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been examining student-police tensions in Eugene since last fall, is similar to Boulder's task force.

In Boulder, the committee has worked to educate both sides about police procedures and student expectations — and it's worked well, said campus police Sgt. John Kish.

"You need to have officers sit down with students, not so much to decide what's right or wrong, but to get some perspective," Kish said.

But Dinwiddie said task forces are not enough to solve the tensions created by negative run-ins with the police. "You have some community task forces formed, you have some forums, and everybody spouts off. Then it dies down and nothing gets solved."

Howle agreed and said the administration, students and police are working beyond the task force to ease the tensions in Boulder.

"We got ... the idea of a core of observers," she said. "These people aren't police and they're not students, yet they're educated about both groups so they don't have a stake in what happens. Their job is to observe an event with students and police, the reaction and report about what was really going on."

Boulder students generally view the observers as a positive addition to law enforcement, said Kerry Whitford, student government liaison to administration.

"This way everyone knows the police will only act in certain cases where the activities are really illegal," Whitford said.

**Great expectations**

Boulder's goal has been to help students and police understand their roles and what's expected of them, Kish said. "The problem becomes the biggest when the police do something totally unexpected to the

students."

In Eugene the bottle-throwing and tear gas incident of March 31 epitomized the unexpected.

"Police didn't expect to be hit by bottles, and students expected more warnings and time to flee," said Gerry Moseley, University vice-provost for student affairs. "I also think that students had come to expect a certain protocol in crowd control."

Apparently, University students and Eugene police need to communicate more because both sides appear confused about what their roles are, Moseley said.

However, ASUO President Andy Clark said he thought the community relations task force had achieved some understanding between the students and police by sending letters to off-campus students on how to give good, safe parties.

"The letters went along the lines of achieving mutual expectations," he said.

Establishing a group of impartial observers, similar to Boulder's system, might be a step toward creating understanding on both sides, Moseley said.

"People who are observers and give feedback on what could have been done differently would be beneficial to police as well as students," he said.

John Rutledge, Eugene Police Department deputy chief of police services, said the idea of impartial observers has been discussed among police, but "it was never explored in detail."

**Mediating solutions**

Clark was more interested in Berkeley's approach to their student-police tensions.

After last June's incident, Berkeley's students, administrators, campus police and city police entered into eight months of mediation, said cam-

pus police Lt. Pat Carroll.

"One result of this mediation process is that a committee of students, police and administrators are going to sit down and develop a set crowd-control policy," Carroll said.

"Although it's too early to tell how effective that will be, at least people are talking and agreeing on what needs to be done and not filing lawsuits or something."

Clark said he was excited about the prospect of a mediation program and has already broached the subject with members of the community relations task force.

"Going into mediation is an excellent idea," he said. "Maybe what we need is to bring in a third party to help increase communication and solve it."

Rutledge said EPD has received the prospect of mediation positively. "It's something we are interested in exploring further," he said.

Derrick Glass, a coordinator of living co-operatives at Berkeley, suggested Eugene also form a public police review commission which would include representation from students, police and community members.

A similar commission in Berkeley reviews police actions and recommends commendations or reprimands to the police department, Glass said.

"That's the way for citizens to have ... some authority as citizens over police actions," Glass said.

Eugene has a similar organization, the Public Safety Advisory Committee, but it does not have student representation, Rutledge said.

"Students are free to discuss with the committee the concerns they have," he noted. "We clearly want to take a procommunication approach

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