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mation officer, said investigators were conducting a mechanical analysis on the car Wednesday to determine if automotive failure contributed to the cause of the accident.

Investigators are checking the steering and brake systems, as well as other mechanical items, Birr said.

In addition, results of blood tests run on the driver of the car, Wendy Cook, 16, of Springfield, are expected today, Birr said. The report probably will not be made public until after the investigation is complete, he added.

However, Assistant District Attorney Bob Gorham said he does not expect alcohol or drugs were involved.

"I don't think we'll find anything, to tell you the truth — it's kind of a mystery," Gorham said.

"There will be some resolution about this case at the end of the week, I think — at least in terms of eliminating some of the possibilities. There are some things we'll probably never know," Gorham added.

According to Birr, criminal charges, if any, will not be filed against Cook until all evidence and mechanical results have been reviewed by the district attorney's office.

Birr would not comment on whether Cook faces criminal prosecution.

"We know, of course, she (Wendy) was driving without a license — that seems to be very cut and dry. But that still, in and of itself, doesn't account for the fact that there was an accident where three people died," Birr said.

"We need to conduct an in-

vestigation that will tell us if there was anything that may have impaired her (Wendy's) judgment. We need to see if there was anything mechanical-ly wrong with the vehicle, and there's a whole bunch of things we've got to go through yet before anything is resolved," Birr said.

Gorham put to rest speculation that Cook's mother, Judith Cook, could be held criminally responsible for the accident. However, Judith Cook could be charged with a violation for allowing her daughter to use the car, Gorham said.

Bernard Selikson, father of Ronni Lynn Selikson, could not be reached for comment at his home in Seattle.

Repeated calls to the Cook residence in Springfield yielded no comment or additional information regarding the case.

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after several years work with SPA.

Brooks said that wasn't the case. Brooks called Sowards very professional and said she had the ability to work well with all the coordinators currently working for the ASUO.

"It should be noted she has a real ability to work well with my administration," Brooks said.

Sowards said this Executive was a good group of people to work with. At the beginning of each administration when the campaign rhetoric is put aside, there is time for the Executive and the professional staff to get to know each other.

As long as people proceed ethically with what they set out to do, she can work with them, Sowards said of herself. She added this Executive is good at thinking about how they are going to proceed and then proceeding.

"They (the executive) are actively trying to serve students," Sowards said.

As executive coordinator, Sowards is responsible for operating the ASUO computer system, researching legislative and student government issues for the Executive, drafting documents and contracts and serving as a source of information for the Executive, Brooks said.

She also is responsible for orienting the new executive during transition, doing research on special projects, and serving as a liaison and resource for the Executive on a community and state level, Sowards said.

Sowards did her undergraduate studies at a branch of Ohio State University in secondary education and English composition. She has a masters from the University in Instructional Technology. In



Susan Sowards

the past, she has worked as a legislative aide in Salem and as an educational consultant for the Oregon Department of Education, Eugene School District.

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sion that they want to store books and to hell with usability for students."

Liz Casale, a junior in physics, is used to studying on the second floor, but said she won't mind doing more studying at her apartment. "I like the

idea of more new books," Casale said. "Professors are more likely to appreciate your papers when you use current sources."

Another student, Wei Sian, said the change is adequate for summer but not for fall. "I

thought the seating had just been shifted, but it's not right that it's totally eliminated," said Sian, a senior in marketing. Sian added a crowded library might force him to study at home, which is usually too noisy.

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