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Tear gas powder, weapons found in dorm



Photo by Derrel Hewitt

Sgt. Chuck Tilby of the Eugene Police Department talks with Dave Badillo at the rear of the truck from which weapons were taken while Marjorie Bigelow of the Office of Public Safety looks on.

Willcox residents evacuated, police arrest three suspects

By Sarah Kitchen
Of the Emerald

Residents of the second floor of Willcox dormitory were evacuated shortly after 10 a.m. Tuesday after a condensed form of powdered tear gas was discovered on the bathroom floor and in the hallway.

Three arrests were made Tuesday evening in connection with the case. David Badillo, 19, Osvaldo Miranda, 18, and Eric Sagen, 23, were arrested and charged with Theft 1. Sagen is a University student, Miranda attends the University as a High School Equivalency Program participant, and Badillo is a former HEP participant.

The tear gas substance was discovered by housekeeper Melissa Strehan while cleaning the residence hall. Strehan apparently inhaled some of the substance while attempting to clean it up. She was taken to the Sacred Heart General Hospital, treated for inhalation of the toxic substance and later released.

Sgt. Chuck Tilby of the Eugene Police Department, at a press conference Tuesday afternoon, announced that shortly after 11:00 a.m. the Office of Public Safety and the EPD responded to a call regarding a white powder that was causing irritation to some people within Willcox.

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\$3,000 in student fees lost due to cancelled symposium

By Alicia Gano
Of the Emerald

An estimated \$3,000 in student incidental fees was lost with the cancellation of the Women's Symposium last week, according to Heather MacTaggart, the Women's Task Force coordinator.

Controversy arose when the Coalition of Women of Color threatened to boycott the symposium, charging that there was a lack of minority involvement and accusing the organizers of having racist attitudes. As a result of the protest, the ASUO Executive decided to cancel the annual event.

The Incidental Fee Committee had allocated \$3,000 to the ASUO for the symposium, according to John Thoma, the ASUO finance coordinator.

Those funds were used to pay in advance for speaker honorariums, air fare, publicity and the purchase of T-shirts, MacTaggart said. Most of the money is not refundable, but the task force hopes to get some of the unused air fare refunded, she added.

The task force also took donations from University departments that wanted to aid in funding the symposium, MacTaggart said. Most of those funds have been returned to the departments, she said.

Planned speakers had rearranged schedules and made elaborate plans to attend the symposium, MacTaggart said. Along with task force workers who put in countless hours of preparation, participants and guests were very disappointed about the cancellation, she said.

MacTaggart said that at least \$3,000 was lost, and she hopes the task force will eventually break even and not end up in debt. The task force made purchases beyond their budget with the understanding they would recoup the additional money with earnings from T-shirt sales and other events at the symposium.

T-shirts printed especially for the event cost more than \$600 and will be on sale in the near future through the ASUO.

No other events have been planned by the task force, although a \$200 movie, "Rated X," was shown Tuesday night, having been ordered and paid for in advance.

For next year's symposium, MacTaggart recommended task force members attend a class on anti-racism and make a stronger effort to communicate personally with any groups interested in participating, so that they may be fairly involved.

Hispanic community members condemn amnesty legislation

By Janet Paulson
Of the Emerald

Tuesday, May 5, Cinco de Mayo, marks the day Mexico celebrates its national independence. Tuesday also marked the first day of a new federal program granting amnesty to all illegal aliens who can prove they have resided in the United States continuously since Jan. 1, 1982.

