

LICENSE

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enforcing motor vehicle laws can be issued to non-resident students who either possess an out-of-state driver's license and/or report a permanent out-of-state address but can be established holding an Oregon address, said Eugene police Officer Merle Olsen, referring to Oregon's state motor vehicle codes.

The Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles does not have the responsibility to verify whether a person is a resident of the state of Oregon. This notion can also be misleading to University students seeking to gain a license for future consideration and approval of state residency from the Oregon State Board of Higher Education.

"Most students tend to be unaware that not surrendering a prior state license can also mean a future suspension and/or refusal to issue an Oregon driver's license for one year," said Valerie Mahers, an employee at the Department of Motor Vehicles in Eugene.

Since 1991, the number of non-resident college students charged or cited by Eugene police for offenses such as failure to surrender a prior state driver's license, failure to notify change of address, holding multiple state licenses, failure to carry a present Oregon license while possessing a local Oregon address, or driving a vehicle registered in Oregon with inconsistent state license plates, has increased sharply to almost 10 students per month, according to court records.

"There is a particular hazard

when a student is charged with a traffic misdemeanor," said officials at the ASUO Legal Services. Even if students have been acquitted from a misdemeanor case, they will still have an arrest record for three years in Lane County.

"A prior charge may jeopardize students' reputations when they seek future employment, because many employers ask for arrest or charge records, which can produce unfortunate questions and possibly affect permanent employment selection," said Ilona Koleszar, an attorney for ASUO Legal Services.

"There are many confusing gray areas involved with these traffic and possible misdemeanor citations," said Eugene attorney Marc A. Spence. "Regarding the false identification misdemeanor, non-resident exemptions from certain requirements to have an Oregon driver's license or permit usually apply for non-resident students who can prove they possess another state residency, but it's complicated and at times costly to get dismissed."

"It's unfortunate and confusing for students as to how the state of Oregon grants residency. It's a completely different procedure in many aspects than the Oregon State Board of Higher Education," said Pat Northrop, a Eugene City Planning and Development Department employee.

Applications for Oregon driver's licenses and temporary permits may be obtained at the City of Eugene's Department of Motor Vehicles, which is located at 2870 W. 10th Pl.



Given last week's loss, how do you think the Ducks will do this weekend against USC?

"The Ducks are pretty bad percentwise, but I think they will be lucky this time."



PAUL REDLING
comparative literature, graduate

"I have no clue, and I didn't even know they were around this year."



LEONIE NORTH
international studies, senior

"I couldn't even tell without knowing what their symbol is."



TOM BYRNE
architecture, senior

"I think they have a chance if they don't slack too much in the end."



LARA STARK
journalism, junior

"They will win because they are strong."



EMI YAZAKI
journalism, freshman

"Of course they will lose, because I'm from California."



GUY REINGOLD
psychology, senior

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