

Rodney King testifies at beating trial

King tells jury he was "trying to stay alive" while being attacked by police

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rodney King took the witness stand Tuesday for the first time since his videotaped beating and said he was "attacked" by police officers, including one who screamed racial insults and told him, "We're going to kill you."

King, speaking in a soft voice, said he never attacked the officers accused of violating his civil rights.

"I was trying to stay alive," King told the jury.

King's testimony was his first detailed public account of the night the black motorist's speeding car was pursued by police officers and he was beaten after finally coming to a stop.

In cross-examination, two defense attorneys challenged King's truthfulness in previous statements about the beating. King acknowledged he had lied to his parole officer, denying he was drunk and speeding when police chased him down.

"I was scared of going back to prison," he explained repeatedly.

He also said that when he led police on a long chase, refusing to stop, "I was hoping the problem would go away. ... I stopped at all the stop lights and stop signs and when I saw the problem wouldn't go away, I pulled over."

Attorney Michael Stone, who was cross-examining King when court recessed for the day, said King's testimony "hurt us a lot."

He promised to undermine the testimony when he resumes questioning King Wednesday.

The testimony in the federal trial of four white policemen came two years after the March 3, 1991, beating, which led to a

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Just hanging around

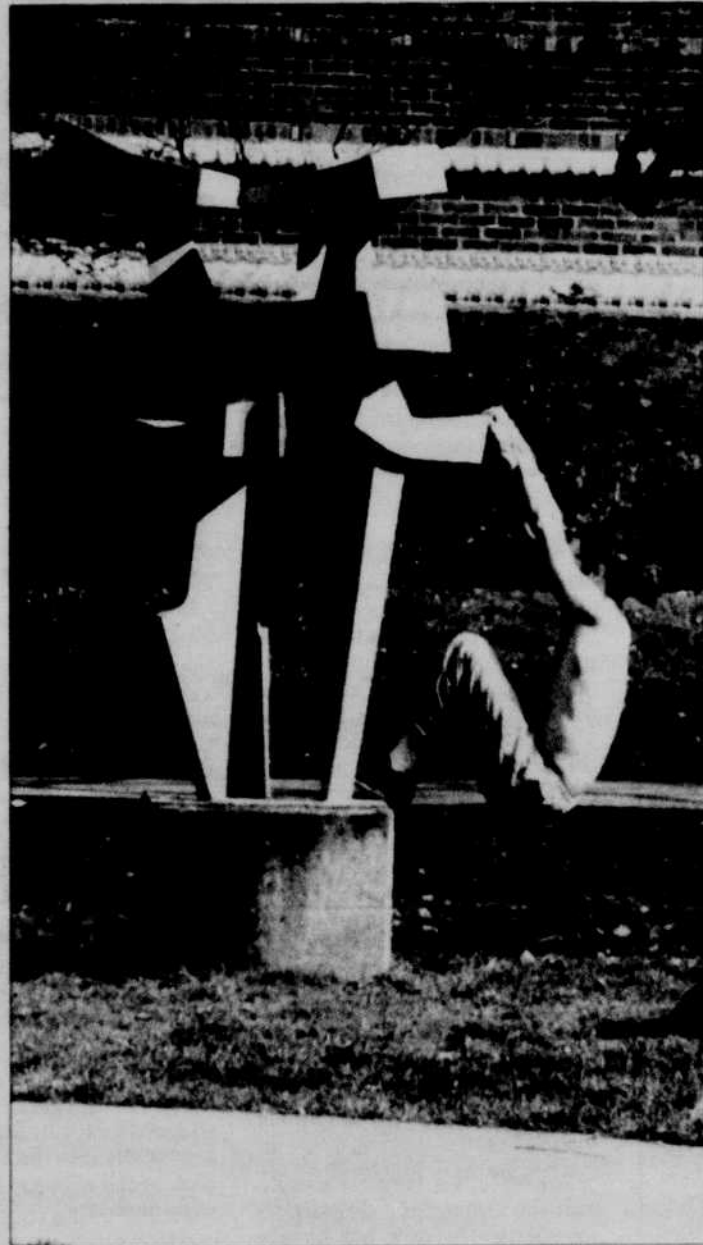


Photo by Randy Thieban

Eugene resident Brad Job spends Monday afternoon climbing and meditating on the artwork outside the Museum of Art, between Chapman Hall and Knight Library.

