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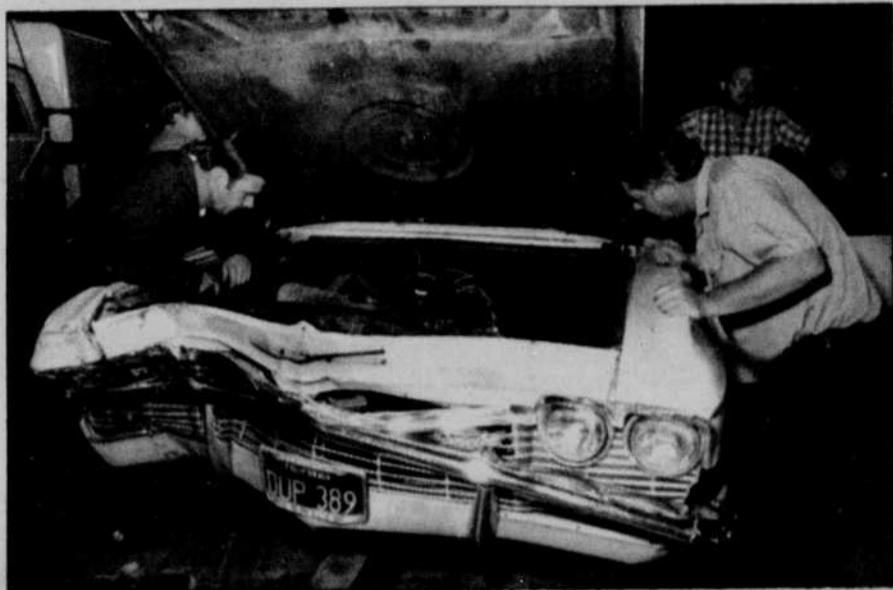


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Officer Mike Larione (left) and fire department official Gary Treadaway investigate the automobile that struck and killed three pedestrians in a Sunday accident to determine if automotive failure was a factor.

## Police continue investigation of fatal Sunday car accident

By Mike Drummond

Of the Emerald

Police are continuing their investigation of the car accident that killed three pedestrians on Franklin Boulevard on Sunday, but authorities are reluctant to divulge new information regarding the case.

Killed were Simon and Beatrice Jaffe of West Palm Beach, Fla., and their niece, Ronnie Lynn Selikson, of Seattle. Police initially misidentified Selikson as the Jaffes' granddaughter.

Tim Birr, Eugene Police public infor-

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## Accused sexual offender extradited back to Oregon

By Stephen Maher

Of the Emerald

A former University child care worker accused of sexually abusing three young girls is awaiting extradition back to Oregon after being caught attempting to flee the United States.

Brian Sydney Smith, 33, remains lodged in the King County Jail in Seattle after a Lane County sheriff's deputy escorted him back to the United States from London, England on Sunday. Smith was charged with violating his Lane County Jail release agreement by leaving the country in an attempt to avoid trial, said Jim Hunt, an assistant Lane County

district attorney.

Smith is a former employee of the University Child Care and Development Center. He also is the former director of a children's program at a local elementary school and a former employee of Eugene Latch Key Inc., an after-school program.

According to Hunt, none of the alleged sexual abuses occurred at places of employment.

Smith was stopped at London's Heathrow Airport on July 27 after customs agents found Lane County documents and a letter from Smith's

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## Sowards keeps ASUO post

By Carolyn Lamberson

Of the Emerald

The ASUO Executive announced Wednesday Executive Coordinator Susan Sowards will retain her position for another year.

ASUO President Kasey Brooks said Sowards' experience in student government "can't be minimized," and her experience was a large determinant in Sowards' rehiring.

"She can go back through four years of student government, and a lot of the same issues crop up each year," Brooks said.

Sowards said she was happy to be rehired, and sees the executive coor-

dinator position as being a positive force in student government.

"The continuity... of this position is good for student government," she said, and added she is looking forward to an active and involved year.

The Brooks administration will be the fifth ASUO administration she has worked with since she began as executive coordinator. When Brooks' Concerned Students for Responsive Leadership coalition took control of the ASUO Executive from Students for a Progressive Agenda, some observers wondered whether Sowards would find it difficult working with a CSRL administration

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## Library makes way for shelving

By Charles Kornis

Of the Emerald

Nearly 150 study seats in the University Main Library have been displaced by the need of more shelf space.

According to University Librarian George Shipman, the change is necessary to adequately centralize the present collection and to provide space for new acquisitions, which amount to at least 40,000 volumes every year. The change will create almost 600 new sections of shelving.

The University Administration last spring allocated funds to purchase the \$75,000 worth of gray, steel shelving.

The library chose not to add shelving in the last 12 years, and the consequence was a vast number of unshelved books comparable in mass to "one large three-story bowl of jelly," Shipman said. Many of those volumes were stored in inappropriate places such as dormitory basements.

"This library is grossly inadequate," Shipman said. "The American Library Association recommends that 25 percent of a student body can be seated at any one time in a university's library facilities." The new loss of about 140 study seats reduces the seating capacity of all University libraries from 11 to 9 percent.

"A negative set of circumstances led to the change, but it's far better than decentralization," Shipman said. The reduction of study areas will be hard on students, "but you can't wish away 40,000 or 50,000 new volumes," he added. "There's going to be more crowding at four- and six-place tables."

Library employees this summer are busy setting up 566 shelving units and shifting books. Most of the changes are taking place on the second floor, where only 32 study seats remain and all of the graduate study carrels are gone.

Some of the carrels were moved to the third floor, but at least 60 were removed entirely. The remaining 138 are assigned to graduate students on a priority basis.

When the transition is completed, each shelf will have a growing space of 10 inches, which will allow for new acquisitions until 1991, when an overflow is expected to occur. By that time a major addition to the building should be well under way, Shipman said.

A long-term proposal calls for an expansion of 150,000 square feet. The Oregon Legislature recently approved \$780,000 for planning and progress toward that goal.

Shipman said only one stu-

dent has complained to him, not about the reduction of seats, but about the distraction caused by all the book shifting and shelf building. In late August and September the second floor may be closed to the public, but reference materials can still be obtained with staff assistance.

Judy Andrews, a government documents reference librarian on the second floor, said she's only heard occasional muttering from students but expects a much greater reaction next term.

"There'll be a lot of surprised people fall term," Andrews said. "I do not like to see the seating go but until we get a new facility, that's what we're going to have to do."

Mary Ann Harman, a Ph.D. candidate in counseling psychology, opposes the changes and says there must have been a better alternative available.

"There's no place for students in that library and I think that's absurd," Harman said. "There's no place for you to look at a book; you have to stand up, carrying all your materials with you."

"The first priority of a university library is to serve the students, not to store books," she said. "They've made a deci-

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Photo by Sherylyn Bjorkgren

Library workers Rob Ralf and Cynthia Peterson place books on newly installed shelves in the University Main Library.