

CAMPUS VIEW

WEDNESDAY'S TOPIC: Crime & Safety

POLICE BEAT

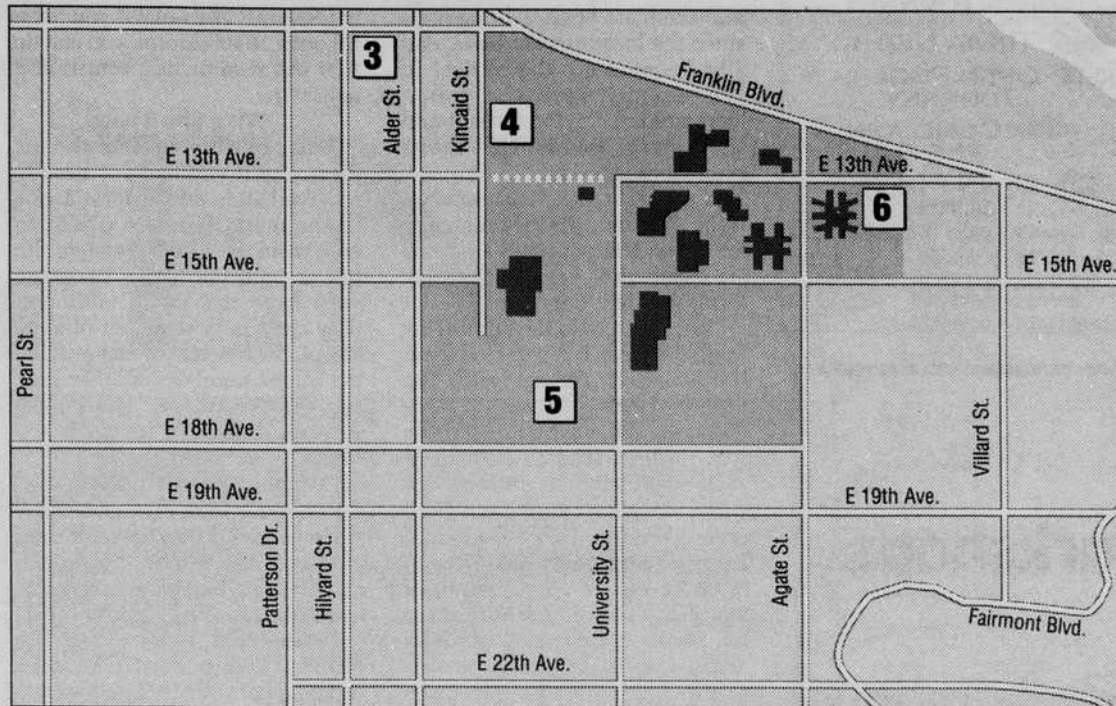
Diesel spill questioned

1 The train accident, in which the diesel tank of a Union Pacific locomotive was punctured causing 700 gallons of diesel fuel to spill on the tracks, is now believed by police to have been the result of an intentional act, Sgt. Dave Poppe of the Eugene police department said. The fuel tank was not punctured by a sign on the tracks, as originally thought, it was caused by an I-beam found near the sign, which is considerably stronger and heavier.

"It is being handled as a criminal mischief charge because it appears that [the sign and I-beam] were intentionally placed there," Sgt. Poppe said.

There was a sign nearby the accident; however, it didn't directly cause the puncture. It was a Diamond Parking sign that had "The Redundants" written on it in blue writing, police reports stated. On the back of the sign was a photograph of people overturning a police car.

Its connection with the rupture is not known at this time, but the train engineer that was operating the first engine, according to police reports, said that he saw the sign standing upright in the middle of the tracks with a cement base. He decided that the sign would pose no threat to the train, so he continued at the same pace. Upon making contact with the sign, he felt something get lodged underneath the engine. When he stopped, he saw that an I-beam, not the sign, had punctured the fuel tank.



In an investigation, police learned that the train was transporting at least one tanker filled with sulfuric acid, which if ruptured could have had dangerous implications.

Intruder wakes student

2 A 19-year-old University student was awakened at approximately 3:45 a.m. on March 1 by an unknown intruder who was making unwanted sexual advances on her while she was sleeping, police reports stated. When she awoke and realized there was a stranger in her apartment, she sat upright and asked the suspect who he was and what

he was doing there. The suspect then fled the apartment before the victim could get a good enough look at him to give police a description. Police believe that the suspect entered the apartment through an unlocked glass door.

Party-goer assaulted

3 According to police reports, a University student was assaulted during a party at the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house on Feb. 28th at about 1:47 a.m. The victim told Eugene police said that the suspect approached him in the house and punched him several times in the face with no provocation. The victim then left the

house through the front door and was followed out by the suspect, who began taunting him about being punched and asking what he was going to do about it. The victim refused medical attention, and Eugene police department is still investigating the situation.

Man found in wrong car

4 Three University students left Rennie's Landing on E. 12th Avenue and Kincaid Street at 2:20 a.m. on March 1st to find an unknown male sitting in the backseat of the car of one of the students, police reports stated. As they approached the suspect, he rose and left the vehicle, saying

he was in the wrong car. The suspect then ran into a nearby apartment complex and couldn't be found. Police are considering the incident an unlawful entry into a motor vehicle.

Heroin found on men

5 Officers of Public Safety responded to a trespassing call at the University School of Music building to find two transients in the area. Eugene police officers were then notified. Upon investigating, the officers found that one of the suspects had a trespass letter on file and the other was wanted for a warrant. The suspects were then given a routine search in which officers found what they believe to be "a small rock of tar heroin" on the second suspect. He was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Employee hospitalized

6 Darlene Maxwell, an employee of the Hamilton Dining Hall, was rushed by medics to Sacred Heart Medical Center due to heart problems on Tuesday at about 4:30 p.m. A representative of the Medical Center said she is "doing fine, but may be held overnight for tests." They also commented that her heart was beating too fast and causing her some pain, but medication was administered and she responded to it. "We were very impressed with OPS and the medics; they were here within three minutes," said Joleen McQuire, another employee of the dining hall.

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