University aims for increase in contributions

Fundraising campaign plans to bring in about \$150 million in five years

By Sarah Clark
Emerald Reporter

The University is planning an aggressive fund-raising campaign that could double the amount of private donations the University currently receives, a University vice president said.

The campaign, which would begin in 1994, would raise \$120 million to \$150 million during a five-year period, or an average of \$24 million to \$30 million a year, said Brodie Remington, University vice president for public affairs and development.

Currently, the University averages about \$15 million a year in private gifts.

Remington said it's unfortunate the University did not begin campaigning aggressively for private donations years ago, like other universities. However, he said this campaign should bring the University up to fund-raising par.

"Raising \$150 million would put the University of Oregon in the legitimate big leagues for institutions of our size and type," Remington said. "There's no reason why we shouldn't be in the big leagues."

The money from the campaign would go to several areas, Remington said, including strengthening undergraduate education, faculty research and the proposed International College.

"A lot of campuses emphasize bricks and mortar in their fund-raising campaigns," Remington said. "This campaign will emphasize people-support."

The University originally planned to raise \$120 million during five years. But a Chicago consulting firm that surveyed potential donors said the University could raise \$150 million if it could find strong fund-raising leaders.

The firm, John Grenzebach and Associates, interviewed 80 alumni, corporate representatives and others who could donate \$100,000 or more to the University.

In confidential interviews, most potential donors said they'd consider donating to the University. Most approved of the campaign's objectives, such as raising money for undergraduate education, the survey indicat-

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Pair makes bid for ASUO office

Candidates promise to advocate increased multiculturalism

By Tammy Batey
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Two ASUO Executive members announced they will run for 1993-94 ASUO president and vice president and said their campaign theme will be creating a community atmosphere at the University.

Eric Bowen, ASUO programs coordinator, and Diana Collins Puente, ASUO multicultural advo-

cate, said if they are elected ASUO president and vice president, respectively, they will create a multicultural center in the EMU and create two new student advocate posts.

The non-traditional student advocate would serve disabled students, older students and students with children. The international student advocate would serve international students.

Too many students now fall under the jurisdiction of the multicultural affairs advocate, Collins Puente said. The new positions would take some of the pressure off that position.

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Photo by Jeff Paslay

ASUO Executive members Diana Collins Puente and Eric Bowen say their differences in leadership styles will work to their advantage.



WEATHER

Sunshine will become abundant in Oregon as the dry air progresses southward. The dry air will allow for tranquil weather, and afternoon temperatures will be a few degrees higher than normal. Highs will be in the upper 60s.

FINANCE BILL STOPPED

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Senate failed to muster enough votes to pass a \$1 billion school finance bill, Tuesday, and sent it to the Joint Ways and Means Committee instead.

Backers of the measure conceded they didn't have the minimum 16 votes needed to pass it. Senators then voted 25-5 to ship the bill back to the budget panel.

The action followed intense lobbying from parents and educators urging senators to not approve the bill, which was passed by the House last week. The measure would cut school funds by more than \$200 million in the 1993-94 fiscal year.

SPORTS

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Michigan basketball star Jalen Rose may have been in the wrong place at the wrong time, but he was doing nothing wrong when he was ticketed for loitering during a drug raid, the player and university officials said Tuesday.

"I was in that house," during an Oct. 4 raid in Detroit, Rose said at a news conference. "I was there to help a friend."

Rose was given a loitering ticket during the raid at a house where cocaine and marijuana trafficking was suspected. Four other people were arrested or ticketed, and their criminal cases are pending.