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Photo by Eric Johnson

Hundreds of partiers flee tear gas used by Eugene police to break up crowds gathered in an alley courtyard in the West University neighborhood Saturday night.

## Police, students clash again over parties; tear gas used

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Eugene police arrested two people for rioting and tear-gassed hundreds others for unlawful assembly at two large parties Saturday night in the West University neighborhood.

Over the course of three hours, police tossed about 10 canisters of tear gas at crowds of hundreds. Many of those driven from the first party reassembled at a house three blocks away, where police again marched in with tear gas.

Police first received at least two noise complaints about a party featuring live music in a

courtyard at 361 E. 14th Ave.

In the courtyard officers encountered a large crowd that refused to cooperate and disperse, according to a police statement issued early Sunday. After individuals in the crowd threw bottles and other objects, officers released tear gas and the crowd dispersed, according to police.

The party was intended to be for the renters of apartments at 361 and 361 1/2 E. 14th Ave., said University student Bridget Wadst and Lane Community College student Alexis Maddlock, residents of the latter address. "The party appar-

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Photo by Scott Mahen

Police eventually resorted to force to disperse partiers who wouldn't leave.



Photo by Steve Card

Oh, the thrills of studying in an exotic country! James Chee Tong Ong works in the EMU Sky-light Refectory to help support his family and pay his tuition bills.

## Coming to America — it's not easy

*International students coming to the University face a variety of legal, economic and cultural impedances. Here's how some overcome the challenge.*

By Joe Kidd  
Emerald Reporter

*Editor's note — This week is International Week at the University (see calendar, Page 7). As part of the celebration, today's Monday In-Depth focuses on the struggles and successes the University's international students face.*

It was registration week. Tuition was due Friday, and she had a whopping \$4 in the bank.

Even though her scholarship wouldn't kick in until the following week, Margarita Ahumada, 30, took it all in stride. "Here I am, stuck. But I'm not going to go to jail; I'm not going to die," she rationalized.

At a university with increasing tuition and limited financial aid, a poor student is not an oddity. But for Ahumada, who is from Chile, and 1,300 other international students at the University, tough financial straits can pose unique problems.

Except in cases of emergency, the standard visa required to enter the United States restricts interna-

tional students to part-time jobs on campus. In addition, they face the demands of paying non-resident tuition and purchasing mandatory health insurance.

Because of these costly restrictions, nine of ten foreign students at the University are entirely self-supported, said Peter Briggs, assistant director of the International Services Office.

Moreover, these costs severely limit the number of students from lesser-developed countries to a slim minority, he said.

Ahumada is a case in point. She originally planned to receive support from her brother in Chile. After that fell through, she decided to work on campus. A month after being hired, the stress of adjusting to a new culture and taking many classes forced her to quit her job.

"Things are so different here. It was not easy to cope with the adjustments when I came from Chile," she said. "Even though I have a scholarship, it's very, very tight."

### Protected labor market

The U.S. government restricts

foreign students' work options in an effort to protect the nation's labor market, Briggs said. But he believes this argument is invalid considering the actual number of international students and the money they bring into the economy.

"The 350,000 foreign students in the U.S. would not be much of a dent in the labor market," Briggs said. And because international students at Lane Community College and the University contribute up to \$10 million a year to the local economy, he believes the restrictions should be "a little more liberalized."

The government requires students who want to study in the United States to prove they can support themselves throughout the duration of their studies. The University estimates living expenses at \$12,000 a year and up, depending on the marital and academic status of the student. Before they are issued visas, applicants must certify they have enough funds to support themselves for the first year, usual-

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