

CAMPUS VIEW

WEDNESDAY'S TOPIC: Crime & Safety

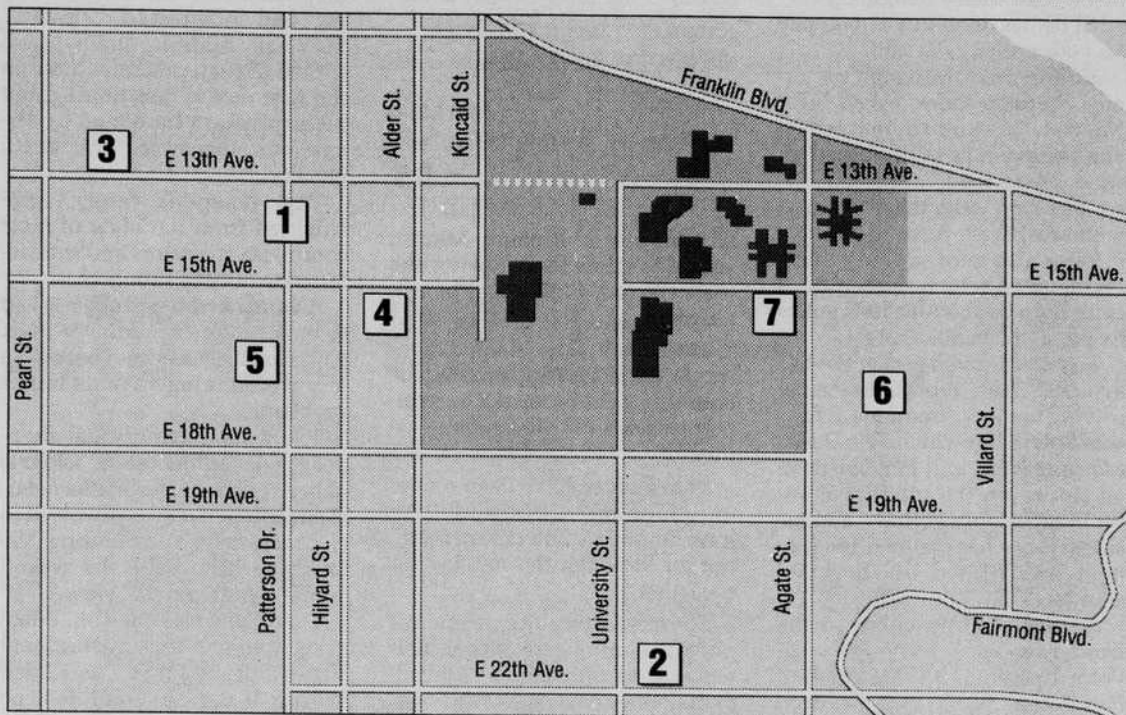
POLICE BEAT

Student resists attack

1 A University student was walking home from a party on Patterson Drive at approximately 4 a.m. on March 18 when a suspect, estimated to be in his early 20s, made unwanted sexual advances toward her, police reports stated. The victim noticed the suspect behind her around 14th Avenue when he tried to engage her in a conversation. According to the police reports, the victim told him to leave her alone. The suspect then pushed her down and attempted to remove her pants and underwear. She resisted and tried to stand up when the suspect forced her down again. The victim was able to wrestle free and fled to a nearby apartment. The victim couldn't identify the suspect or say whether he had attended the same party she had. Eugene police were then called from the apartment but were unable to locate the suspect.

Alcohol sold illegally

2 When Eugene police officers responded to a noise complaint on 1680 E. 25th at 10:05 p.m. on March 28, they found two suspects in their early 20s hosting a party in which alcohol was being sold and also served to minors, according to police reports. Neither of the hosts had a license to serve alcohol, but police seized \$1,113.00 from the host who was standing at the doorway of the house. He admitted to police he had collected money from the guests for the alcohol. Officers investigated the source of the alcohol and found



two kegs, neither of which were listed in the keg receipts as belonging at that address. The two suspects were charged with unlawful sale of alcohol, furnishing alcohol to minors and false swearing on a keg receipt.

Three thefts reported

3 Three burglaries took place during spring break, all of which were within a three-block radius. The first occurred at 1250 Ferry Ln. and was reported on March 30. Two LCC students returned from spring break to find a number of items, including a computer, keyboard and other accessories stolen and a window leading into their apartment broken, police reports stated. The exact date of the burglary is uncertain because the students

were not living in their apartment over the break.

