

University cites OPS officer with harassment violation

□ Campus security has inappropriate environment, say current, former employees

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A University Office of Public Safety officer violated the University's sexual harassment policy, according to a September letter from the University to the Oregon State System of Higher Education chancellor.

Jean Chiappisi, a junior and former OPS employee, filed a complaint of sexual harassment with the University's Office of Affirmative Action against lead security officer Otis Scarborough on July 7, 1992. Chiappisi said she filed the complaint after discussing the incident, which happened one night last May, with several other OPS-employed women who said they had similar experiences with Scarborough and another OPS employee.

Chiappisi also said she filed the complaint because she was not pleased with how the incident was handled once she reported it to OPS Director Carey Drayton.

Scarborough, who has been an OPS officer for 12 years, continues to hold that position and has the same work hours and responsibilities.

The University's Office of Human Resources found "Scarborough's behavior toward Ms. Chiappisi meets the definition of sexual harassment," according to the Sept. 21 letter.

Scarborough was "disciplined according to the procedures applicable under his collective bargaining agreement," the letter said.

Because state public records laws say all information of a personal nature contained in a personnel file is confidential, the nature of the discipline is not public information.

When contacted by the Emerald regarding the incident, Scarborough said, "Whatever the other person involved says, we'll just leave it at that." He declined further comment.

Chiappisi said she asked Scarborough to help her understand how African-Americans were feeling about the acquittal of four white police officers in the beating of Rodney King last May. They agreed to meet for a discussion, and the events of that evening formed the major basis for her complaint.

Chiappisi said Scarborough agreed to meet for coffee sometime to "tell his story of what it's like to be black in a white country."

On May 6, Scarborough called Chiappisi and told her they were going to see the film *White Men Can't Jump* because he said this would explain the African-American experience, she said.

On the way to the theater, Chiappisi said Scarborough told her two things that stood out in her mind. The first was that he lived with another woman, but they had an open

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Springfield will defend 20-08

□ City Council votes to fight ACLU suit against amendment

By Lisa Kneefel
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The Springfield City Council voted Monday to pursue a defense against an American Civil Liberties Union lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the city's anti-gay rights charter amendment.

Following executive session deliberations, six council members voted to notify the city's insurance company to direct city attorneys to prepare a defense of the amendment.

Only Mayor Bill Morrisette cast a dissenting vote.

The charter amendment, adopted in May of last year

'Everybody knows where the city of Springfield stands on this issue.'

— Larry Allwander,
Oregon Citizens Alliance

as Ballot Measure 20-08, forbids the city and its officials from recognizing or facilitating homosexuality.

The ACLU announced last week it was filing a lawsuit against the amendment based on questions of free speech and expression rights. Seven plaintiffs, each with a specific grievance, are named in the lawsuit.

Larry Allwinder, Lane County director for the Oregon Citizens Alliance, which sponsored Measure 20-08,

said he's pleased with the council's decision to defend the charter amendment.

"They did the right thing," Allwander said, "and that's important."

