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Eugene police officer April Norman and campus security officers Susie Hunter and Otis Scarborough carry an unidentified woman to a police car after she assaulted a University student and a campus security guard Monday in the EMU courtyard.

Photo by John Giustina

Police arrest woman on two assault charges

By Lucinda Dillon
Of the Emerald

A woman was arrested on assault charges Monday in the EMU courtyard after attacking one student and a University security officer who was attempting to detain her.

The woman, who still is unidentified, was arrested on two counts of assault and disorderly conduct, said April Norman, the Eugene police officer in charge of the case.

No identification was found on the woman, said Norman, who estimated her age at 20 to 22 years.

The woman first assaulted University student David French, 21, who was taking photographs of her in the courtyard.

The woman was standing inside a flower ring, chanting and crying out, apparently involved in a ritual of some kind. She was holding large sticks in her hands and struck French in the thigh and wrist when he refused to stop taking photographs, he said. French's wristwatch was smashed during the confrontation.

"She didn't seem to mind at first, in fact she was sort of posing for them. I was about 25 to 30 feet away. Then she came after me and started yelling, 'Get off my land. Get the fuck off my land,' " French said.

French plans to file charges.

"My thing is that she shouldn't be here if she's going to go around hitting people," said French, who was taking the photos for a basic photography class.

The woman began picking up pieces of twigs, leaves and other litter from the courtyard and exchanged comments with bystanders who had gathered. She

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Pesticide use on campus sparks protests of concern

By Scott Maben
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With warmer weather come thicker weeds on campus, and the planned use of herbicides to combat the unwanted foliage has prompted some concern.

Brett Fisher, the former director of the University Survival Center, said he opposes the use of the herbicide glyphosate, sprayed to kill stubborn growth around trees, along sidewalks and in planting beds.

Fisher believes glyphosate — marketed under the trade name Roundup — may irritate the eyes and skin, and said "there's some evidence it may cause

(cancerous) tumors.

"The Environmental Protection Agency classified Roundup in 'category D,' which means they have insufficient data to precisely classify it," he said.

University Physical Plant landscape maintenance supervisor Tim King said Roundup is likely to be used again this spring break, but not to the extent it was used last year. It's hard to estimate how much spraying will be conducted, however, he said.

"We just do a little bit of spot-spraying here and there. We've been doing a lot of (bark) mulching around campus in-

stead," King said. Bark mulch, ground-up bark extracted from hog fuel, is spread several inches thick over earth to prevent weeds from establishing roots, he explained.

Workers spray the pesticides during spring break to avoid misperceptions about the safety of the chemicals, and also because the weeds are beginning to shoot up at this point in the year, King said.

Last April, several students learned campus groundskeepers used Roundup during spring break after they discovered dead grass at the foot of many trees. Acting in-

dependently, the students posted signs on these trees reading: "Danger — Herbicides in use. Please don't eat by, sit by or touch this tree."

The signs were removed by members of the physical plant.

In past years the Survival Center also has protested use of pesticides on campus.

To avoid a clash between students and the physical plant this year, Fisher is promoting an organized approach to the spraying protests. The result is the recently formed Campus Pesticide Reform Coalition, a group working to upgrade campus spraying policies for what it

believes is the minimum level of safety to protect the campus environment.

The coalition may take the spraying issue to the student ballot in order to measure the opinions of students and faculty, Fisher said.

"A person has the right to know when poisons are put into their environment," he said.

Some of the herbicide, which physical plant sprayers dilute with 100 parts water, will be applied to weeds growing out of cracks in sidewalks and over

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City Council defeats emergency resolution

By Laurie Schwartz
Of the Emerald

The Eugene City Council Monday voted down a resolution that would have prohibited Eugene's participation in exercises to prepare for emergencies caused by nuclear war.

The 3-3 tie vote meant the resolution did not pass.

The council put the resolution on the agenda in February as a response to Federal Emergency Management Agency plans to conduct nuclear preparedness exercises in the Pacific Northwest.

The resolution also contained a statement "encouraging other government agencies at all levels to adopt a similar policy." Gov. Neil Goldschmidt has already declared that the

state of Oregon will not participate in FEMA exercises.

The resolution would have broadened the provisions written into the Eugene Nuclear Free Zone Ordinance passed in November 1986, which prohibits Eugene's participation in evacuation exercises for nuclear-war planning. The resolution would have banned all such emergency exercises.

Councilman Freeman Holmer attacked the resolution, calling it an exercise in superfluity. Holmer said the preamble to the resolution "identified the counties of Clatsop, Deschutes, Coos, Multnomah, Lincoln and the city of Portland, which have

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Robert Bowman

'Star Wars' offensive, not defensive, weapon, according to speaker

By Gary Henley
Of the Emerald

"SDI is almost exclusively an offensive weapon," Robert Bowman, former director of Advanced Space Programs Development for the United States Air Force, said of the Strategic Defense Initiative Monday night at the Law School on the University campus.

Bowman, now president of the Institute for Space and Security Studies, an independent, non-profit, tax-exempt organization for research and educational activities in science and strategy relating to space and other high-technology areas important to national security and maintenance of peace, said the public is being deliberately disinforming of SDI's purpose.

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