

Career workshops

Career center workshops will take students through the process of finding and obtaining a job

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Emergency winter shelter

The Homeless and Shelter Task Force met for the first time Monday night to discuss winter shelter

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TODAY

The Lane Memorial Blood Bank will be holding a blood drive at the EMU Fir Room

WEATHER

Today
Chance of Rain
High 62. Low 45.
Wednesday
Showers
High 57. Low 40.

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Arrested students won't face UO action

The University has limited jurisdiction because the arrests happened at an off-campus location

By Michael Burnham
Community Reporter

Dean of Student Life Weston Morrill said the University will not be able to issue any disciplinary action against students arrested during Saturday night's riot in the West University area in a statement he gave Monday afternoon at Johnson Hall.

Morrill issued the statement during a press conference to discuss and define the University's role in response to the incident near the corner of East 17th Avenue and Hilliard Street. A crowd of about 300 disorderly people were tear gassed by Eugene police, and three University students were arrested

He also addressed concern for the problematic drinking occurring among students.

Although the riot happened in only the second weekend of school, Morrill said it is valuable because it can serve as a "teachable moment" for student life.

The three students arrested were all charged with disorderly conduct, among other offenses.

"The University is investigating if it involves the Student Conduct Code," Morrill said. "Even though it happened at a private

RIOT, Eugene police respond to the incident
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location outside of the University, we are concerned about the illegal behavior."

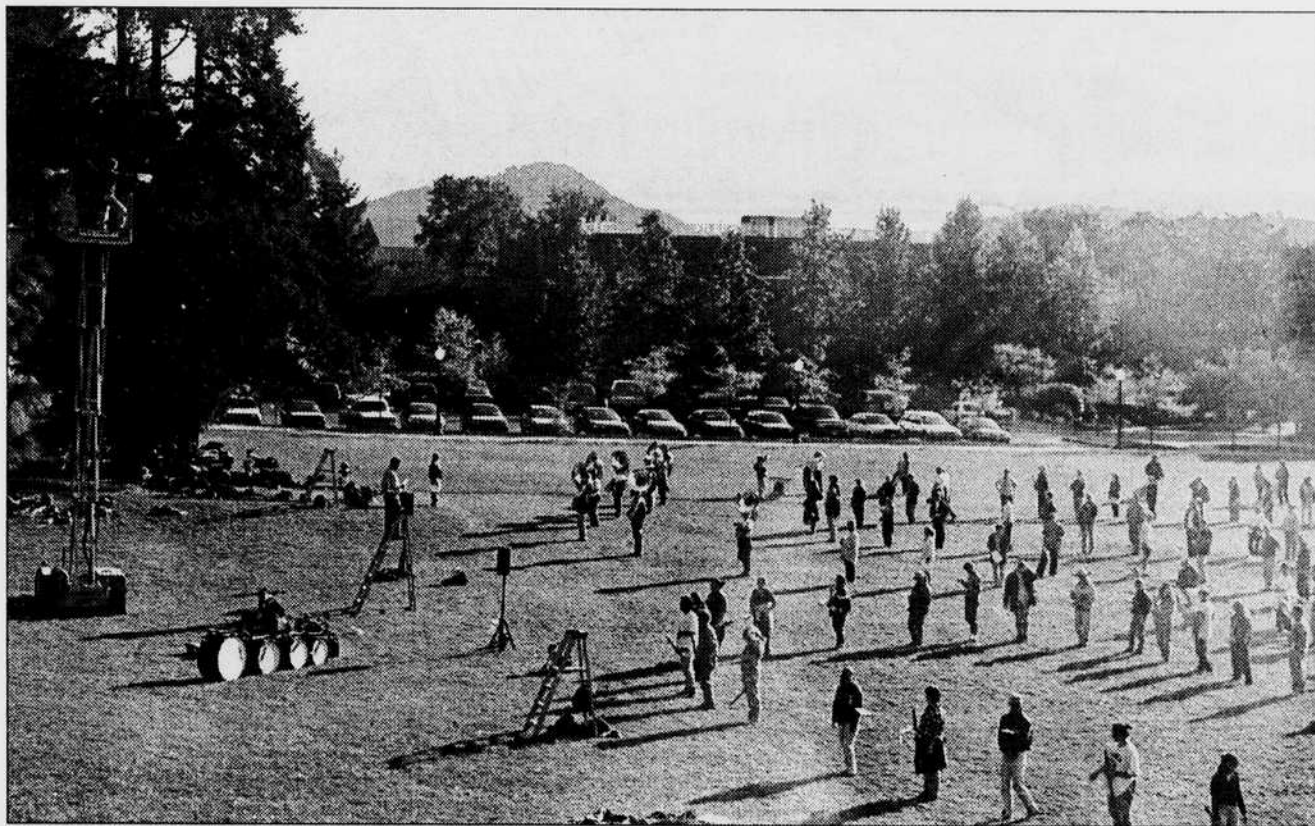
According to a police report, officers responded to noise complaints from callers and arrived at the scene about 11 p.m. Officers attempted to take enforcement actions for alcohol violations but were forced to withdraw after party participants began to attack them with bottles. The report also said that police reassembled and advanced to a nearby intersection where they asked the crowd to leave the area. The crowd did not comply with the officers' demands and

