

Senate rules

The Student Senate agreed to pay \$250 to the Model United Nations, although the group had asked for more than \$24,000

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Men in the middle

Three Ducks will rotate at center for the men's basketball team in an attempt to replace two graduating seniors from 1996-97

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TODAY

Architect Jim Nielson will discuss sustainable building in 177
Laurence at 7:30

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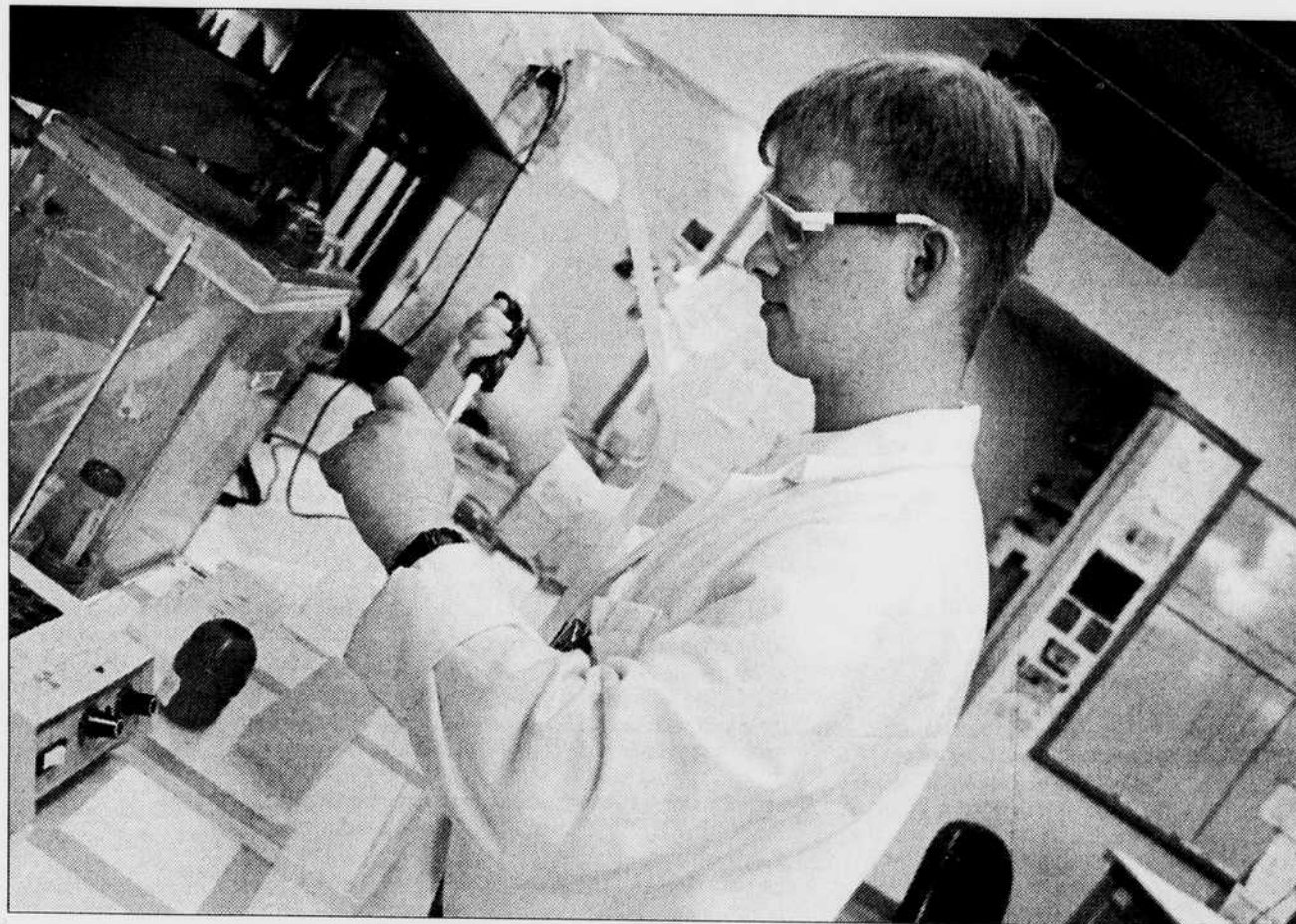
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Matt Miller, one of the first graduates from a new University biochemistry major, prepares to sequence DNA.

