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Paint waste dug up at Riverfront

The University has alerted the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality that a contractor conducting a second-phase environmental assessment of the Riverfront Park property has dug up several containers apparently holding paint waste materials.

The paint was dug up in the Silva orchard parcel of the property.

"As required by environmental regulations, we have reported to the DEQ and other appropriate agencies what we have found buried in the northwest corner of the Silva parcel and what we are doing to secure and contain the excavated material," said Thomas Hicks, director of the University's Office of Environmental Health and Safety.

The DEQ is expected to review the proposed cleanup and disposal plan and, based on sampling results due in about two weeks, to notify University officials of how the DEQ wants

the University to proceed, Hicks said.

"It's likely that we will package the materials and send them to an approved disposal site, but we'll probably need to wait to do that until we have the results of the sampling of the materials and can be sure of what we have found," he said.

Last December, the University hired L.R. Squier Associates, Inc. of Lake Oswego to conduct a preliminary assessment of the entire research park property.

After completing the first phase assessment of all four parcels that make up the entire research park property, the consultants recommended that the University undertake further evaluation of several areas.

The Silva orchard parcel was one such site.

The consultants had located one partially buried 55-gallon drum that was crushed and apparently empty in the Silva parcel during their initial exploration.

In accordance with Squier's advice, University backhoe operators earlier this month began excavating where the partially buried drum was located. They found a one or two-gallon gallon can of paint in the test strip there.

At this point further excavation stopped, and the consultants swept the entire pit with a sophisticated metal detector. Squier obtained several readings at the partly excavated test pit and in several other locations, Hicks said.

On Nov. 20, Staton Construction backhoe crews hired by Squier dug up three 55-gallon drums and six to 12 five-gallon drums. All contained what are thought to be paint waste.

Hicks said that, depending upon the sample results, additional monitoring may be necessary to determine if any groundwater contamination has occurred.

Police investigating assault accusations

The following is a list of crimes reported to the University Office of Public Safety and the Eugene police department between Nov. 10 and Nov. 18:

- Eugene police are investigating an assault near the Sigma Nu fraternity house, 763 E. 11th Ave., occurring Nov. 17. A Lane Community College student and friend told police they were walking across the street toward the house when they were assaulted by an unknown assailant.

Police Beat

The LCC student was knocked to the ground, and when he came to he found his companion had been knocked to his knees, the student told police. After investigating the incident, EPD officers discovered the alleged assailant was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity.

The fraternity member told officers the two subjects were making derogatory comments about the fraternity system, and that the two subjects initiated the incident.

Police are still investigating the incident, and no charges have been filed. However, the two subjects filed a fourth-degree assault complaint against the Sigma Nu member.

- Two partitions separating urinals in the men's bathroom on the second floor of Parsons Hall were reported ripped out of the wall on Nov. 10. Estimated damage is \$100, and police have no suspects.

- A transient was arrested by EPD officers outside the University Bookstore after he was observed trespassing on bookstore property and harassing passersby.

Roy Nevarez Castillo, 47, was arrested for disorderly conduct and second-degree trespass on Nov. 13. Bookstore officials

complained Castillo was aggressively panhandling outside the store. When EPD officers arrived they observed Castillo following two women along 13th Avenue and verbally assaulting them.

- Damage to a gate at the visitor's parking lot behind the EMU was reported on Nov. 9. The gate had been hit by a vehicle, breaking the support post. Police suspect a brown Ford van is responsible for damage to the gate. No damage estimate was available.

- A vacuum was reported stolen from Riley Hall on Nov. 14. Estimated loss was \$89. Police

have no suspects.

- A reckless burning was reported Nov. 13 on the second floor of Moore Hall. Furniture was thrown along the hallway, and a piece of paper was found burnt on a chair. Police have no suspects, and a damage estimate was not available.

- An attempted theft was reported Nov. 14. A student walked out of Lawrence Hall and found his bicycle lock had been taken and some damage had been done to the bicycle. Police have no suspects.

- In addition, OPS reports four stolen bicycles and none recovered.

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