

Poppe: Drug dealing also a factor

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 many people," he said. "Unfortunately, it also means that law breakers are taking greater efforts to disguise the location where they're going to party and to camouflage what they are doing."

Poppe said adding more officers to the campus-area beat would help, but it isn't going to solve the problem.

"We can enforce the laws more effectively and safely with more officers," he said. "So I advocate we have an increase to a certain degree, but we won't stop [the problem]."

"As long as people, especially non-students, look at this particular area as a place to come to raise hell, we won't stop it."

Poppe has been involved with the University's fraternities and sororities, instructing members that they need to be in control of what happens on their property. Poppe said he has encouraged Greek Life officials to designate people in advance to make reasonable attempts at solving their

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 Eugene Police Department

own problems before the police ever get involved.

"They have to set some expectations within their own house as to what is going to be tolerated and how they are going to deal with problems, such as noisy party situations when the cops are knocking on the door," he said.

Another problem Poppe sees is that Eugene police receive many anonymous calls reporting various crimes. He feels these people do not want to identify themselves because of safety. But

Poppe said identification usually results in better law enforcement.

Without identification, police officers are unable to get complete details from the callers or use them as crime witnesses, he said.

Poppe said drug dealing and drug use have increased in the West University area, which also contributes to problems with loud parties, riots and other situations.

"I believe a number of the thefts of bicycles and cars that get broken into relate to the drug activity in this area."

Poppe said drug dealing tends to take place at all hours of the day, which inhibits law enforcement. The police, however, have seen success in displacement of the drug problem to the west, moving away from the University area.

A West University problem-solving session will take place tonight at 7 p.m. in the Grace Lutheran Church, 710 E. 17th Ave., to continue discussion of the problem.

SENATE BRIEFS

Class-credit motion sent to committee

The University Senate voted Wednesday to send a motion back to committee that would prohibit students from doubling up on group and degree requirements.

The motion was originally presented to the Senate at its Oct. 8 meeting, where it was sent back to committee for further clarification.

The classes students use to satisfy bachelor's degree requirements can also be used to satisfy the arts and letters or science group requirements. The motion, presented by the Undergraduate Education Policy Coordinating Council, would make students satisfy those group requirements without using the same classes to satisfy the degree requirements.

According to the council, the idea behind the motion is to reinstate "the reality of breadth in [the University's] general education group requirement."

Many students, however, feel the additional 16 credits necessary to fulfill the requirement would create a heavier work load and prolong graduation.

"We're all here for an education ... this just makes it more difficult," Student Senator Tamir Kreigel said. "How much more do you want to impose on us? Have faith in us. High school is for imposing on us; college is about giving us freedom."

Art history Professor and University Senator Jeff Hurwit called the motion a philosophical issue.

"This is about whether or not we expect our students to have a certain breadth of exposure to three great areas of concern," he said.

The Student Senate passed a motion against the council's motion, and the ASUO collected 166 student signatures against the motion.

"Overwhelmingly, we are receiving the message that students don't support this," Student Senator Michael Olson said.

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