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Eugene police use tear gas, stop party

Riot: Party-goers toss bottles at police, refuse to follow directions

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Eugene police used tear gas to break up a riot Friday night after an unruly crowd of 200 people pelted them with beer bottles and refused to leave a party near the University.

The group, comprised mostly of University and local high school students, shouted profanities at police officers, set fire to trash bins and uprooted several street signs. No arrests had been made as of Sunday, but police are continuing the investigation.

The melee began when two officers noticed a large and disorderly gathering at 707 E. 17th, where 10 University students live. When they left their vehicle to investigate, someone from the crowd outside the house threw a beer bottle toward the officers, according to a police report.

The police then climbed back into their car and advised the crowd to disperse. The officers requested backup and repeated the order to disperse at least five more times, according to the report.

As the police car left the area, additional bottles were thrown into Hilyard Street. The crowd also hurled bottles at passing civilian vehicles northbound on Hilyard Street. Responding backup units later closed the street at East 18th Avenue.

When another 12 officers arrived amid screams of "Fuck you pigs," and "Hell no, we won't go," the rioters were warned to leave or be tear-gassed. After the announcement, the crowd became more out-of-control, setting fires in a trash bin and lobbing more bottles in

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Spencer's challenge



Marilyn Kalstad, of the Riverhouse Outdoor Program, helps Crista Buck from Mobility International on the Spencer Butte Challenge Course. Saturday was the grand opening of the new course.

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OPEU, state reach tentative proposal on union contract

Agreement: Two weeks after the strike started, ballots will be sent to union members

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The Oregon Public Employees Union and the state reached a tentative agreement Saturday on the 1995-97 union contract.

The total wage increase will be 7 percent over the course of the upcoming two-year contract. Workers will receive a 5 percent wage increase July 1, 1995, and a 2 percent increase May 1, 1997. Ballots will be mailed out around May 25 to OPEU members statewide to vote on the tentative agreement. The state also will be voting on approval of the proposal.

Gary McElroy, OPEU union steward, said the members he has talked with appear to be very happy with the tentative agreement.

"Of course we would've been happy to have it all at once," said McElroy. "But it came to a point where that was the best offer that worked

out. This will help workers all across the state."

"This is clearly a victory for us," McElroy said. "The Republican leadership was going to force a paycut down our throats."

Regional meetings will be held statewide. The announcement of the proposal followed a 26-hour mediated bargaining session that began Friday. Negotiations reached the tentative agreement around noon Saturday, according to the Associated Press.

Nora Deery, vice president of OPEU local 85 at the University and OPEU member of 18 years, said she was "satisfied" with the tentative agreement.

"I'm just glad it's over," Deery said. "This way I think we'll all realize that we did make a difference by striking, and we wouldn't have been able to get what we want without it."

The agreement follows the end of a week-long strike that ended May 14. The OPEU strike was the largest strike in the history of Oregon.

Intoxicated limo driver picks up kids after prom

Nightmare: Driver charged with endangering students

EVANS, N.Y. (AP) — It's a parent's nightmare: Hire a limo to get the kids to and from the prom in one piece, and the driver shows up drunk.

Police said Paul Dombrowski had a blood-alcohol level of .34, more than three times the legal limit. Dombrowski, 36, was charged with drunken driving and endangering the students.

"The kids were hysterical," Officer Dennis Feldmann

said. "They were begging him to drop them off."

They ordered him to stop after he narrowly avoided crashing the limo several times early Saturday, after the prom in this town about 20 miles from Buffalo.

"I started slapping his cheek. He was just staring out," 15-year-old Cory Herc said. "I just reached over, turned off the car and took the keys."

Police said they found an empty one-liter vodka bottle, along with a half-empty bottle, in the limousine.

Only in Eugene



The folk festival entertained hundreds at the EMU lawn.

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■ GOOD MORNING

► A Korean business leader will speak to graduate students and business leaders of Eugene and Portland today and Tuesday.

Ungsuh K. Park, president and chief executive officer of Samsung Petrochemical Co., Ltd., will speak to classes of graduate business students at the University and at Portland State University. He also will meet with representatives of Tektronix and other Oregon companies.

Park's visit is funded by Phil Knight, president and CEO of Nike, to support a class for graduate students on global business

challenges.

Samsung is a diversified group of companies that manufacture products ranging from electronics to heavy industries to petrochemicals.

Park is commissioner of the Korean Presidential Commission on the 21st Century. He also is a member of the Prime Minister's Council on the Internalization of Korea.

► WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Defense Secretary Les Aspin, who was appointed to steer the Pentagon into the uncharted waters of the post-Cold War era but

resigned under pressure, died Sunday, a day after suffering a massive stroke. He was 56.

A Wisconsin congressman for 22 years, Aspin was chairman of the House Armed Services Committee when President Clinton nominated him to be defense secretary.

He had worked at the Pentagon two decades before as part of a team of whiz kids assembled by then-Secretary Robert S. McNamara to analyze weapons systems.

He resigned as defense secretary in 1993.