

## Noise violators may pay more

□ Eugene City Council proposes tougher ordinance for offenders

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After receiving numerous complaints about noise and late-night parties, the Eugene City Council is moving to adopt stiffer penalties for repeat noise violators.

A repeated offense under the proposed new city ordinance could result in a \$1,500 fine, 90 days in jail or both.

Eugene police department patrol Capt. Jim Horton said the penalties under the present ordinance are too weak. EPD received more than 2,000 noise complaints between October 1991 and October 1992, and was able to respond to only half of those incidents.

"The monetary fines have been too small to serve as a real deterrent," he said. "The fines have just been seen as a cost of doing business."

Under the original amendment proposal, violators who don't stop making noise within 30 minutes after given a citation or warning would receive up to \$500 in fines and 30 days in jail. They could be fined \$1,500, sentenced to 90 days in jail or both if they create noise again within six months of the first violation.

The council is likely to approve the amendment after making several adjustments, including lowering penalties for first-time offenders, but stiffening those of repeat offenders. Councilors favored changing the proposed fines for the first violation from \$500 to \$200 and no jail time. The limit for being penalized for the second violation was changed

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## Police investigate series of assaults

□ Police say assaults on women in North Eugene area may be related

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Eugene police are investigating a series of assaults that may indicate the presence of a serial rapist in the North Eugene area.

The incidents, three rapes and one assault during the past two months, have some similarities, including the presence of a weapon and the suspect's general description, said EPD spokesman Tim Birr.

However, Birr said police were "not prepared to say we have a serial rapist in the North Eugene area."

While the police have no suspects in any of the attacks, an incident was reported Friday night in which a man fitting the suspect's description startled a woman in the parking lot of a Safeway at 2060 River Road, causing her to flee without her groceries.

According to a witness, the man was a clean-

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Photo by Dylan Coulter

Anchorwoman Shannon Dorsett sorts through scripts as Zafryn Abidin focuses during a filming of U of O News.

## University 'News' takes to the air

□ Journalism students involved in all phases of their weekly newscast

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"Kill it!" a voice yelled in the next room. On the screen, two women appeared poised and composed, though at the commercial break they laughed nervously and tugged at their hair.

A panicked movie reviewer dashed through the hall with four plastic ducks, one of which was missing a tail, and the air in Studio C was choked with anticipation.

But when the audience saw "U of O News" flash on the screen, the picture reflected all professionalism and none of the high anxiety in the newsroom.

Aired on Channel 12, *U of O News* is entirely student-produced. The class, which has expanded from being offered only spring term to include winter, is made up of 11 students who put together the show.

Students rotate jobs, so each has a chance to be anchor, director, cameraperson and other various jobs.

The class, advanced TV news, is "the real world and then some," student Shelley Ashenfelder said.

The news offers University students a chance to see the news from a University perspective, student Jodi Kaulukukui said. "It is an opportunity to look at your peers and see what they're thinking," she said.

Besides offering comment from students and professors, the *U of O News* provides spontaneity and entertainment. The *News* has covered stories from African dance to sexual harassment. During one story on fake identification and shooting on-location at a



Photo by Dylan Coulter

Technical director Jody Kaulukukui (left) and director Brett Coltman work the controls during U of O News.

bar, a brawl broke out, student Libby Dowsett said.

Because of its tight time schedule, the show airs as it was shot, even if there are mistakes.

The first show aired included a shot of the anchorman in the middle of a commercial break looking around the newsroom. An equipment malfunction titled President Bill Clinton as Cathy Chevron, the anchorwoman.

During one show, the director realized there wasn't enough time to switch tapes between the commercial and news story. "We told the anchor to try and stall, and he went on and on, then just sat there and smiled until the camera went off him," Dowsett said.

The *U of O News* has to rely on what it already

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## WEATHER

Sunshine and fair skies will prevail in the Eugene area. Temperatures may reach into the upper 60s.

### Today in History

In 1924, the first execution by gas in the United States took place at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City.

## FROM THE PAST

An 1891 faculty meeting in then University President John W. Johnson's recitation room. Johnson is seated second from the right, alongside the wall.

Archives Photo

## SPORTS

The Oregon women's basketball team lost its 10th consecutive game Friday night, falling to Oregon State 67-63 at McArthur Court.

Oregon (6-12, 0-9) grabbed a 39-30 halftime lead against the Beavers and held onto it for most of the second half before the Beavers took their first lead at 54-53 with 6:49 left in the game. Oregon regained the lead and was ahead 61-56 with 5:15 left in the game, before Oregon State pulled ahead for good, 64-63, with 1:36 remaining in the game.

The Beavers made five of six free throws in the final 1:36 and held Oregon scoreless in the last three minutes of the game to cinch the victory.