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Mayor candidates come to campus, debate issues

ELECTION: Students and publications get a chance to question candidates

By Dawn Paugh
Community Reporter

Public safety, the infrastructure and urban growth were the main issues discussed at a mayoral debate in the EMU Fir Room on Wednesday night.

Eugene mayor candidates for the May 21 election include: Mike Albers, Neale Hyatt, Tim Laue, Ron "Misha" Seymour,

Frank Soifer, Dave Sweet, Jim Torrey, James Weaver and James "Izzy" Whetstone. Each panel representative from three University publications asked the candidates two questions.

Melissa Lebahn of the Oregon Daily Emerald asked the first question, "How would the candidates bring students, faculty, health care professionals and West University neighborhoods together to increase public safety?"

Albers said that selling drugs is a victimless crime because

they are not hurting anyone but themselves. He also said officers would rather attack poor kids than attacking the problem.

Hyatt said the solution is to get everyone together first, then identify the problems to figure out the priorities.

Sweet said we need to prioritize the public safety department to focus the officer's attention on rape and assault instead of victimless crimes. For example, he said police need to stop checking dogs for dog tags along the street and harassing

people who sit on the sidewalk.

Next, Andrew Oberitter of the Oregon Commentator asked the candidates, "How would you reprioritize the spending of the infrastructure?"

Laue said we are not in the case of complete disrepair, and he encourages compact growth.

Seymour said he believes in ending corporate welfare, and he wants to move Amazon housing into downtown Eugene.

Whetstone said that roads, parks and libraries cost a lot of money, so we need to find a tax

that does not cost anybody anything.

Then Trond Jacobsen of The Student Insurgent asked the candidates to define how they view economic growth and their economic vision for the year 2000.

Albers said Eugene is not ready for growth because Hyundai was built on wetlands; rapid growth is a really bad idea.

Weaver said he wants to make sure industries moving into Eugene pay their own way and

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Shipley gets two years, \$8,000 fine

ASSAULT: Judge Carp ordered Shipley's fine be dispersed to the seven women he attacked

By Sherry Rainey
Community Editor

A man who was arrested and charged of sexually assaulting several women in the West University area earlier this year was sentenced Tuesday to two years in jail and was fined \$8,000.

Michael David Shipley, 27, pleaded guilty to seven misdemeanor counts of third-degree sexual abuse.

Lane County District Judge Ted Carp imposed the jail terms and ordered the compensatory fines be paid to the seven women whom Shipley admitted attacking in January and February this year, according to

court records.

Carp ordered the jail term to be served consecutive to a prison term, according to court records, which Shipley is serving for violating parole on 10 burglary and theft charges.

Shipley turned himself in and was subsequently arrested by Eugene police after first trying to evade police by climbing out of his window in the 1600 block of East 17th Avenue.

All of Shipley's victims reported being approached by a man who touched their breasts as they were walking within a few blocks of campus.

Also, all the women who reported the crime described the man as a 5-foot 7-inch, 175-pound white male with blond, reddish-tinged hair. The women also said the suspect was wearing purple pants and a red shirt.

During a search of Shipley's home on Feb. 2, police recovered clothing that matched the suspect's attire.

'Purrr'fect ending



Linda Culber comforts the cat after Mark Alexander, an employee of Long Branch Tree Surgery, rescued it from the 45-foot tree located at 1985 Monroe Street. David Renfro, an employee at the University and the house owner, was told by his neighbor's children that a cat was stuck in his tree. He tried to rescue the cat several times, but he wasn't able to reach it. The cat stayed in the tree without food and water for almost 8 days. Renfro said he asked several tree-limbing companies to help rescue the cat, but the Long Branch Tree Surgery company was the only one who would do it for free. Alexander used a long ladder and rock climbing rope to help him climb the tree to rescue the cat. The cat was sent to the Greenhill Humane Society. If nobody claims the cat within five days, anyone is welcome to adopt it.

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Safety check stalls McArthur Court reroofing

PROJECT: The city of Eugene studied the 70-year-old arena's ability to support a new roof

By Regina Brown
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Construction workers will begin again to prepare McArthur Court for its new roof today, after facing a temporary setback while waiting for permission to continue building from the city of Eugene.

The University was forced to pay the \$1,800-a-day rent for the crane while it

was not in use, but the temporary setback will not affect the projected end of the project. Construction was ahead of schedule before the Eugene officials asked for the delay.

"We were a little bit ahead of schedule," said Don Ferguson, project manager for the University. "It's put us back on schedule."

"Hopefully we can make up some of that time and be back ahead of schedule again."

City officials held off on giving the Uni-

versity a building permit because they wanted to devote extra time to ensuring that the 70-year-old building could support a new roof, Ferguson said.

The floor of Mac Court has not sustained water damage even though the building lacks a roof, he said.

Construction workers have created a two-tiered system to keep rain out.

In 10-12 days, construction workers will finish laying the trusses for the new roof and will be able to move onto the next phase of construction, he said.