Washington authorities crack down on greeks

SEATTLE (AP) — No major problems were reported over the weekend as police stepped up patrols near University of Washington fraternity and sorority houses.

The increased police presence followed a Greek Row brawl the previous weekend in which a student was hit in the face with a beer bottle, losing sight in one eye. Fraternity members and Husky football players were involved in the fight.

A half-dozen police cars patrolled Greek Row on Friday night. Seven police cars plus officers on foot and bicycles patrolled the area Saturday night.

Police issued about 35 citations over the two days and made about half-dozen arrests, all alcohol related, Lt. Fred Hill said.

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member task force to investigate alcohol and other behavior problems on Greek Row.

Fraternity members said problems are the exception, not the rule.

"We're not bad people," said Rob Skarperud, president of Alpha Sigma Phi. "Most of us are here for scholastic reasons, and we aren't just a bunch of party animals."

Mall manager under investigation

SALEM (AP) — A Portland property investor was arraigned Monday on charges that he diverted more than \$1.5 million in state pension funds for personal use.

Harry Coleman is charged with 15 counts of theft involving Oregon Public Employees Retirement Fund investments in the Garden Valley Mall shopping center in Roseburg.

The state sued Coleman last spring, accusing him of diverting more than \$3 million in pension funds. The lawsuit remains pending.

Marla Rae, spokeswoman for the state attorney general's office, said the two money amounts are different because the civil lawsuit covers a longer time than the period involving the criminal charges.

Coleman pleaded innocent to all criminal counts Monday in an appearance before Judge Albin Norblad of Marion County Circuit Court.

Coleman was indicted in a case involving Terry Canby, former real estate investment manager for the state. Canby pleaded guilty earlier this year to one count of criminal racketeering for mingling personal and official investments

He allegedly made monthly payments to Coleman, who managed the mail.

The state used pension funds to invest in the Roseburg shopping center in 1987. The next year, Coleman became a partner in Umpqua Properties, the company that owned the mall.

By 1990, Coleman had bought out the partnership and taken over mall management. He mainly used pension funds to buy out Umpqua, according to the attorney general's office.

Each month between May 1990 and July 1991, Coleman received state treasury payments to invest in the mall and for his management fee, according to court papers filed by the state.

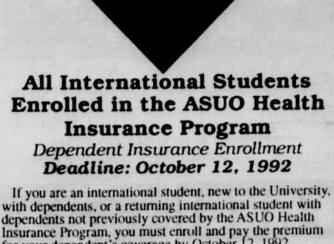
The state claims he spent substantial amounts of the investment money for purposes other than the shopping center. The excess amounts exceeded \$50,000 in every month but one, according to state documents.

Each criminal count covers one monthly payment during that period.









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