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Two University students arrested during CIA protest

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Two University students were arrested Wednesday afternoon and charged with trespassing after blocking the entrance to a room being used by a CIA recruiter.

Tim Hughes and Jeni Diehnel were each carried out of the EMU by Eugene Police Department officers after being warned to clear the doorway to Century Room E, where a CIA recruiter was conducting interviews.

They were carried out the back door of the EMU Skylight area and down three flights of stairs to a waiting police van.

As of late Wednesday afternoon, Hughes was still in custody and Diehnel was cited and released to her parents because of her juvenile status, said Capt. Tim Birr, EPD public information officer.

The University plans to pursue the trespassing charges against Hughes and is reviewing its options for prosecuting Diehnel, said Gaye Vandermyn, University news bureau director.

About 15 demonstrators showed up at 9:30 a.m. to protest the recruiter's presence on campus. They later blocked the doorway of Century Room B, which was the original room being used by recruiter Thomas Culhane.

Protesters were warned several times to clear the doorway or face arrest, but they remained seated.

An hour reprieve was granted while Culhane went to lunch, but the protest resumed with the same force before the next scheduled interview at 12:45 p.m.

Students were protesting the CIA's practice of discriminating against gays and lesbians, and the agency's violation of

human rights during covert operations.

Seven EPD officers in riot helmets were called on the scene after Gerard Moseley, vice provost for academic support and student services, officially notified the protesters they were trespassing.

Hughes and Diehnel are charged with second degree criminal trespassing, which carries a maximum penalty of \$500 or 30 days in jail. Because Diehnel is a minor, the penalties for her are more lenient.

The two students could also face prosecution under the University's student conduct code for the unauthorized use of University facilities and for failing to comply with the directions of University and public officials in the line of duty, said Elaine Green, assistant dean of students.

The protesters bantered with Moseley, EMU Director Adell McMillan and career planning and placement Director Larry Smith.

"All we're asking you to do is move away from the door and let the normal interviewing process occur," McMillan said.

Smith tried to ease the situation by saying it was important to have an open dialogue about issues such as CIA recruiting.

"This is not a dialogue. These guys are butchers," Hughes countered.

ASUO President Andy Clark showed up before Culhane returned from lunch to voice his support for the demonstrators, but turned down offers to participate in the proceedings.

Clark did offer a ride home from jail to those students who were arrested in the protest.

"The ASUO has come out in support of what's going on today," Clark said.

Culhane tried to enter the room but was blocked by students seated in the doorway.

