of error inherent in any drug testing procedure, according to the resolution.

Senate member Daniel Thoma submitted the resolution to the Student Senate after it had expressed an interest in the subject.

"I think the main reason in argument of voting against the policy is that it is a violation of civil rights: a violation of an athlete's constitutional guarantees against search and seizure without probable cause," Thoma said.

"The testing is random



Tim Chase

throughout the year or probable cause, so someone can be tested without having any probable cause, which I think is pretty clearly unconstitutional," Thoma said.

The fact that the policy was instituted without a rule-making procedure is another reason Thoma is against the Athletic Department's policy, Thoma said.

While the concern that drugs may cause danger both to the

user and other members of either the same team or the opposition is a legitimate one, Thoma said that he does not feel the Athletic Department's policy is the correct answer to that concern.

"I really have to wonder what relevance, say for a basketball player, testing in the middle of the spring to see if he has done a drug or has too much caffeine in his blood has to safety on the court," Thoma said.

Tests that do check for direct safety-related problems such as visual accuracy and reflex may be an alternative to the current policy, Thoma said.

Senate member Timothy Chase said that he is opposed to the resolution.

"We have had two deaths lately, largely because drugs these days are more powerful than they were and they effect the body more directly. The stuff that is being churned out these days is 85 to 90 percent powerful, and people who are taking them are not aware of this and are ending up dead," Chase said.

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Three more rabbits found in Roseburg

By Michelle Brence
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Three rabbits stolen from University laboratories last week have been recovered, bringing the total number of rabbits recovered to seven, said Greg Stickrod, director of animal laboratory services.

A group calling itself the Animal Liberation Front broke into two University buildings Oct. 26, stealing 24 rabbits, 12 hamsters, 100 rats and 18 cats, and causing at least \$50,000 damage to equipment.

A hunter spotted four rabbits about 15 miles south of Roseburg on Oct. 27, about 30 miles south of where the first group of rabbits was found a day earlier, Stickrod said. When the man returned to retrieve the rabbits the next day, only three rabbits remained, which he took home and cared for before notifying Roseburg police two or three days later, Stickrod said.

Roseburg police notified Eugene police, who called Stickrod on Friday.

Doug Miller, animal laboratory services supervisor, went to Roseburg Sunday to retrieve the rabbits from the hunter's home.

The rabbits were huddled in a group, too scared to move, Stickrod said. He believes the fourth rabbit spotted by the hunter fell victim to a predator.

Both sets of rabbits were found about one mile off of Interstate 5 on a country road.

The rabbits will be brought to the University for a veterinary exam and then sent to another institution, where the other rabbits have been sent, Stickrod said. He declined to name the institution.

Because of staff layoffs and damaged facilities, Stickrod said the animals can be better cared for elsewhere.

The six full-time and two part-time staff members remaining are concentrating efforts on taking care of the monkeys, the only animals remaining, Stickrod said.

Man pleads not guilty in assault on student

By Dennis Fernandes
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A Eugene man accused of Assault 2 in a case involving a University student entered a plea of not guilty in his arraignment this morning at Lane County District Court.

No trial date has been scheduled, according to a

district court spokesperson.

Tyrone B. Jones, 1544 Alder St., No. 103, was arrested Oct. 15 after a police investigation of an Oct. 5 incident in which he allegedly struck Craig A. Vincze, a student from Reno, Nev., in the face.

Jones was freed from Lane County Jail Oct. 27 on a release

agreement, according to the jail clerk.

Assault 2 is a Class B felony that carries a fine of up to \$100,000 or up to 10 years imprisonment or both.

Vincze, a sophomore biology major, required surgery to relieve blood clots near his brain and was treated for a

broken cheekbone. According to police reports, he was in critical condition for about a week at Sacred Heart General Hospital and was released from the hospital Oct. 19.

Vincze has returned to his Reno home, and said he will return to the University for

winter term.

The incident occurred after Jones stopped his car to avoid hitting Vincze, who reportedly was walking in front of the vehicle. An argument ensued, resulting in the altercation. The incident took place on Alder Street between 14th and 15th avenues.

Peace Corps recruiting, want those with 'quality'

By Chris Norred
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In the center of the EMU lobby Monday, just between the booth of U.S. Air Force recruiters and the anti-military poetry reading of a Vietnam veteran, another booth of recruiters was trying to attract the attention of passers-by.

The Northwest regional recruiter for the Peace Corps is at the University this week providing information, accepting applications and scheduling interviews with interested and qualified students.

Recruiter Bill Anderst is presenting three film seminars this week, including a film on Peace Corps volunteers in Nepal that was shown Monday, a film today on Peace Corps volunteers in Jamaica and the Caribbean, and a film Wednesday generally portraying the life of Peace Corps volunteers.

As the Northwest Peace Corps recruiter, Anderst visits campuses throughout the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. He will visit the University campus twice this year on recruitment trips and once more for interviews, he said.

The Peace Corps booth in the EMU lobby will remain through Wednesday in hopes of gaining attention for the Peace Corps in its quest to attract 10,000 volunteers, Anderst said.

"We're zeroing in on seniors who'll be graduating in the spring," he said. For the underclassmen, Anderst hopes to provide information and get them thinking about the Peace Corps as an alternative for post-graduation.

The Peace Corps now is looking for volunteers who have special skills that are in demand in the Third World coun-



Photo by James Marks

LeeAnn Bennett gets answers from Peace Corps recruiter Bill Anderst at an informational table in the EMU Monday.

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