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# Three UO students arrested during riot

*Eugene police dispersed a crowd of as many as 300 people during the riot Saturday night*

By Eric Collins  
Community Editor

Eugene police released the names of three University students arrested Sunday, as well as an edited video of the events taking place at a house party turned riot near the intersection of 17th Avenue and Hilyard Street. Police used tear gas to break up the crowd.

Of the four arrests made, three were University students.

Thomas James Curths, 18, of Portland, was charged with riot,

five counts of second-degree attempted assault, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, supplying contraband, possession of less than one ounce of marijuana and minor in possession of alcohol.

Michael Curtis Kron, 22, currently residing in Eugene, was charged with disorderly conduct and interfering with a police officer. Kron lives at 631 E. 17th Ave., the same street where the riot occurred.

Ryan Andrew Doyle, 18, of Coquille, was charged with disorderly conduct.

The fourth arrest was not a University student. Dustin Dale Jewett, 21, of Eugene, was charged with disorderly conduct and in-

terfering with a police officer.

The arrests came after police were called to a disorderly party attended by as many as 300 people at 658 E. 17th Ave. around 10:58 p.m., police reports stated. Participants began attacking police with bottles when officers tried to enforce alcohol violations. Police waited for reinforcements, asked for the crowd to disperse and gave tear gas warnings, a report said.

Eugene police Sgt. Dave Poppe released film footage of the riot Monday, which had been edited by authorities. Poppe supported the use of tear gas to break up the crowd, using the tape to show the extent of the situation.

"One officer was struck in the helmet by a beer bottle, proof right there that it was a good move," Poppe said. "We had two other officers struck by full bottles; one broke on an officer's knee and a number of other objects were thrown. I don't know what... other safe option they had."

"This isn't the type of underage drinking in which someone stays in their room or in a closed house and has a party and watches TV or something. This is drinking in the streets, with criminal mischief and disorderly conduct that threatens other people," Poppe said.

Police are continuing their investigation of this incident.

## Riot: Student conduct code not likely to apply

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were subjected to tear gas. Officers arrested four individuals, three of whom are the university students in question.

Morrill noted that the Student Conduct Code would only apply to the students if they came back to the University campus and affected individuals in a disruptive manner. As all three arrested students were lodged in Lane County Jail, Morrill said he believed the code wouldn't apply. However, the University is still investigating the likelihood that other students broke the code when returning from the incident.

"It is not about punishment," he said. "The laws of the state and community would apply more."

Morrill said punishment for breaking student conduct code could range from educa-

tional activities, to notation on their academic records and possible expulsion.

"I think the University is in the business of education," he said. "I don't anticipate us getting into the law enforcement business; that's the role of the police."

Assistant Dean of Students Laura Blake Jones further discussed the University's role as an educator and disciplinarian.

"We continue to have a concern about alcohol abuse and the impact that it has on students," she said. "I think it [alcohol abuse] is a serious problem on this campus and campuses all across the entire country."

According to Morrill, the University has tried to tap into a body of students who do not drink and give them a wider range of activities to participate in during their spare time.

One such event Morrill mentioned was the introduction of the "First Fridays" program at

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Dean of Student Life

the Collier House, where over 300 participants watched recording artist Mark Alan perform last Friday.

Morrill added that the University will continue to deal with alcohol abuse and its impact on students.

## Volunteers: Driving can be bonding time, manager says

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one-on-one mentoring situation with the children because of the time spent together.

For example, LaBarre said drivers have transported children to Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, a trip which allows for time to bond.

Although the program does not

include driving children to sports activities, she said future mentorship opportunities may become available through this program and another program, Committed Partners For Youth.

To qualify for the program, the children must be identified by their counselors and teachers as potentially at risk, LaBarre said.

Volunteers must also qualify

through a screening process involving criminal and driving record checks, as well as references, according to Wendy Clarke, transportation coordinator for the program.

"The most important thing is the driving record," Clarke said.

LaBarre said students may use references from work, friends or even undergraduate advisors for

the screening.

While volunteer drivers may choose to establish a relationship with a senior citizen by taking them to medical appointments or on prescription runs, LaBarre said most senior citizens who volunteer for the program choose to drive other senior citizens.

For more information contact Wendy Clarke at 686-7856 ext. 4.



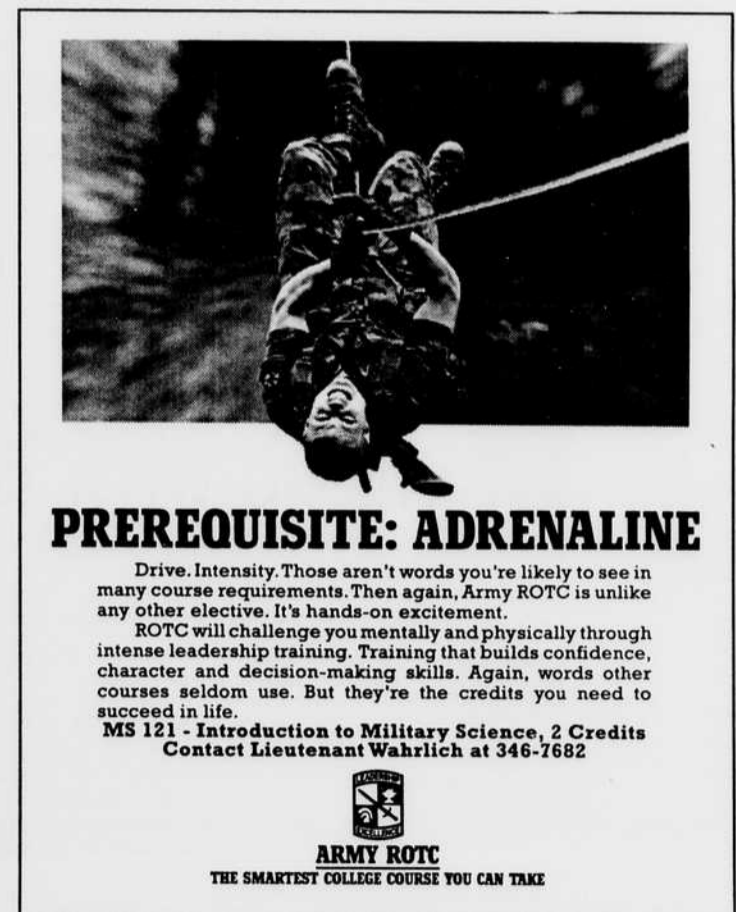
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