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area despite several verbal warnings.

Part of the riot was captured by a videotape, atop a special police vehicle, which officers played at the task force meeting. The camera was pointed at the Hilyard Street Market and captured the fire, bottle throwing and cheering when officers announced they would use tear gas on the crowd. But the tape was not clear enough to be able to identify anyone in the mob or see the house.

Resident Nina Johnson said the house was hit by at least four canisters of tear gas and does not understand why because she said the crowd dispersed after the first tear-gas grenade was fired.

A police investigation is currently underway, and the question Johnson raised is among the issues police are looking into. Becky Hanson, from the Eugene Police Department, said it's yet to be determined if police officers shot all of the canisters at the house or if they were thrown by someone on the street.

After the investigation a report will be presented to the district attorney's office.

Until then, the women are staying with friends, worried about how to clean their house and restore order in their lives in the crunch time before finals.

The Eugene Fire Department hosed down the front porch the day after the incident, but the women said it did not get rid of the residue left from the tear gas.

Police, students discuss prevention of wild parties

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What can we do to prevent this from happening again?

It was a sentiment echoed by everyone - Eugene police officers, residents of the house, University administrators and students - at the campus/community relations task force meeting Thursday in the EMU.

"We want to make sure that we don't have a repeat of what happened last weekend," said Becky Hanson from the Eugene Police Department. She is referring to an out-of-control mob rioting near the Hilyard Street Market, a mob the police used tear gas to break up.

Hanson said the police department will use Friday night as an indicator to see if University students will stay and party during the three day Memorial Day weekend, or if they have left Eugene to party elsewhere.

But they plan to saturate the University area.

"When we go to parties we

don't issue warnings anymore because they don't work," said Hanson. She said the police make arrests or hand out citations.

Kris Martes, a police officer who routinely spends her weekends patrolling the University area, said she obtains an area keg list to identify houses as potential problem areas.

Often times she will stop by the houses and tell the residents she will keep an eye on the house to make sure the party doesn't get out of control. It's a form of early prevention.

Members of the task force ask that Martes take copies of an informational brochure to hand out to party organizers during her prevention visits.

The brochure produced by the task force called "How to Throw A Great Party," gives students advice such as having a door monitor who controls access to the party and to make sure the only people drinking are age 21 and older because the hosts of the party are responsible.

And they say the inside of the house is even worse.

They called a representative from an environmental clean up service to look at the house. He has not yet given them an esti-

mate, but he did tell them it would cost thousands of dollars to clean the house.

"We don't have the resources to do this ourselves," Johnson said.

Senate passes Republican plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate passed a milestone Republican plan Thursday that promises to halt three decades of budget deficits and change the face of government while leaving the door open for tax cuts.

Acting a week after the House endorsed a similar budget-balancing outline, the Senate voted 57-42, mostly along party lines, to wring \$958 billion out of federal ledger books by 2002. The savings would come chiefly from Medicare, Medicaid and dozens of other benefits, and 181 agencies and programs

would be eliminated, from the Commerce Department to the Opera-Musical Theater Advisory Panel.

Senate passage marked Republicans in both chambers as favoring a sweeping downsizing of the government that has evolved since President Johnson's Great Society and even President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal.

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