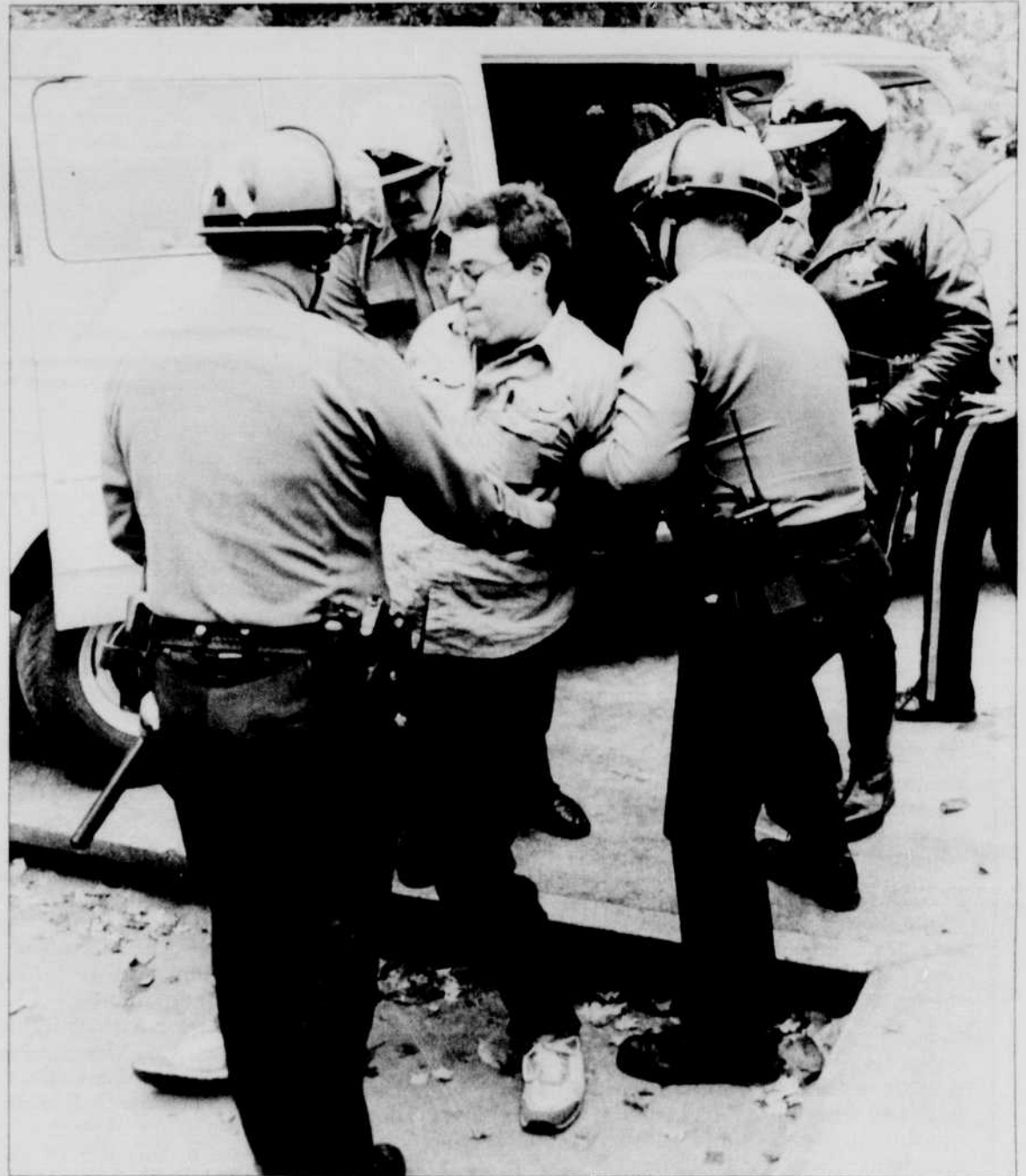


Photo by Andre Ranieri

Tim Hughes is arrested by EPD officers after blocking an entrance in protest of a CIA recruiter's presence on campus

Students then began singing the national anthem, with Culhane and other University officials joining in.

Moseley informed students blocking the door they were trespassing and would be arrested if they did not move.

Culhane decided after the

first two arrests to cancel any remaining interviews, a move that prompted cheers from students who had gathered to witness the arrests.

"It is impossible for the CIA to conduct the business it came to conduct in the atmosphere you are witnessing now,"

Smith said.

A crowd of about 30 people chanted and sang as they followed Culhane to his car.

"I've been subject to demonstrations for 20 years," Culhane said. "I love the publicity. It al-

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Commission calls replacement bridge site 'a mistake'

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Although a bridge extending Agate Street over the Willamette River is one option considered as a replacement of the aging Ferry Street Bridge, the Riverfront Research Park commission wants no part in the plan.

"I think it would be a mistake to put a bridge there," said commission chairman R.A. Keller during the group's Wednesday meeting. "It would be a real detriment to the project."

Fourteen alternatives for a new connector across the river have been suggested, including a bridge next to the existing Ferry Street location, and others continuing from Hilyard, Patterson, Villard, Moss, or Agate streets.

An information session will take place from 4 to 9 p.m. today at the Eugene Hilton Community Conference

Center, where various proposals of the Ferry Street Bridge project will be on display.

Diane Wiley, project representative from the Office of University Planning, is a member of the citizen committee that is considering pros and cons of the various plans.

"There is no option that is without many problems" in terms of economics, feasibility and technical aspects, Wiley said. Constructing a bridge from the research park area is far from ideal, she said.

However, she added, "It is still something I feel could be accommodated in the plan, and it is still an option we need to continue to look at."

A bridge from Agate Street would connect the University with Autzen Stadium, improving University access and parking opportunities. It also would require a widening of the street

through the proposed park site south of the Willamette River, and could result in an increase of traffic in the area, Wiley said.

"I don't want to downplay that it creates some big issues," she said.

Riverfront Research Park commission members were unanimous in their opposition to the possibility.

"It is either a good site for a research park, or a good site for a thoroughway, but not both," said commission member Sally Weston.

Construction could begin as early as July 1 on the research park project, according to an "optimistic timeline," said Cathy Briner of the Eugene Development Department.

The first phase would include improvement of the intersection at Franklin Boulevard and Agate Street, and extension of Agate Street across the Millrace to the project's first structure.

If the initiative goes on the city ballot and voters approve it in May, the regulations on federally recognized hazardous and toxic materials would be so strict that research north of the railroad tracks would virtually be prevented, said commission member Don Corson.

If similar regulations applied to research at the University, said vice president for research John Moseley. "It would shut us down, and it would shut down a lot of things besides that," including the health center and dining halls.

"Most materials are hazardous in one form or another and are on the federal lists," Moseley said. "The federal lists are not intended to keep people from using (the materials), but they are intended to help people use them."

"The measure would be devastating to activity along the river," he said.