University adds two majors

Students can now pursue biochemistry or a newly combined computer science and math major

By Nicole Kristal
Higher Education Reporter

The chemistry, mathematics and computer science departments have added two new majors that will help students receive better jobs after graduation: biochemistry and a combined major of mathematics and computer science.

Student demand played a role in motivating both departments to implement the new majors.

"One of the things that started making me think about this was students were coming in saying, 'Hey, I want this [transcript] to say biochemistry,'" said Ralph Barnhard, assistant chemistry department head.

When employers in the field of chemistry interview or hire students fresh out of college, they often look at the student's

"[It] kind of prepared you more for a specific field."

Matt Miller

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Hillel banner stirs debate among Jews

Older members of the Jewish community were offended by a sign that read 'Hey, Jew!'

By Laura Cadiz

Higher Education Editor

A sign reading "Hey, Jew!" that hung on the corner of 13th Avenue and University Street came down Monday morning, but not before sparking debate in the Jewish community.

Hillel placed the sign as a part of its outreach effort. The group is the foundation for Jewish life at the University; it offers social and intellectual activities for University students.

"The students thought it was a good idea ... to let students know we're here and available as a place for Jewish students to come and be," Hillel co-director Efram Eisen said.

Some people, however, saw the sign not as a welcoming message but as an offensive one.

"I think the people from the older generation who remembered the Holocaust and remembered being told, 'Hey, Jew, get in the gas chamber,' were offended. It sort of set off some painful memories," Eisen said.

The sign didn't originate from Hillel or the University; it was an old sign that was passed around college campuses, Eisen said. It was taken down on schedule Monday morning. The mixed feelings it caused prompted a meeting between Jewish students and community members Tuesday night. About 30 students and 10 community members gathered at Hillel for an open forum on the issue.

Jewish students acknowledged the negative feelings that the sign prompted, but said it's time to shed the negative connotations that accompany the word "Jew."

"It's really about reclaiming a word that

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Miner, Torrey discuss ways to prevent out-of-control parties

ASUO President Bill Miner suggested having police check registered kegs two or three times each night

By Kristina Rudinskas
Student Activities Reporter

ASUO President Bill Miner and Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey met Wednesday afternoon to discuss the incident that occurred on Halloween at the corner of 17th Avenue and Alder Street.

This was the first time the mayor had ever had an elected student body president come to him to discuss an issue of community and University importance, Torrey said.

"[Miner] is helping us find a way to put a lid on this," he said.

Miner agreed the meeting was a successful attempt to establish lines of communication between students, the administra-

tion, the community and City Hall.

Torrey had proposed certain policies that Miner said would be detrimental to students. Part of the problem may have stemmed from the public hype following the incident.

"When I think of a riot, I think of Berkeley in the 60s or the L.A. riots," Miner said. "I think some people blow it out of proportion."

Miner focused on one problematic policy Torrey had suggested: holding landlords responsible for an out-of-control party.

Rental agencies "like Spyglass and Von Klein might crack down on students by refusing to rent to them in the West Universi-

ty district or raising the rent," Miner said.

He suggested that early intervention — including police checking on registered kegs two or three times a night — might prevent future incidents.

Perhaps an off-duty police officer and a student could go by the party, he said. They could ask the number of kegs, how many people are expected and if the party is having a band. Police would then know where the big parties were going to be later that night.

"It was common to say after the incident, 'those crazy college students,' but only one-third of those arrested were actually University students," Miner said.

Regardless of who was at fault, parties

that get out of control have an impact on the community.

"People need to police themselves when they see something happening and getting out of hand," Torrey said. "There must be a leader who needs to say, 'Wait a minute, let's cool it.'"

University students, the ASUO, the Office of Public Safety, Lane Community College, City Councilman Bobby Lee, and representatives from City Hall and the mayor's office will meet at Grace Lutheran Church on Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. to discuss how to prevent these incidents in the future.

"I will hold my judgment on alternative solutions," Torrey promised. "We are working together to get a handle on this situation."

"My commitment is to communicate with [student leaders] before I go to City Hall. I won't guarantee it will stop, but together we may have a dramatic impact."



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