

They need A-negative



Photo by Randy Thieben

Dorothy Lundquist helps Nancy McGuire donate blood Tuesday at the Lane Memorial Blood Bank as McGuire writes a letter to her boyfriend. The bank, which has a goal of 250 units of blood, finishes today in the EMU Fir Room, and A-negative blood is especially needed.

EPD car hits OPS truck on campus

Collision occurs at 13th and Agate intersection when school officer hurries after bike thief, reports say

By Matt Bender
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An unmarked police car hit a University Office of Public Safety vehicle that was in pursuit of a bike thief last Friday afternoon at a campus intersection.

OPS Officer Felisa Marie Padron pulled out in front of EPD Sgt. Bret Freeman's car at the intersection of East 13th Avenue and Agate Street. Padron was turning left onto East 13th from Agate about 2:40 p.m. when Freeman's car struck the right rear quarter panel of the OPS truck Padron was driving.

Freeman was not injured, and Padron was treated and released at Sacred Heart General Hospital for a slight neck injury.

Freeman was traveling south on Agate and said he believed it was his turn at the four-way stop, according to police reports. Padron told police that she came to a complete stop at the intersection and decided to try to get through the intersection ahead of Freeman's car.

Freeman said he was heading south on Agate, stopped in heavy traffic, waited until he believed it was his turn and then proceeded forward. That was when the collision occurred.

According to police reports, Padron said she knew it was not her turn but decided to try to go anyway. Padron was in pursuit of a bike thief and witnesses said she was traveling fast.

Witnesses said the OPS truck was moving in a "jerky" motion and said the OPS truck spun its wheels while chasing the bike thief. The witnesses said they saw Padron driving fast in the area before the collision.

In the moments before the collision, witnesses said Padron traveled eastbound on East 13th, ran the east stop sign at the East 13th and Agate intersection, turned right onto Agate and traveled two blocks to the intersection of Agate and East 15th Avenue. She then made a U-turn on Agate, drove back to the intersection of East 13th and Agate, and collided with Freeman, according to police reports.

EPD Sgt. Dennis Baker said although Padron was in radio contact with the OPS office, there was no way for Freeman to know Padron was in pursuit of a suspect.

Freeman is not a campus officer, so he would not be on the same channel as the OPS and the campus EPD officers, Baker said.

Baker said the bike thief was never caught, and the city attorney is reviewing the accident to determine who, if anyone, is at fault in the incident.

Baker said Padron was all right and back on duty Tuesday, though her neck was a little stiff and sore.

Housing priority goes to needful

Student parents with most financial need get highest nod

By Sarah Clark
Oregon Daily Emerald

University family housing will give highest priority to student parents with financial need starting this fall, University Housing Director Mike Eyster announced Tuesday.

Childless students over age 21 with financial need will get next priority, regardless of whether they are married, Eyster said.

The new priorities will affect new applicants applying for fall term and later, Eyster said. Current residents will not be affected.

Currently, highest priority goes to student parents, but University Housing does not extensively assess financial need. The next priority currently goes to married students.

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- APPLICANTS WITH FINANCIAL NEED.**
- 1) Student(s) with child(ren)
 - 2) Graduate student(s) without child(ren)
 - 3) Undergraduate student(s) 21 years of age or older without child(ren)
- APPLICANTS WITHOUT FINANCIAL NEED.**
- 4) Student(s) with child(ren)
 - 5) Graduate student(s) without child(ren)
 - 6) Undergraduate student(s) 21 years of age or older without child(ren)

Beginning in the fall, new family housing applicants will have to submit income and expense information in their applications. Applicants whose major

expenses — such as tuition and rent — exceed their income will get higher priority for housing.

Eyster said giving priority based on financial need is fair because family housing constitutes a significant form of financial assistance.

Two-bedroom family housing units will rent this fall for as low as \$175 a month, which is cheaper than other local housing, Eyster said.

Tenants agree that higher priority should go to students with financial need. However, some say they are worried the new guidelines will fill family housing with single students and students with roommates.

Ron Schlittler, a member of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance, has said the University should recognize domestic partnerships to let gay, lesbian and other unmarried couples live in family housing without letting in everyone who is not married.

Eyster disagreed.

"The fair way is to distribute family housing based on financial need," Eyster said, "not based on any definition of a relationship."

Eyster said he is not worried that childless single students will dominate family housing because highest priority will still go to students with children.

Other students have said requiring childless students to be at least 21 is unfair. Eyster said students under 21 who believe they should qualify for family housing can petition the University for eligibility.

WEATHER

Warm weather continues today. Temperatures 75-80 degrees. Slight chance of thundershowers this afternoon.

Today in History

In 1978, the Commerce Department announced that hurricanes would no longer be named exclusively after women.



SENATE PANEL DECISION

SALEM (AP) — A state Senate panel should decide soon whether to revise Oregon's public records laws, Secretary of State Phil Keisling says. When Oregon's public records law was adopted in 1973, it included 16 exemptions for records the government was not required to disclose. Since then, more than 300 exemptions have been added. Two bills currently before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senate Bill 499 and SB 500, would replace those exemptions with three broad categories of exemptions. "I think the time is coming to have a decision on it," Keisling said Monday after a committee hearing on the bills. Under the first category, public agencies would decide if the public interest is best served by withholding or releasing a record. The other two categories exempt records unless a compelling case is made for opening them.

CAMPUS

The University Senate will meet today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 133 Gilbert to discuss the race, gender and non-European requirement. Three amendments to the proposal will be voted on by Senate members.

Anything approved by the University Senate regarding the race, gender and non-European requirement has to be approved by the University Assembly before going into effect. The next University Assembly meeting is June 2.