4 The second burglary took place at 430 E. 15th Ave. and was reported on March 31. The 20-year-old University student told police that he had just returned from spring break and had his door unlocked while he walked into another room in his apartment. When he returned to his room, he found about 70 to 75 compact discs and the carrying case containing them missing. The value of the discs and the case is estimated to be \$1,046.

5 The last incident took place on March 31 at 576 E. 16th between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m., police reports stated. It also included the theft of compact discs that

were estimated at about \$300. The victim described a white male, who was collecting cans outside her apartment, as being average height with long, dirty blond hair. She told police that she was alerted to the man after he reportedly knocked on her apartment door. When she answered the door, he was standing back from it and said he was just looking for cans. The victim closed the door and went into another room. She returned to find about 45 compact discs missing. Police officers haven't been able to locate any suspects at this time.

Student steals sticker

6 A University student was charged with theft on March

23 in University Lot 16 at 10:45 a.m. after he approached a public safety officer to complain about a parking ticket he received, police reports stated. The student was standing next to his vehicle while making the complaint when the officer noticed that he had a faculty/staff parking sticker on his bumper rather than a student sticker. The student told the officer that he had gotten it from a friend. The student was then charged with Theft 2.

OPS stops bike theft

7 Officers of Public Safety observed a suspect near the bike lock area outside the Hamilton complex on March 23 around 8:29 p.m. as he made movements the officers described as resembling those used to operate bolt cutters, police reports stated. They watched the suspect remove a bike from the area and ride it off campus. The officers followed the individual and turned on their overhead lights. When he became aware they were following him, he turned onto Franklin Boulevard and continued riding away. He was apprehended with the bike on Franklin Boulevard and Moss Street. In a routine search for weapons and identification, officers said they found drug paraphernalia, bolt cutters and a substance they believed to be heroin. He was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance, Theft 2, and criminal trespass. The suspect also had been charged in Dec. 1996 with trespassing in a building on campus and had drug paraphernalia and bolt cutters in his possession.

—compiled by Ryan Maughn

Cult members kept assault weapons in storage sheds

By Matthew Fordahl
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Assault rifles and other weapons belonging to the Heaven's Gate suicide cult were discovered Tuesday in two rented storage sheds.

Four sheriff's detectives searched the sheds and uncovered the collection, the *North County Times* reported in a story to be published Wednesday.

"Several assault rifles, shotguns and handguns were taken from the storage shed," an unidentified sheriff's official told the newspaper.

It was not clear how many weapons were found, or why the cult had them. Thirty-nine cult members carried out a suicide ritual last week in their exclusive suburban hideaway in Rancho Santa Fe.

Lt. Jerry Lipscomb, the sheriff's lead

homicide detective, would not confirm that weapons were found but told The Associated Press that any such discovery would not be significant.

"Weapons were not used in the death of any members of the cult," he said, adding there was no evidence the cult used weapons "either for hunting or criminal activity."

In addition to the weapons, deputies found trash cans, twin beds, exercise equipment and books stored in banana boxes in the sheds in Escondido, 30 miles northeast of San Diego. Everything was taken to a warehouse where it will be studied with other evidence.

The discovery came as authorities indicated the case was winding down.

The process of returning bodies to relatives was continuing, with mortuaries

claiming 21 bodies so far, according to the medical examiner's office.

And a week after the deaths were uncovered, the Spanish-style mansion where wide-eyed cult leader Marshall Applewhite and 38 followers took their lives stood vacant.

A road crew worked on Colina Norte, the dead-end lane leading to the home, but otherwise the low-key hum of luxury life had returned to the wealthy community in rolling hills a few miles from the Pacific Ocean.

Some cars on the main road slowed as they passed the blocked cul-de-sac, but there was nothing to be seen and they moved on through the lemon-scented landscape of citrus orchards, eucalyptus and pepper trees.

The community also was moving on.

"I think time will gradually normalize things," said Philip Keep, a 23-year resident reading an investor's newspaper at Rancho Hand Car Wash.

"People recognize that this was an unfortunate thing that could happen anywhere. Rancho Santa Fe is a pretty quiet town and it would take a lot to reform it," he added.

The cult had lived there since October, making little contact with neighbors. The car wash, however, was one place where they left a void.

Cult members would bring cars in just about every other day. Their vehicles were always very clean and usually needed only minor touch-ups.

"It was kind of a social event for them. They'd come down and talk," said auto detailer Jim Sarena.

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