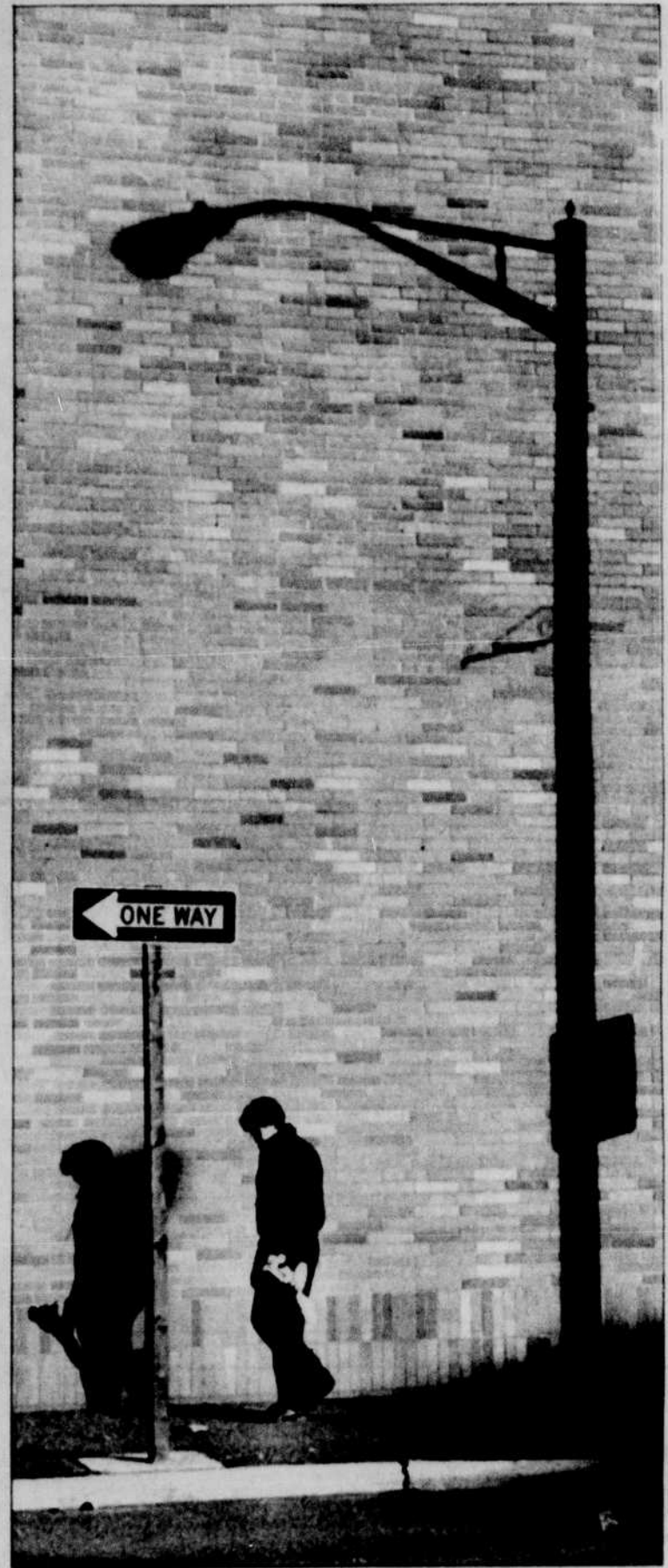
But Allwander said the OCA is disappointed with another decision made by the council regarding revision of the existing amendment.

The OCA announced recently that revised versions of Ballot Measure 9, the statewide anti-gay rights measure defeated last November, will appear on the 1994 ballot in 33 Oregon cities and counties.

Allwander said the revised measures are an improvement over Measure 9 and omit much of the language some voters found offensive.

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Headin' home



Keith Dahl of Eugene strolls along Oak Street on his way home from work Monday, carrying flowers for his wife.

Photo by Michael Shunder

WEATHER

Today's temperatures should reach the upper 50s, with cloudy skies returning.

Today in History

Today in 1962, the United States launched the "Ranger III" spacecraft to land scientific instruments on the moon - but the probe missed its target by 22,000 miles.

SEN. PACKWOOD RETURNS

Sen. Bob Packwood will be speaking today in Eugene at the Valley River Inn at 4 p.m. Local activists have planned a demonstration to greet the senator. Organizer George Beres said the group will gather at the bike path near the Valley River Inn at 3:30 p.m.

Earlier visits across the state on Monday met with mixed reviews from southern Oregonians.

Packwood's trip is his first to Oregon since he was accused of making unwanted sexual advances toward women.

SPORTS

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Dan Reeves is on the verge of finalizing a deal that will make him the next coach of the New York Giants, a team official said Monday.

N.Y. Giants' executive vice president John Mara said he was trying to temper his optimism that a deal could be completed this week with the former Denver coach who led the Broncos to three Super Bowls and five AFC West titles.

"That's what we're hoping for," Mara said. "We'll have to get this thing done first."

Reeves reportedly will receive a five-year contract worth an estimated \$4 million.