

Eugene police to step up patrol around campus

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Eugene police will strengthen patrols around the University area beginning this weekend following several disturbances last weekend including one that police say was racially motivated.

Four of these incidents occurred around 13th and Alder and Kincaid streets, said police spokesman Tim Birr.

The racially motivated incident, also the most violent of the four, occurred early Saturday morning. Four white University students told police they were returning to their car behind Rennie's Landing when they were ap-

proached and beaten by about 20 black men.

The four split up to get away but were confronted, according to the police report. One of the white men was asked for money. When he refused, he was knocked to the ground and hit with sticks, according to the report. The other three were also struck with sticks or fists. Police found a pool cue in the area of the assault.

The four told police they were mockingly called "white boys." They also told police their attackers said race was the motivation behind the attack.

Three of the four men were taken to Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene where

they were treated and released, police said.

Another incident occurred around midnight Saturday when police broke up a group of about 50 intoxicated youths on the 1200 block of Kincaid Street.

At the same time, officer Linda Fisher was intervening in a third incident. Fisher arrested 19-year-old University student Rickey Glen Jones, 1000 Patterson St., No. 240, who she reported seeing assault a 20-year-old female University student. Jones is also charged with assaulting the woman's friend, Kevin John Schmidt, 355 Dellwood Dr., also a University student.

Fisher also arrested Schmidt, 20, on charges that he pushed her after she arrested Jones.

In the fourth incident, police were called by a 7-Eleven store employee when 75 to 100 young people refused to leave the parking lot of the East 13th Avenue and Alder Street store, 911 records said.

The disturbances police broke up last weekend were different in two main ways, Birr said.

"Like any city, there are some racially motivated incidents but they haven't been as large with a dozen or more peo-

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