

Filling the void

Now that Kenya Wilkins is gone, Mike McShane and Yasir Rosemond battle for the point guard position

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Virtual reality

In a campus lecture, a German architect discussed new computer programs that allow designers to manipulate forms with the wave of a hand

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TODAY

Election day is upon us. Ballots are due in drop boxes today by 8 p.m.

WEATHER

Today
Partly Cloudy
High 60. Low 50.
Wednesday
Rain
High 57. Low 50.

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Community groups launch riot task force

Task force members hope to find solutions to problems in the West University area before another riot occurs

By Eric Collins
Community Editor

Take thirteen kegs of beer, put them in a one-block radius and multiply that by about 300 Eugene students in addition to people

from other areas of the state. On Oct. 31, the answer equaled a riot, but concerned community members don't think it has to.

Representatives from the Eugene police, Office of Public Safety, Eugene City Council, University Housing, Student Life, Oregon Liquor Control Commission, West Uni-

RIOT: City Council members meet to discuss solutions

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versity neighborhood, Greek Life and local high schools gathered Monday afternoon for a Campus Community Relations Task Force meeting in the wake of the Oct. 31 riot near the corner of 17th Avenue and Alder Street.

But police believe the Halloween riot is



just an example of a changing attitude among students. "We've noticed this year ... more and more people have in-your-face attitudes than ever," Sgt. Dave Poppe said. "It's very common."

He said he could remember 16 incidents in the past year in which officers have been physically attacked or faced physical resistance when making an arrest, even if it is just

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Approximately 45 people showed up for the KNRQ pumpkin smashing contest Monday at noon in the Wistec parking lot. The contest was designed as a creative way to dispose of Halloween pumpkins.

SMASHING PUMPKINS

Local radio station KNRQ invited fans to spend the afternoon tossing their old pumpkins for prizes

By Jenny Cherrytree
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KNRQ fans were smashing pumpkins Monday afternoon in the Wistec parking lot by Autzen stadium. From a two-story-high lift, music lovers tossed their Halloween pumpkins at a target down below. DJs Jenny-O, Wingnut and Cia gave winners free Smashing Pumpkins CDs, gift certificates and the new Soundgarden CD, "A Sides."

The DJs from alternative station 95.3 FM wanted listeners to have fun with their old Halloween pumpkins.

"People usually throw away their pumpkins after Halloween," Wingnut said. "So we came up with this cool idea."

Lane Community College student Brian Jones was the first person to go up in the lift.

"I came out on my lunch break," he said. "This is more creative than throwing them in the trash."

The event drew about 45 music fans to smash their pumpkins. Amanda Ervin and Trisha Wilton, both sophomores at Sheldon High School, missed classes to come to the event.

"We convinced our aunt to drive us here," Ervin said. "We love Jenny-O and Wingnut's morning show."

The girls' aunt, Kim Bunch, said: "I think they're all crazy, but at least they're staying out of trouble and not throwing them at houses."

The largest pumpkin weighed over 126 pounds.

"Pumpkin smashing sounded like a fun way to get rid of my big pumpkin," said Randy Hill, who owned the largest pumpkin.

Andy Andrist said he decided to bring his two-year-old

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