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Weston Morrill
Dean of Student Life

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Music making



MATT GARTON/Emerald

The Oregon Marching Band practices 'Synchronicity II,' by the Police, on the Knight Library South Lawn. The marching band will perform Sting and Police songs for the halftime show at the Homecoming game against Utah on Sat., Oct. 18.

Volunteers aid at-risk children

Students can serve as mentors to abused children through the 'Dedicated Driver' program

By Eric Collins
Community Editor

Take the keys.
Take a stand.

No, this is not an allusion to designated drivers, but a call for volunteers to help with the "Dedicated Driver" program. The program pairs senior citizens and abused children in the Lane County area with volunteer drivers, who are responsible for transporting people to medical appointments or weekly counseling sessions.

Dawn LaBarre, program manager for the past three years, said it's a good match for University students because volunteers set their own hours, choose their assignments and only drive when they have the time. While volunteers are needed to drive from Oakridge to Cottage Grove, LaBarre said a number of students are currently registered and many driving opportunities exist in and around Eugene.

LaBarre said most volunteers end up in a

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Coming Out Week Activities

■ **Oct. 7:** Brown Bag Dinner Series Begins, Multicultural Center, Suite 33 EMU, 7 p.m. Topic: Coming out and labels

■ **Oct. 8:** Back to School Campaign Letter Writing Party, LGBTQA Office, 319 EMU, 7 p.m. Students can write letters to former professors and administrators about their experiences and how they can improve conditions for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transsexuals.

MUSEvenings Reception, Museum of Art Courtyard, 6-8 p.m.

■ **Oct. 9:** Monthly Film Series Begins, Multicultural Center, 7:30 p.m. Trevor and Stonewall showing.

■ **Oct. 11:** National Coming Out Day Dance, EMU Fir Room, 8 p.m. to midnight

'Coming Out Week' encourages support of gay community

The LGBTQA-sponsored event welcomes students who come out this week with a variety of activities and information

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Editor

Some people lose their friends. Some people lose their parents.

Josh Carlon chose to tell his friends first, to test the waters. Then he told his parents. "I'm gay."

Everyone accepted his announcement.

"I couldn't have asked for a better coming out experience," said Carlon, a University sophomore who plans to major in journalism. "But I had no idea. You never know how anyone is going to respond."

Coming out can be a dangerous and lone-

ly experience, said Karen Vittek, co-director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transsexual Alliance. Not enough students realize there are people who want to help ease that process.

That's the idea behind the University's "Coming Out Week," which started Monday with a kick-off rally and information fair. The week will end with a dance Saturday — National Coming Out Day.

"It is, in a way, a totally different culture," Vittek explained. "It's quite a learning experience to come out. We let them know what's out there."

The LGBTQA estimates about 400 University students have come out or are coming out. It maintains an "Out List" — a full page of the names of students who have formally come out.

"We are your friends, your neighbors,

your classmates," Vittek said.

Students who have come out often face prejudice and misconceptions, she added, "both in their own minds and in the minds of those they come out to." That alone can keep some people from coming out, or make it difficult for others.

But outright prejudice isn't the only problem. Society tends to label lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transsexuals as different, said Mary Lou Boelcke, assistant director for the Office of Student Advocacy.

"To be categorized in some way comes with a lot of junk," Boelcke said. "Having other students wonder about you, think you're odd — when that's your every day, that's a lot."

The University has hosted Coming Out

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