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Taking the high road

The atrium in Willamette Hall provides a seemingly endless staircase leading to the halls of science. The building, which officially opened Oct. 15, is still undergoing finishing touches.

Photo by Mark Ylen

Paulson receives misdemeanor, fine

By Dan Eisler
Emerald Reporter

A Lane County Circuit Court jury found University student Dainard Jon Paulson guilty Wednesday on a lesser charge of disorderly conduct at a May 5 off-campus party. Paulson originally was charged with rioting.

Paulson requested immediate sentencing and was given one year of unsupervised probation. Circuit Court Judge George Woodrich also ordered him to pay a \$250 fine, his attorney costs and \$20 to a victim's assistance fund.

Paulson opted for the fine instead of community service.

The six-person jury decided Paulson's case Wednesday morning, one day after the trial started, finding him guilty of the Class B misdemeanor.

A Class B misdemeanor is punishable with up to six months in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine. Rioting is a Class C felony, punishable with up to five years in prison and/or a \$100,000 fine.

"That (disorderly conduct) is really what he did," said David Hill, Paulson's court-appointed attorney.

Paulson declined comment.

Also arrested for rioting at the May 5 Ferry St. and 14th Avenue party were University student Shelly Marie Hannah, Community Education Program student Edwin C. Bradberry, University of California-Berkeley student Justin Theodore Kulongoski, and Eugene resi-

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Fake IDs targeted by new OLCC enforcement

OLCC will cite minors at doors of campus bars in crack down

By Pat Malach
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Minors who use altered or borrowed forms of identification to gain access to local drinking establishments should know that the Oregon Liquor Control Commission plans to crack down on these offenders.

Gary Sandstrom, a local OLCC representative, said the commission will make its presence felt by stationing people at the door of many bars. If someone is caught using an altered ID, or an ID that is not their own, they will be issued a citation, Sandstrom said.

If convicted, the person who was issued the citation can be punished by a fine of up to \$2,500. In addition to the OLCC's citation, the Department of Motor Vehicles could suspend the person's driver's license for up to one year.

Sandstrom said anyone who loans their ID can be just as liable as the person who uses it.

A minor may also be liable if that minor happens to get into an accident, Sandstrom said.

Minors who try to enter a bar even without using fake ID are also guilty of a crime, Sandstrom said. "It is a violation much like minor in possession." The MIP violations are punishable by a fine of up to \$250.

The OLCC has targeted many of the bars around campus. Guido's, 801 E. 13th Ave., Rennie's Landing, 1214 Kincaid St. and Taylor's, 894 E. 13th Ave. are included in this effort, Sandstrom said. He added that Mill Camp, 215 Q St., Springfield, also is frequented by many students.

"We have been seeing a ton of this stuff," Sandstrom said. "It has been happening primarily at bars around campus, but it is not exclusive to that area."

It is necessary to give out the citations at the time that the person uses the ID. Once the ID has been confiscated it is



File photo

OLCC representatives will be posted at the doors to campus-area bars, such as Rennie's Landing, and will issue citations for ID infractions on the spot.

should be punished for it."

Scarpelli said the behavior subjects the businesses to fines and penalties when they haven't done anything wrong. He added that the process of having to thoroughly check IDs and confiscate some of them slows down the process of letting people in.

"People who haven't abused the system suffer because of those that do," Scarpelli said.

Both Scarpelli and Jon LaBranch, owner of Rennie's Landing, agree that this has been a consistent problem. However, unlike Scarpelli, LaBranch does not think the crackdown will have much long-term effect.

"It will be a deterrent this Friday after this article comes out," LaBranch said. "Then next week it will be less, and a

month from now there won't be any effect at all."

LaBranch feels the only permanent solution would be to lower the drinking age. If you can't get rid of the problem there should be some kind of solution to control it, he said.

LaBranch does support OLCC's effort to punish the minors using the fake ID rather than the bars. He said one method he has used in response to fake IDs is to send it to the person's parents.

While the possibility of receiving a \$2,500 fine might seem stiff, Sandstrom said the OLCC was not out to get kids.

"We just want to keep them out of bars," Sandstrom said. "By getting this information out we can allow them to make their own decisions. They can decide whether it is worth the risk."

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hard to prove a case, Sandstrom said.

Don Scarpelli, owner of Guido's, said he supports the OLCC plan.

"I love it," Scarpelli said. "I was one of the instigators. (Violators) know that they are breaking the law and they