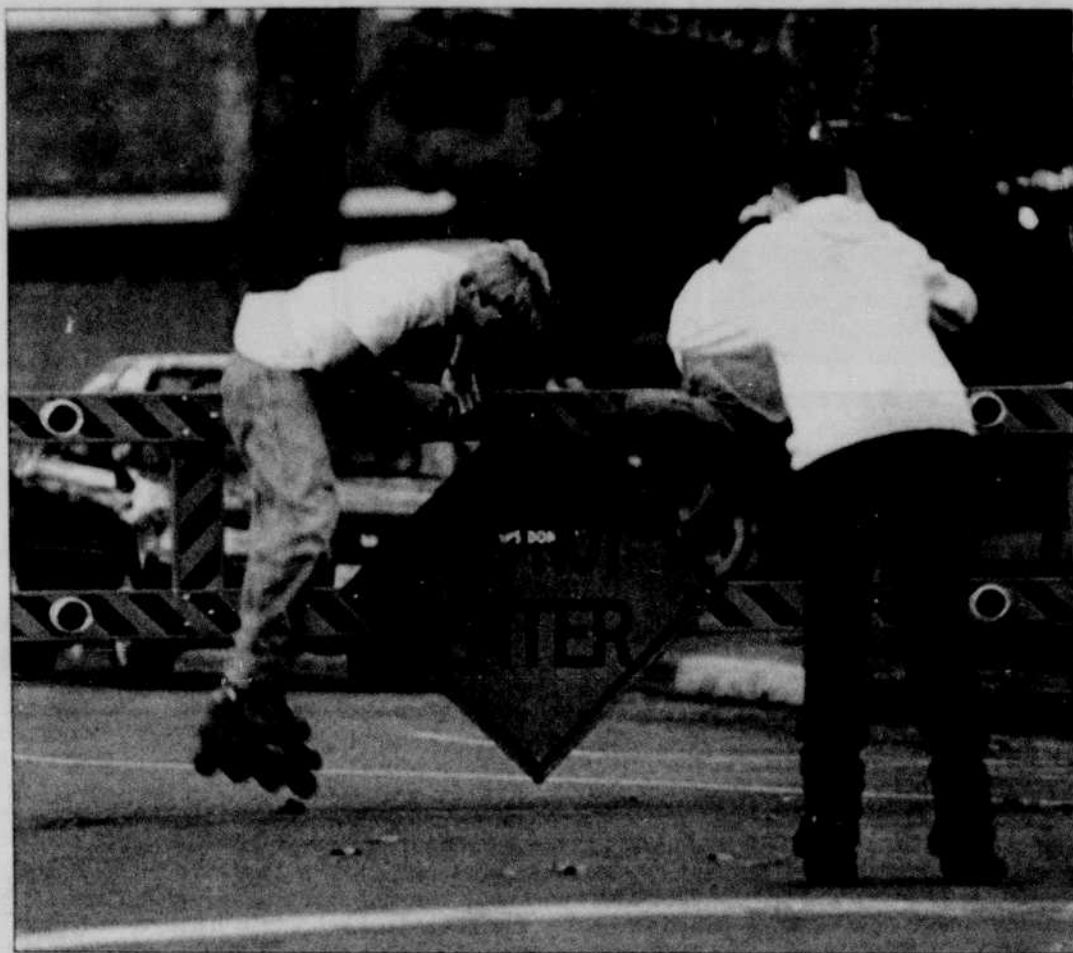


Showing Off



Matthew Newton prepares for a photo as Dustin Braschi (left) and Mark Hoffman hurdle the traffic barricade in front of the Fishbowl. Hoffman was unhurt after catching his roller blade on the barricade.

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Police investigate counterfeit bills found on campus

Cash: Police said color copiers may have been used to produce the bogus money

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Eugene police are investigating two related incidents of counterfeiting after 87 phony \$10 bills surfaced around the University over a period of four days.

On Jan. 27, a vault clerk counting daily receipts from the Breeze-way and Atrium Cafes discovered a counterfeit \$10 bill and alerted police.

Three days later, on Jan. 30, an assistant librarian at the Knight Library inadvertently discovered two envelopes containing \$860 in counterfeit currency while removing books from a shelf. All the bills were in \$10 denominations.

The connection, say police, is that all the counterfeit bills share one of two serial numbers: L13516626A and L135336222.

"The money was definitely passable," said Detective Jim Green, who works the fraud detail for the Eugene Department of Public Safety. "On a scale of one to 10, I'd give it a six."

Because the resolution and clarity of the phony money "was not very good," Green suspects the culprits used a color copier to make the bills.

"If a transaction were made in a dark atmosphere like a bar or made quickly, a person would probably accept the money," Green said.

Following the discovery of the counterfeit cash on Jan. 30, Green and another detective returned the currency to the book from which it was found and set up a surveillance watch at the library, believing the find interrupted a planned transfer. After spending five hours that day and half of the next day waiting, police called off the operation. The money was then forwarded to the Portland Secret Ser-

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Sigma Chi cited for hazing; police investigating

Greeks:

Fraternity faces possible charges and revocation of charter

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A University fraternity was cited for hazing Jan. 31 after police heard screams coming from the house and later found several pledges who appeared to be involved in some type of an initiation.

Police had originally responded to the Sigma Chi fraternity, located on 1440 E. 19th Ave., to investigate a charge of furnishing alcohol to minors, which had occurred the previous evening.

Officer Terry Fitzpatrick knocked on the door of the house several times without receiving an answer. He noted the windows in front were covered with newspaper and a sign on the front door read "Do not enter, initiation in

progress." Fitzpatrick then went to the back of the residence and knocked again.

At that point, he heard yelling and voices screaming "hurry up" and "faster" coming from an open second-story window, according to a Eugene police report.

After knocking again without receiving an answer, Fitzpatrick and other officers prepared to forcibly enter the house "due to concerns for the safety of the pledges."

As officers prepared to enter, 10-12 young men came running into a room that was visible through the uncovered rear windows. The men were wearing large cleaning-type brushes on ropes around their necks, according to the police

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Police reported seeing 10-12 pledges involved in some type of initiation at Sigma Chi on Jan. 31.

Congress may cut education funding

Cuts:

Student grants and loans under scrutiny

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Higher education may find itself on the Congressional chopping block and higher education officials and students are mobilizing to fight for key programs.

Several of those higher education programs, including research funding, Pell Grants, Federal-Direct Student Loans, in-school interest loan subsidies and Ameri-corp, have been singled out by House Republicans in their effort to reduce the federal deficit, according to *The Chron-*

icle of Higher Education.

Secretary of Labor Robert Reich has proposed 30 percent of the funds in the Pell Grant program be shifted to the Labor Department and used to create a new skill grant, according to the Oregon State System of Higher Education *Board Bulletin*.

Additionally, the Department of Education is being targeted as a possible program that could be shrunk or replaced with block grants to the states. *The*

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■ GOOD MORNING

BOSTON (AP) — The young maestro trotted onto the stage at Symphony Hall and took the baton from outgoing conductor John Williams.

Then, with a deep breath and a toss of his head, Keith Lockhart began his tenure as the Boston Pops' third conductor in 65 years. His opening tune was "Everything's Coming Up Roses," from the Stephen Sondheim-Jule Styne musical *Gypsy*.

Williams, the renowned composer, had led the 110-year-old orchestra since 1980. At 35, Lockhart is the same age the legendary Arthur Fiedler was when he took over the Boston Pops in 1930.

"For millions of people, myself included ... some of our first tastes of the grandeur and the excitement of symphonic music were through listening to this orchestra."