

Police surveillance on campus changes

Most people have seen them. They cruise near the bookstore, park in the parking lot behind Taylor's, and hang out in front of the 7-Eleven at 13th and Alder.

They are the Eugene Police Department patrol cars, and there a lot more of them around than last year.

An increased police presence should come as no surprise to University students. Last winter, snow-Rambos chased off police who came to break up a vicious snowball riot. Later in the year, on May 5, students and police clashed once again, in a bottle-throwing and car-smashing free-for-all.

In addition to those two highly-visible incidents, police say reported crimes around the University have skyrocketed over numbers just one year ago. For example, drunk driving arrests have more than tripled, both drug possession and liquor violations have doubled, and disorderly conduct has risen nearly 50 percent.

The police are ticked, and understandably so. Two full-scale riots in the a year's time would put anyone on edge. Things that would have gone unnoticed by local police just last year now bring arrests, citations and fines.

The biggest area of concern seems to be 13th Street, between Kincaid and Hilyard. Not only is it right off campus, but it contains rows of bars and several local hangout spots. Students blow off steam at the 13th street taverns, high school students skateboard and bike up and down the sidewalks, and a large transient population calls the street home.

Police claim they have been tolerant toward a lot of what University students do, realizing that Eugene is a college town with a college mentality. But the increased patrol cars indicate the age of tolerance is over.

So far, there have been no major incidents between students and police this year. But, as the school progresses, something is bound to happen. Snowfall brings out the worst in what would normally be sane college students.

And, it is only a matter of time before one of those off-campus parties, with hundreds of people milling about, trying to stuff into a single-story house, erupts into a violent scene.

This time, there is a much more likely chance of people getting hurt. Student have to realize they are not autonomous from the rest of the city. Eugene laws are University laws.

Last year's riots changed EPD's mentality. They are no longer content to let things slide. Police now look on campus as something akin to a war zone.

All because on May 5, 1989, some people thought it would be fun to throw beer bottles at cop cars.



Non-profit organization short on funding

Big Brother/Big Sister has been serving this area for over 20 years. If current financial trends continue, it is uncertain exactly how long its doors can stay open.

During the past year the organization's funding has decreased steadily. It lost all funding from the Juvenile Department and is concerned about losing some of its United Way funds.

Once there was a Big Brother/Big Sister office in Eugene and one in Springfield, now there is only the Springfield office. There is also an office in Suite 15 of the EMU. Due to funding problems that office is still not running up to capacity and is having problems maintaining a good work study schedule.

The IFC pays Big Brother/Big Sister's share of the work study costs (\$270 a year), but unfortunately the money IFC contributes for work study only pays for a 10 hour a week work study position.

It is true that the IFC is tightening its belt this year but organizations such as this one deserve solid funding.

The majority of big brothers and sisters

come from the University; we are their primary source of *people* support. Perhaps the IFC should consider the value of this organization. They do what no one else does.

Big Brother/Big Sister has been working on ways to increase funding. Arby's restaurant is also donating money to the organization from a coupon redemption program. But these efforts are still not enough.

Non-profit organizations are having a hard time obtaining funding. There are so many in the area that they end up competing with each other to get donations.

Big Brother/Big Sister also has another strike against it. Due to a change in attitudes over the past few years, early intervention and prevention programs for six to 16-year olds are losing priority to programs for children ages zero to six. The programs that start earlier are receiving more funding.

Programs should be available for children of all ages. There should not be a difference or preference for one over the other. Children who need help should be able to get it. It is our responsibility to see that it is available.

Letters

Wrong

In a letter published Oct. 16, Andy Pearson and Brendan Relaford respond "to the rumor floating around that Sacred Heart General Hospital is going to lease space in their new parking structure to the McDonald's Corporation."

Wrong. Like most rumors, this one is false. While no leases have yet been signed, McDonald's is not considering leasing from Sacred Heart, and Sacred Heart is not considering leasing to McDonald's.

Pearson and Relaford contend that Sacred Heart needs to get its priorities straight. If Pearson and Relaford — or any other students — have a sincere interest in understanding Sacred Heart's priorities, I would be delighted to introduce them to our organization. And in the future, I'd suggest they check their facts before spreading rumors.

Jennifer Ulum
Director, Community Relations
Sacred Heart Hospital

Conclusion

I conclude from your Oct. 17 editorial that you, along with the demonstrators at Sunday's dedication of the new science buildings, have forgotten that the University's most important function is the exchange of information and ideas.

This communication is hindered by the interruption of speakers just as seriously by restrictions on publications. I hope that everyone in the University will resolve not to interfere with future meetings.

Roger Haydock
Physics professor

Atmosphere

The University is sustained by its commitment to the principle of open and reasoned discourse, carried out in an atmosphere of civility and mutual respect. Without that atmosphere, the opportunity for intellectual growth disintegrates into a noisome scrabble of

hardened oppositions. For that reason, we are deeply disturbed by the events at the dedication of the new science buildings.

Significant political figures cannot and do not expect to be insulated from robust debate when they venture onto a college campus. They should be able to expect the same degree of civility and respect that attends the voicing of controversial opinions in our classrooms and lecture halls.

There is a distinction, sometimes subtle but always critical to the life of a university, between demonstration and disruption. One honors the tradition of open discourse by participation; the other defiles it.

On a campus that has struggled mightily to sustain the broadest range of opportunities for free expression, there is no excuse for disruptive behavior. Such behavior is a bid for a sound and picture bite on the late news, and is a cheap and self-indulgent sacrifice of a principle which other have given their lives to secure.

As elected representatives of the faculty of the University, we feel called upon to express

our regret to our guests. To those who participated in the disruption, we ask that you reflect on the significance of your actions, and commit yourselves to the principles which underwrite our survival as a scholarly community.

James O'Fallon
Law professor
And nine other co-signers

What amount?

The *Emerald* story of Oct. 16 covering the protests at the opening celebration of the additions to the science complex mentions the Student Campaign for Disarmament's concern "that the increased availability of research projects will draw military-funded projects to the University."

Likewise, the SCD/SETA flyer announcing the demonstration states its intent "to keep military research off campus." Both these statements advertise the mistaken belief that there is no military funded research on campus.

Supposedly there is a rule

about classified research here. There is no such inhibition against military research, and, in fact, there is research being done here that is directly funded by the Defense Department. Though not classified, this research is not widely discussed; the science community feeling quite safe behind the common perception of them as a clean school.

President Brand and Provost Mosley, please address the following:

In what amount and in what proportion is science at the University funded by the military?

Will this amount increase due to the school's increased stature or its heavy involvement with the Department of Energy?

What amount of other science funding could be said to fee the military research needs of the U.S. government?

What is the actual ruling regarding classified research at the University, and how binding is it on tenured faculty?

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