

Woman falls to her death from PLC balcony

Several passers-by witnessed unidentified woman's fall from the ninth-floor stairwell

By Jake Berg
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An unidentified woman apparently committed suicide by jumping from the top-floor balcony of Prince Lucien Campbell Hall Monday morning.

Authorities said several people witnessed the woman in "mid-flight" as she fell at least 100 feet from the ninth-floor balcony on the south stairway outside of the building, the highest on campus and one of the highest in Eugene.

The woman landed on her back near the west steps leading out of the courtyard near Academic Learning Services.

Police spokesman Tim Birr said the woman had no identification on her body or in her clothing. It is unknown if the woman was a student, he said.

Birr said the police are treating the death as a suicide, but they won't be positive until they have more information.

"We don't know for certain," Birr said. "Until we're able to identify her and find out what was going on in her life, we won't know for sure."

A check of the woman's fingerprints through the Automated Fingerprint Identification System failed to give a match Monday afternoon, Birr said. He said AFIS is a regional system with "hundreds of thousands" of people who have been printed.

The woman was described as white, 25 to 30 years old, about 5 feet 7 inches tall and 130 to 140 pounds, with dark brown hair that fell below her shoulders, and wearing wire-rimmed glasses. She was also wearing a navy pea coat, blue jeans and black boots.

Witnesses called the University Office of Public Safety after seeing the incident, and the Eugene police department was notified at 8:27 a.m., Birr said. The woman was pronounced dead upon the arrival of EPD, the Eugene fire department and paramedics.

The Lane County medical examiner arrived more than an hour afterward to remove the body, leaving behind a blood stain where her head had lain on the sidewalk. Birr said his evaluation concluded that the woman probably died of massive injuries to the back of her head.

