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Anger over verdict results in local violence

□ Crowd angry over Rodney King verdict rallies, marches

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Students and Eugene residents outraged at the Rodney King trial verdict vented their anger in a campus rally and march to the Federal Building that ended with broken windows and at least one injured person.

Protesters broke 15 windows and two doors at the building following the impromptu march by about 350 people. No arrests were made. Because the damage was done to a federal building, any possible charges would be made by the federal government.

About 400 people gathered in the EMU Courtyard at noon to hear views from African Americans the day after four Los Angeles policemen were acquitted of using excessive force in beating King.

Many of them spoke of the need for action and getting the attention of white America in words that proved to be a foreshadowing of what was to come.

"I'm sick of talking," said student Duran Beasley. "It's time for some action. I'm sick of taking time. Everyone says justice will come. Well, fuck. I want to be here when it gets here."

Student Eric Ward told of the time when he was 13 years old, was walking home and had a policeman grab him and slam his head on the hood of a car.

"He said, 'Nigger, I could kill you right now and no one would give a fuck.' Yesterday, they proved him right."

"We need to unify, we need



to work out the negativity in our own communities or we won't be here in 400 years," Ward said. "Don't forget this. You need to speak up and let people know you will not tolerate this, will not tolerate institutionalized racism."

Greg Evans, candidate for mayor of Eugene and president of the Northwest regional chapter of the NAACP, echoed the sentiments of many when he said the problems reach far beyond Los Angeles.

"All over the country people are livid," he said. "But do not let this pass on and become a



Tekeba Bantu (top) speaks to a crowd of about 400 at a campus rally Thursday, while protesters who later marched to the Federal Building (below) confront security officers.

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L.A. students in 'war zone'

By Rivers Janssen and Colleen Pohlig
Emerald Reporters

It looks like a war zone, said one student.

"It's as if a squadron of bombers swept through the city," said University of Southern California junior Robert Hicks.

In the wake of the Los Angeles riots spurred by the Rodney King verdict, students from the USC and University of California at Los Angeles are watching the most serious violence to hit the city since the Watts riots of 1965.

The violence is so intense that officials closed the USC campus Wednesday and it is expected to remain closed at least until Saturday. All entrances to the school have been sealed off except one, which is being heavily patrolled.

Hicks lives a block from the USC campus in South Central Los Angeles, where the riots are predominantly located. He has seen a video store two blocks from where he lives destroyed by fire. Another market five blocks away has been burning out of control for a day. He took a drive Thursday and saw a city covered by graffiti and black smoke.

USC graduate student Laurie Smurthwaite said she is seeing fires in all directions outside of her apartment

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ELECTION RESULTS

2402 ballots cast, 14.2% voter turnout

IFC 1 YEAR SEATS

- ✓ Efrem Mahrtab - 748
- ✓ Anne Wagoner - 647
- ✓ Barbara Rodgers - 636
- ✓ Jose Balderas - 577

BALLOT MEASURES

- 1 - Saferide 1919-Yes 295-No
- 2 - a LTD No Refund 677-Yes 1189-No
- 2 - b LTD Refund 1438-Yes 570-No
- 3 - OSPIRG 1711-Yes 489-No
- 4 - Fee Reduced 805-Yes 1348-No
- 5 - Fee Discontinued 493-Yes 1661-No

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Students nix measures to cut fees

□ Measures to buy new van for Saferide, continue OSPIRG funding and LTD service pass

By Mandy Baucum
Emerald Reporter

The ballot measures that would have reduced or eliminated incidental fees were axed by students during the general election Wednesday and Thursday, with each failing by a considerable margin.

Students did support three other measures that will add to the fees already in place.

The one-time \$15,286 request from Saferide that will give that group an additional van passed by the widest margin of all the measures. Saferide is the nighttime shuttle service for women. The vote was 1,919 to 295.

Also on the ballot were two proposals submitted by LTD that gave students the choice between a \$5.50 per term charge for unlimited use of LTD and the discontinuation of the right to a refund. The second proposal was for a \$5.70 charge that would keep the right to a re-

fund.

University students said yes to their refund rights and supported the \$5.70 increase. Students voted 1,438 to 570 for the refund option; 677 wanted the non-refund option but 1,189 didn't.

On the OSPIRG ballot measure, students voted in favor of maintaining the group's annual budget of \$112,750 for the next two years. Students now pay \$2.50 per student per term.

The IFC candidates chosen in the general election, according to voter preference were: Efrem Mehretab, Anne Wag-

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LAST IN A LONG LINE

Oregon softball players Tracey Simmons and Kim Manning have been teammates since grade school. This weekend, they play their final games together.

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THE WORLD AWAITS

Students interested in finding a job with an international corporation or a career outside of the U.S. can find out what steps to take Saturday.

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ON LOCATION

More and more major motion pictures are being filmed outside of the L.A. area and Oregon getting its fair share of the business.

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