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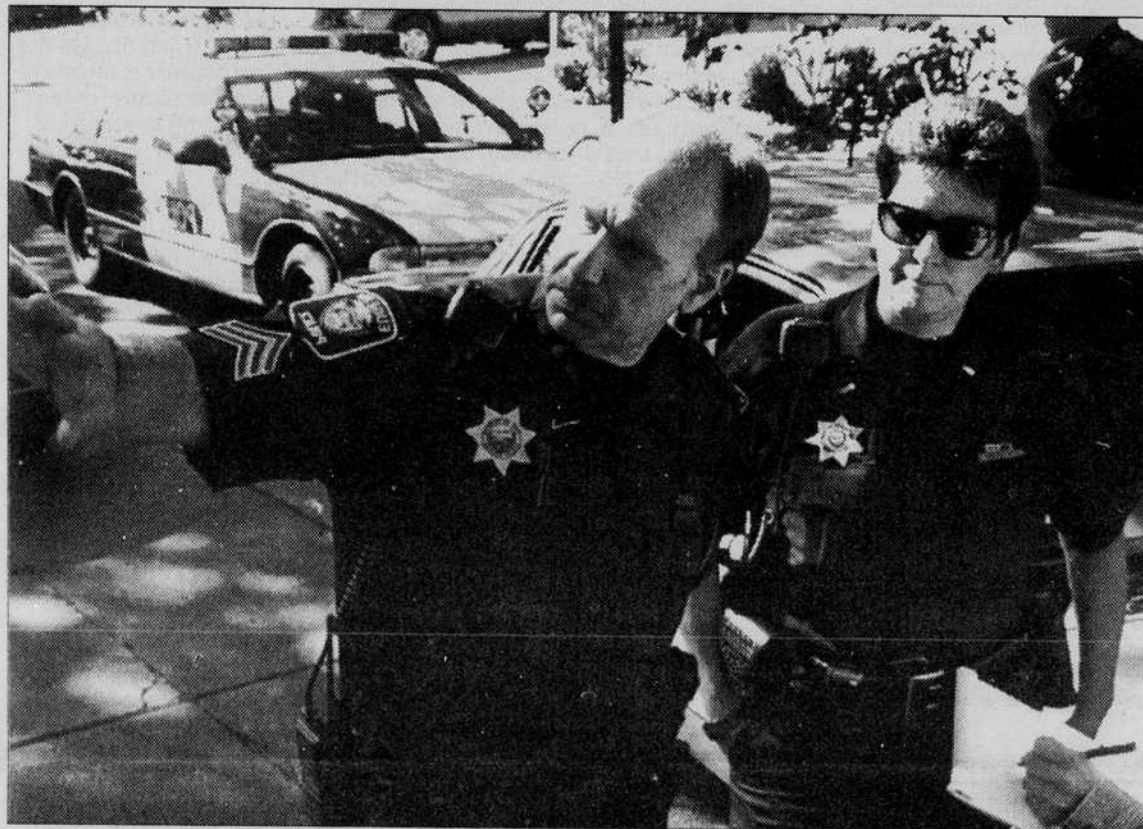
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IN FOCUS: CRIME

“I think if we did a survey of West University, most crimes are not committed by University students.”

Sgt. Dave Poppe
 Eugene public safety.



EMERALD

Police coordinate sweeps during last September's E. 13th Avenue clean-up.

Crime rate rises in Eugene, drops in nation

REPORT: Eugene's crime increase can be blamed in part on a 4,500-person increase in population

By Ryan Maughn
 Community Reporter

National crime statistics have shown an overall decrease in 1996, but Eugene experienced an 8.3 percent total increase and a substantial jump in behavioral crime such as drug abuse and DUII, said an annual analysis report released by the Public Safety Department.