Birr said no one actually witnessed a jump, but several saw her

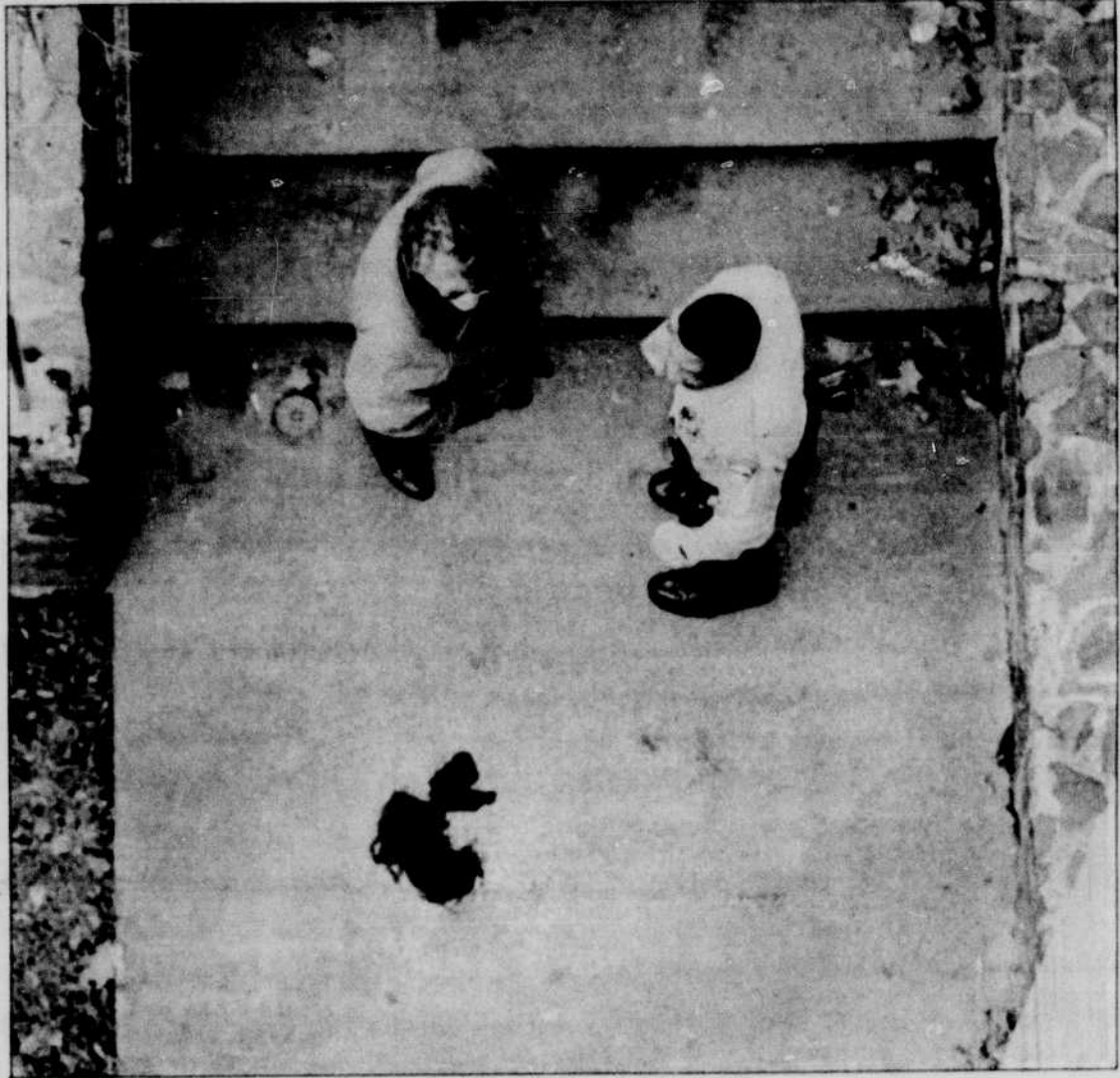


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OPS officials stand near the site where a woman landed after falling from the ninth floor of PLC.

Students sentenced to 60 days

Hoop, Arias get jail terms, fines in connection with April Federal Building damage

By Pat Malach
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A U.S. District Court judge sentenced two University students Monday to 60 days in jail for their roles in the destruction of \$6,131 worth of property at the Eugene Federal Building on April 30.

U.S. District Court Judge Michael Hogan sentenced Brian Gregory Hoop, 27, and Carlos Alejandro Arias, 30, to 60 days incarceration with the Bureau of Prisons and 100 hours of community

service.

In addition, both men must pay restitution for the damages. Hoop, a senior majoring in architecture must pay \$138.46. Arias, a graduate student from the Dominican Republic, owes \$553.84.

Both men pleaded guilty at a Sept. 8 hearing to misdemeanor charges of destruction of federal property stemming from a protest that followed the acquittal of four white Los Angeles police officers charged with beating black motorist Rodney King.

At the Sept. 8 plea bargain, Assistant U.S. Attorney John Ray recommended Hoop and Arias pay restitution and perform 200 hours of community service. However, Hogan was not required to follow those recommendations when sentencing the pair.

Hoop said he believed Hogan wanted to make a strong statement about what type of activities would be allowed.

"He spoke about free speech as being a right that needs to be protected," Hoop said, "but we have to draw a line defining what types of activities would be allowed and what wouldn't."

Hoop said the Federal Building window-breaking episode that followed a peaceful campus rally was a moment that "just got out of hand."

"In no way does this sentence deter my commitment from fighting against bigotry and injustice in

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Curious students spend Friday the 13th with cadavers

Physiology students venture to pathology lab for first look at dead bodies

By Sarah Clark
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As night fell on Friday the 13th, I was staring at a dead man.

Not only was he dead, he had been skinned and pried apart so his bones and tendons were exposed. He looked like a combination of Freddy Krueger and something out of *Gray's Anatomy*.

I wasn't alone. About 20 other physiology students and I had opted to spend part of our Friday evening in Room 75B Klamath, the cadaver lab. We

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WEATHER

Today will be mostly cloudy with local fog. There will be a chance of light rain. Highs will be between 50-55.

Today in History

In 1800, Congress had its first session in Washington, D.C. at the partially completed Capitol building.

BIGFOOT BOX

APPLEGATE (AP) - It looks like a big empty box, a 10-foot square structure reinforced with metal bolts and anchored with telephone poles along the Collins Mountain Trail in the Rogue River National Forest.

And in 18 years, it hasn't trapped even one Bigfoot.

"For a long time, only a few local people knew about the Bigfoot trap," said Su Rolle, ranger for the Applegate District. "But more and more people are stopping to ask where it is."

As a result, the U.S. Forest Service plans to place an interpretive sign at the site.

"People often ask us about the trap, and if we've seen any Bigfoot tracks," Rolle said. "There is a tremendous amount of local interest in Bigfoot."

SPORTS

LOS ANGELES (AP) - UCLA coach Terry Donahue said Monday he won't decide until later in the week who will start at quarterback for the Bruins on Saturday against 15th-ranked Southern Cal.

However, he did say that senior John Barnes and redshirt freshman Rob Walker probably will both see action in the 62nd meeting of the Bruins and Trojans. Walker started four games after Wayne Cook suffered a season-ending knee injury in the first game of the year, but then missed four games because of a sprained ankle.

Walker returned to the starting lineup at Oregon last weekend, but played only three series before Barnes took over.