

High-speed car chase snakes through campus streets

■ **PURSUIT:** Police arrested 18-year-old Daniel Wayne Grinder after he eluded an officer Thursday night

By Ryan Maughn
Community Reporter

A car chase that weaved through the campus area Wednesday night and took officers up to speeds of approximately 55 mph resulted in the arrest of 18-year-old Daniel Wayne Grinder of Eugene.

The car chase began when Offi-

cer Eichhorn of the Eugene police department observed a Jeep Laredo pulling out of the parking lot of Hutchins Nissan about 11:30 p.m. Eichhorn followed the vehicle after it drove over a section of grass and did not have its headlights on, police reports stated.

The suspect drove toward the Fairway Loop and turned north, reaching speeds of 55 mph. However, it was not until he turned into the Oakway Mall that Eichhorn turned on his overhead lights and siren. The suspect did not stop when the lights came on, and

Eichhorn radioed to dispatch that he was in pursuit.

During the chase, the suspect drove against traffic down one-way streets and ran several stop signals. When he reached E. 13th Avenue the suspect continued down the section of street that is closed to vehicle traffic.

Once the suspect reached campus, he drove across the grass between E. 15th and E. 13th avenues and then sped through the streets between E. 13th and E. 16th avenues from High Street to Ferry Street before stopping in an alley

near Willamette Street.

In the alley, he struck a dumpster, which obstructed the passage of Eichhorn. The officer used his patrol car to push the dumpster aside, causing minor damage to the car, and continued the pursuit.

The alley did not go through to the perpendicular street, so the suspect stopped the car and began running from the scene.

Agent Tatum, also from the Eugene police department, cut off the suspect's path and apprehended him. Once Tatum stepped out of the patrol car, the suspect stopped

trying to escape.

Upon investigation, officers found that Grinder had three warrants out for his arrest, including an unauthorized use of vehicle charge he failed to appear for. He was charged with eluding police officers, unauthorized use of vehicle, reckless driving, two counts of hit and run and driving with a suspended license.

Following the arrest, Grinder was lodged at Lane County Adult Corrections. His hearing was at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday. He is still being held at the county jail.

Law school receives a \$250,000 gift from unknown party

■ **GIFT:** The Environmental and Natural Resources Program in the law school will put the money to good use

By Sarah Keech
Higher Education Reporter

When the new law school building opens in January of 1999, the Environmental and Natural Resources Program will have their own dedicated space thanks to a \$250,000 anonymous gift.

The gift was recently promised to the University's School of Law and will enable the program to build three faculty offices, a conference room and an open space for students.

"The space made available by this gift

will enable students in the Environmental and Natural Resources Program to gather together," law school professor Mike Axline said.

"There are a lot of visitors [to the law school], including environmental scholars and policy makers. This space will allow them to carry out their studies and participate in seminars."

Jane Gary, director of development for the law school, explained the donation was most likely related to the recent favorable seventh place ranking of the University's environmental law program by the annual U.S. News and World Report.

Gary also explained many gifts to the University come anonymously.

"Often people who donate large sums of

money feel more comfortable giving it anonymously," Gary said.

Axline, unlike Gary, said he felt the donation came to the law school at this time because the construction of the new facility will begin soon, and the donor wanted space set aside.

The Environmental and Natural Resources Program is one of the more popular specializations at the law school, and the gift will continue in that tradition, Axline explained.

"Having a separate space within the law school will give the environmental and natural resources program a higher profile and greater identity," Axline said.

"This will ultimately increase the number of international policy makers and en-

vironmental scholars who visit and utilize the law school."

Axline explained the new space and more attention given to the Environmental and Natural Resources program probably won't raise student enrollment at the law school, but it will help improve the program itself and that might draw more students to specialize in environmental or natural resource law once they are here.

Course offerings in environmental law at the law school include law of the sea, hazardous waste law, public land law and land use law.

Ground breaking for the new law school building, which will be located at East 15th Avenue and Agate Street, is set for this June.

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