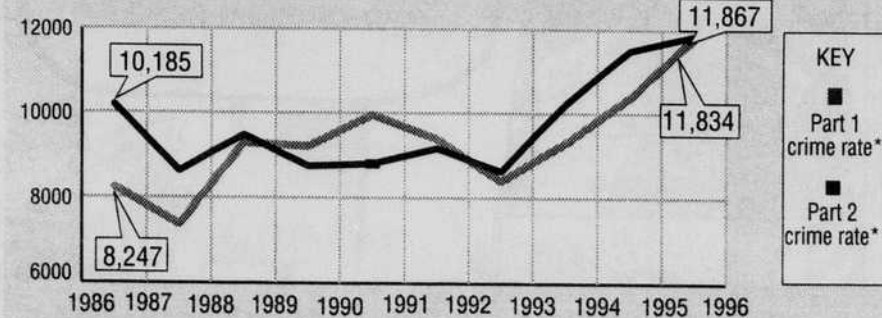
Behavioral crimes, which have risen 22.2 percent since 1995, typically have the most influence on the public's perception of how safe their town is, according to the Public Safety report.

"The horror of a violent crime is always real, but behavioral crimes affect us more directly," said Jan Power, the public information assistant for the department of public safety.

The national crime rate has been in decline since 1994, with a 12.4 percent decrease in violent crime, according to a survey released by the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics.

CRIME IN EUGENE RISING

Number of crimes reported in the last 10 years according to a report from the city of Eugene.



*Part 1 crimes include: Homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft and arson. Part 2 crimes include: simple assaults, forgery, embezzlement, stolen property, criminal mischief, weapons, prostitution, other sex offenses, drug abuse, gambling, family offense, liquor violation, disorderly conduct, kidnapping, runaway, DUII and all other offenses.

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Eugene experienced a population growth of 4,500 new residents, which helps to explain why the city is inconsistent with the national trends, Power said.

"The growth not only increases the number of victims available but also in-

creases the number of suspects present," she said.

Typically larger numbers of young residents in a community increases the amount of crime in that region. Howev-

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Elections for ASUO to resume

GENERALS: The Constitution Court lifted the injunction and wants to see all complaints of election violations

By Thom Schoenborn
 Managing Editor

The Constitution Court lifted its own injunction against the General Election Monday and ordered the Elections Board to forward all election complaints to the court. Cassandra Lautenschleger, Elections Board member, said the board plans to hold the General Election today and Wednesday, nearly a week later than planned.

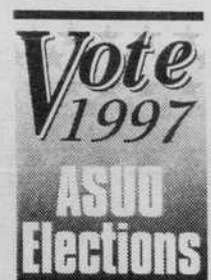
Bill Miner and Ben Unger already won the race for ASUO Executive, so the General Election will decide the six ballot measures and the three run-off races for Student Senate.

Voting booths will be located near E. 13th Avenue and University Street, in front of Condon Hall, outside the ASUO office in the EMU Courtyard and inside Knight Library and the law school.

Dave Whipple, Elections Board publicity coordinator, said the Elections Board called a few hundred students to remind them to vote Monday night.

"Mostly, we're just really happy that we're going to be able to finally put on an election," Whipple said.

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State Election

The deadline to register to vote in the May 20 special election is today.

The May 20 election is vote-by-mail and will include a measure to replace Measure 47, a serial levy for the city to replace funds that may be lost by Measure 47 and a measure regarding what type of labor prison inmates should do.

Mailed registrations must have today's postmark on them, a representative from the Lane County elections office said. Voter Registrations also can be dropped off at the elections office located at 135 E. 6th St. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A drop box for registrations should be available outside the ASUO office, said Leslie Gray, state affairs coordinator. If the box is not there, students should be able to drop them off in the ASUO office, she said. The ASUO office is located in Suite 4 at the EMU.



City Council plans ahead for worst-case scenario

BUDGET: Recreation budget-cuts again surfaced at weekly meeting

By Eric Collins
 Community Reporter

The City Council approved a worst-case \$12-million budget-cutting strategy Monday evening, preserving public safety services while deeply cutting or eliminating culture and recreation programs.

Although members of the council partic-

ipated in the city-service reduction discussions of the Council Committee on Ballot Measure 47, the Council had yet to adopt the recommendation.

Yet, before any quick determinations, once again, the question of financing recreation was brought to the forefront of the discussion.

Councilwoman Betty Taylor recommended broadening the funding of recreation programs in order to maintain them

at current levels until July 1, 1998. This, Taylor said, would give the council time to find reliable, permanent funding for the aquatics programs, community centers and other services provided under city recreation.

"Even if the worst thing happens, if our measure fails and [Measure] 47 continues in effect... I'm still not willing to say that we destroy the recreation department or that we privatize it," Taylor said.