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Drug test policy might violate constitutions

By Craig Harris
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Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer said the University's proposed mandatory drug testing policy for student-athletes probably violates both the state and the federal constitution.

A press release made available Monday outlined a 92-page attorney general's opinion which is expected to be released later this week. The opinion comes 10 months after the University Athletic Department asked for a ruling on the constitutionality of its mandatory, random drug-testing policy. That policy ran throughout the 1986-87 school year before the Athletic Department placed it "on hold" while it awaited the attorney general's ruling.

"It's something we anticipated last June. I'm not surprised," Athletic Director Bill Byrne said.

Byrne also declined to comment on what the department would do with its new voluntary drug-testing program, enacted two weeks ago. He did say some form of drug testing will continue.

"All we received was a press release. It's premature to speculate on what we will do. We are going to have drug testing. We're just going to have to see what the attorney general's report says," Byrne said.

Associate Athletic Director Chris Voelz also said an administrative meeting will take place later this week, and Athletic Department officials will discuss the possible modifications that could occur.

While the Athletic Department looks for ways to modify its existing drug-testing policy, two athletes are relieved that mandatory testing is expelled.

Cross country and track athlete Seth Simonds and wrestler Paul Kass refused testing at some point last year and both were removed from their respective teams. Simonds wouldn't sign the consent form and the Athletic Department wouldn't allow him to compete or practice with the team. Kass wouldn't take a random test after his season ended and he couldn't participate during the spring.

"The administration (Athletic Department) had a certain amount of power to coerce athletes. I'm glad it's stopped and I hope drug testing is stopped throughout the nation. I'm happy I can compete the whole year without this hanging over my head," Simonds said.

Simonds added that he still opposes the voluntary testing.

"It still is a violation and intrusion of a right of privacy. I have to question why athletes want to be tested. Are they trying to prove something for the Athletic Department? Why are they worried about the image of the Athletic Department? That image shouldn't be put in the hands of the athletes," Simonds said.

Kass expressed the same relief.

"Hopefully this is the end of mandatory drug testing. We need to be careful that they (the Athletic Department) don't slip something in," Kass said. "I also hope the University will see what they did was wrong and they will take responsibility for their mistakes."

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Scooter thefts increase; casual attitudes to blame

By Betsy Clayton
Emerald Reporter



File photo

Scooter thefts on campus have increased, possibly because of the relaxed attitudes of owners toward crime prevention.

Most people who steal scooters take, ride, trash and then dump them.

This is the trend Eugene Police Sgt. Richard Hansen of the campus patrol has seen at the University and in the Eugene area in the past three to five years. Hansen said the increase in popularity of scooters has been matched by an increase in scooter theft.

Hansen said that generally people have a relaxed attitude about scooters as opposed to cars, which contributes to the increasing number of thefts. "Scooters are enough like bikes, people are pretty casual about them," he said.

When people think about locking up their scooters, taking another person's scooter or reporting their scooter as stolen, they don't handle things in the same way they would if it were a different type of vehicle, Hansen said.

Scooters may potentially be easier to steal than cars, Hansen said. "In the auto industry there's been a push to develop devices to prevent hot wiring. Most come with fork locks,"

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Sorority break-ins elicit concerns

By Cami Swanson
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Traditionally, fraternity members have made it a habit to sneak into a sorority late at night and steal its composite — a picture of all the women in that particular sorority.

The fraternity then holds the composite for "ransom" — usually a breakfast at the sorority. After the ransom is paid, the composite is returned.

This practice, however, may be getting out of hand. Accord-

ing to Eugene Police Sgt. Richard Hansen of the campus patrol, two reports have been filed this year by sororities alleging that fraternity members have broken into their house and taken items such as VCR's and televisions.

"They're sneaking in there in the middle of the night, just like a burglar, and taking things, just like a burglar... Why are we supposed to think that's not burglary," Hansen said.

Hansen said he was not concerned about the fraternities entering the sororities late at

night, as long as they were invited.

"I'm concerned about a Ted Bundy III," he said in reference to the notorious, convicted mass murderer awaiting execution.

Sorority housemothers also are concerned about the lack of security.

"I am definitely working toward making the house more secure," Delta Gamma Housemother Sharon Diebel said.

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Prostitution arrests increase west of downtown area



Photo illustration by Bill Haines

Arrests for suspected prostitution have been on the rise in Eugene recently. Eugene police officials, however, say that prostitution remains a problem of relatively low priority, especially compared to drug trafficking.

By Andrew LaMar
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Police say recent prostitution arrests in West Eugene don't point to a big increase in prostitution in the city.

Police have arrested three suspected prostitutes on West Sixth and Seventh Avenues since Oct. 23, for a total of four prostitution arrests in 1987. That compares with one arrest in 1986.

"Obviously there's a slight increase, but it's not the kind of increase I'm getting worried about," said Sgt. Rick Siel, supervisor of the Eugene Police Department's vice and narcotics squad.

"Every once in awhile, you have one girl out there working Sixth or Seventh (Avenues) or working Eighth and then you just make the arrest and it's all

over with. But in this case we had five or six girls all doing it at the same time so it made it a little more visual."

The women have been working the streets between Blair Boulevard and Polk Street. People have called police and complained that men who stopped their vehicles to talk to the women block traffic and nearly caused accidents.

Police rarely pursue prostitution, Siel said. Generally, police pursue suspected prostitutes only when they receive complaints from the community. Most of the time the complaints concern prostitutes walking the streets, he said.

The increase in women walking the streets indicates that times are getting tough for some women, Siel said.

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