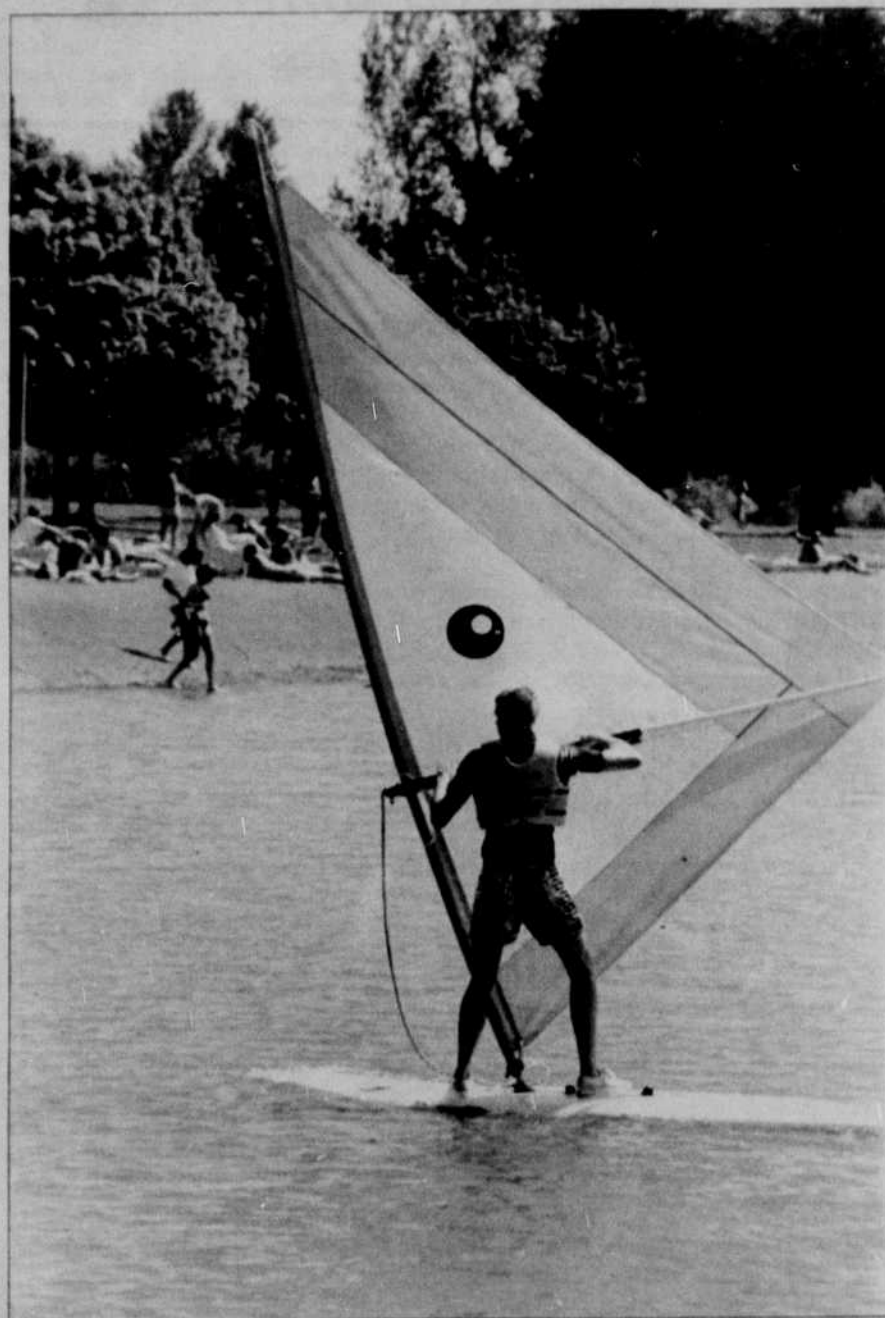
Many members of the Hispanic community believe the new legislation discriminates against its members.

Marion Malcom of Clergy and Laity Concerned, together with representatives of several local Hispanic groups, met with the press Tuesday to express their concern about the legislation.

Malcom called the new legislation "disastrous."

"Undocumented workers from Mexico who have been trying for years not to leave a trail behind them are now asked to produce rent receipts and pay stubs to

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Ahead of the wind

Dave Edel, a liberal arts major at the University who hails from Reedsport, takes advantage of the sunshine and wind to get some windsurfing in at Fern Ridge Reservoir.

Photo by Maria Corvallis