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OPS says rally videotaping done to protect students

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Students attending a rally Monday to protest higher tuition levels at the University in the wake of ballot Measure 5 may have noticed a strange sight.

They were being videotaped by the Office of Public Safety.

The decision to videotape rallies at the University has been made in order to help protect students from outside, off-campus groups that sometimes get involved in on-campus rallies, said Carey Drayton, OPS director.

Sometimes on-campus and off-campus groups conflict, Drayton said, and the videotaping will act as a means to deter off-campus groups from coming to campus and causing a scene.

"The whole focus is protection," Drayton said.

He has instituted the videotaping policy at schools he was employed at previously and said it was very successful. Drayton said he had never received any complaints about the procedure.

Tapes will be reviewed by Drayton or a member of his staff after each rally ends. If there is no confrontation at the

rally, the tape will be recorded over.

Tapes will not be filed away after each rally, Drayton said.

Sheila Stickel, co-president of the University, said she is supportive of the videotaping if it is truly for students' protection, but warned that some students may be skeptical.

"It's wonderful if it truly is for students' protection but a lot of people might have a hard time swallowing that," she said.

Stickel also said she is concerned the taping will deter some students from turning out for rallies because of a lack of anonymity.

"At a rally that is a little more heated (than the one that took place Tuesday) there is strength in numbers and this could possibly deter people from turning out," she said.

Stickel said she noticed the videotaping taking place at the rally but when she inquired into why it was being done she was not given a firm answer.

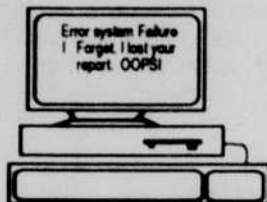
Stickel went on to say the rallies are public and that means that if the Office of Public Safety wants to record them it is their right to do so.

"It is a public rally and it would be hard to stop them from taping," she said.

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Tuesday's article on the tuition-hike rally should have said tuition and fees for in-state students could approach \$1,000 per term by

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The *Emerald* regrets the error, and apologizes for any confusion it may have caused.

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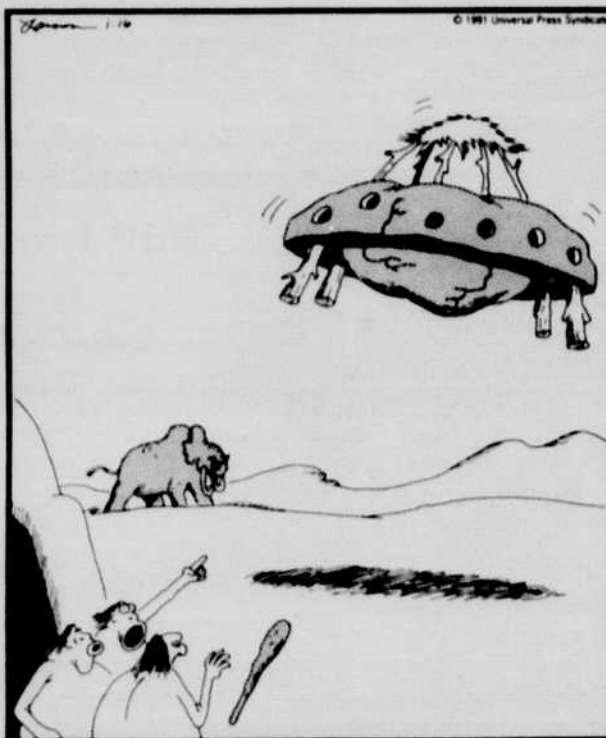
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