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Eugene police department Officers Darel Schuiz (left) and Tony Veach will be cruising the streets as part of the department's bicycle patrol.

Officers find bikes improve access

□ Program started in an attempt to improve police relations within the community

By Tim Neff
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Criminals may hear little more than the hum of rubber on pavement and the rapid-fire clicking of bicycle sprockets before being apprehended by Eugene police this summer.

The Eugene police bicycle patrol, up and running after a year-long hiatus, is meting out justice with the pleasant clang of bicycle bells rather than the ear-splitting wail of sirens.

Since the program officially began July 8, five of-

icers have traded patrol cars for Raleigh mountain bikes, taking to the parks and bike paths of Eugene — areas that are not easily accessible for police cruisers.

Tim Birr, public information officer for the Department of Public Safety, said the bike patrols are also an effective tool to put a friendly face on the department.

"There is a tremendous public relations benefit for us," Birr said. "We are moving toward a community-oriented style of policing. This brings officers more directly in contact with citizens."

The program first ran last summer. Bike patrols continued into the fall, but as the weather turned nasty and calls to police increased, the program was

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Brand answers doubts about layoff notices

□ Concerned students, faculty, staff question the president on proposed layoffs and possible solutions

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University President Myles Brand played the role of both prophet of doom and optimism Tuesday when he met with several hundred faculty and staff to explain why they will soon receive layoff warnings.

About 218 letters were sent out Wednesday to inform University employees about possible layoffs when the second round of budget cuts kicks in the next biennium.

Brand spoke to a packed room in 100 Willamette Hall to try and clear up the confusion regarding the notices.

Brand assured people that for now, their jobs are safe.

"We will not lay off anyone unless we absolutely have to," he said. "We are not going to get ahead of the curve."

Receiving a letter "does not mean that you are fired," he said.

The notices, which went out to mostly administrative workers, are part of the plan to prepare for the worst if 20 percent of the higher education budget is cut in 1993.

Gov. Barbara Roberts has asked the universities to plan as if the cuts are to take place. If the Oregon Legislature can come up with a new tax plan, the budget could be spared.

But with the recent defeat of Roberts' tax proposal — at least for now — higher education is headed for a cliff.

Brand said despite the troubles, the road to disaster is still a long one, and anything can happen.

"It's highly unlikely — I'll never say impossible — that we will face the 20-percent budget cuts," Brand said, but conceded that some cuts are inevitable.

He emphasized that it is impossible to predict how many positions would eventually be eliminated.

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Eugene Orchestra conductor to be subject of documentary

□ Story of Marin Alsop's rise from student to symphony conductor will be produced by Oregon Public Broadcasting

By Tim Neff
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A video documentary to be produced by Oregon Public Broadcasting will focus national attention on the woman behind the baton of the Eugene Symphony Orchestra.

Marin Alsop, who has conducted the

symphony for the past four seasons, has been chosen as the subject of a one-hour documentary tentatively titled *Music in Her Veins*.

The documentary, slated to begin filming in November, will trace Alsop's meteoric rise from a student at the Juilliard School of Music, to studying with famed conductor Leonard Bernstein, and to national prominence as an outstanding conductor in her own right.

Karen Kammerer, public relations director for the Eugene Symphony, said Alsop's brilliant young career is documentary material.

"She's phenomenal," Kammerer said. "She will probably become one of the

major conductors of the 20th Century."

The documentary got its first financial boost from the Woodard Family Foundation of Eugene, which announced Tuesday it will contribute \$10,000 to OPB for production of the film. Final production costs are estimated at \$360,000.

Foundation Vice President Casey Woodard said the documentary will provide national exposure for Alsop and the Eugene arts community.

"We have a natural treasure in our presence here in Eugene," Woodard said.

Kammerer said the Eugene Symphony also stands to benefit from the national

exposure.

"When we make applications for grants," she said, "we send packets of information about the press that we've received. They don't want to fund someone who's invisible."

Alsop is a native of New York. She attended Yale University and received her Masters Degree from Juilliard. She was twice awarded the Leonard Bernstein Conducting Fellowship to the Tanglewood Music Festival.

In 1990, Alsop became the first woman to conduct subscription concerts with the Los Angeles Philharmonic. The same year she became the first woman to conduct the Boston Pops Orchestra in its 107-year history.

WEATHER

Eugene residents should expect temperatures to reach into the mid-90s today. Abundant sunshine should continue through the weekend.

Wednesday's low temperature in the lower 48 states was 35 at Pinedale, Wyo., and West Yellowstone, Mont. Palm Springs, Calif. saw 108 as a high.

'E' PROBLEM STRIKES AGAIN

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Vice President Dan Quayle may have an "e" thing, or maybe he's just a lousy speller.

Pat Casey, co-owner of Sam Snead's Tavern, said patrons recently were reading letters on the tavern walls when they gathered at one.

It was a signed, handwritten note on Quayle's letterhead sent to Snead last summer after Quayle played golf at Snead's home course.

It begins: "Sam, had a great time this weekend but the golf was lousey." Casey said the vice president's misspelling may be reflected on the tavern's menu.

"We're looking at coming up with a product on the menu with a 'Dan Quayle Potatoe,'" Casey said.

SPORTS

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Nelson Mandela will represent the African National Congress at the opening ceremonies of the Olympic Games, just a few weeks after the group demanded South Africa's withdrawal from the event.

South Africa has not participated in the Olympics since 1960 because of apartheid.

