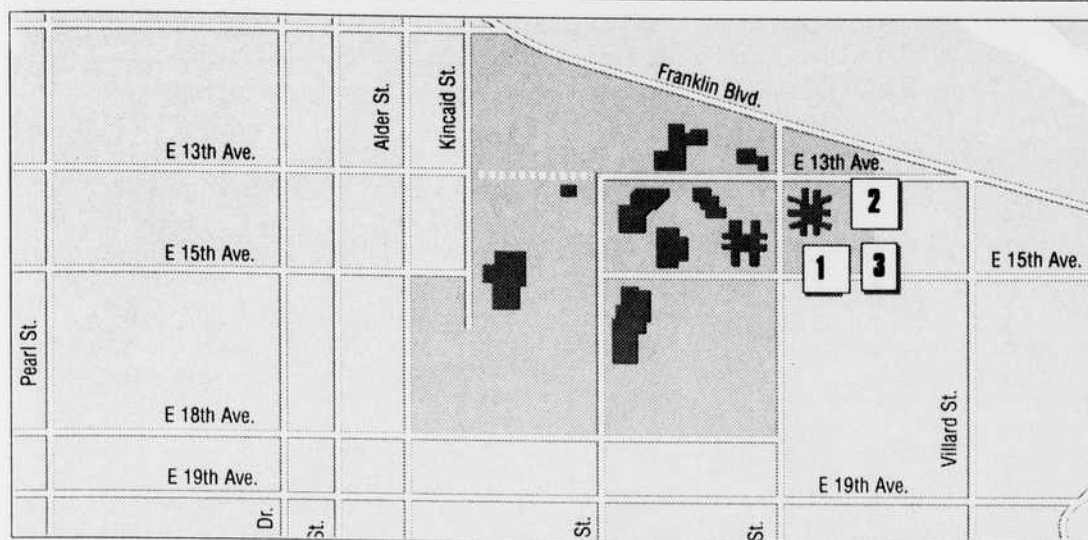


POLICE BEAT



12 arrested during residence hall party

1 Eugene police and OPS officers were involved in the arrest of 12 University students Nov. 25 in Room 311 Robbins Hall in the Hamilton Complex.

At 10:26 p.m. officers responded to a call by resident assistants concerning a loud party in the room. The assistants observed males and females smoking in the bathroom area on the third floor of the hall. When the subjects noticed the assistants, the majority of the subjects went into Room 311, where the assistants smelled alcohol.

When the officers arrived, they heard loud talking, laughter and music from outside the door. They also smelled the faint odor of marijuana but were unsure where it was coming from.

The officers then knocked on the door and opened it about a minute later. The officers found 12 individuals inside, who all admitted to being under 21 years of age, and several open alcohol containers. The officers noticed two glass marijuana pipes with residue and the smell of burnt marijuana inside an open closet door. The officers then seized the pipes.

Officers issued citations for minor in possession of alcohol to all those inside. The owner of the room, who was present at the time of the incident, was also issued a citation for furnishing alcohol to minors.

The incident is still under investigation.

Police arrest man for stealing money, truck

2 Eugene police arrested a 20-year-old Springfield man in a

University parking lot Nov. 24 after a short investigation involving a book of carbon-copy checks and a stolen pickup truck.

At 10:04 p.m. an officer noticed a suspicious-looking man walking on Columbia Street toward University Parking Lot 15. It appeared to the officer that the man was concealing an item under his jacket by the way he held his arm to his chest. The man crossed 13th Avenue and continued into the parking lot, where he entered a 1967 Ford F250 pickup truck.

The officer then approached the man and asked him about how his arm was placed, and the man said it was due to a back problem. The man said he was walking from a friend's house.

After patting down the man for weapons and learning he was from Springfield, the officer obtained permission from the man to search his pockets. While searching the man, the officer found a book of carbon-copy check records. The name of another man from Junction City was on the checks.

The Springfield man claimed to have found the checks in the truck. He said he purchased the truck a few days earlier. He then said he was planning to return the carbon copies when he got the chance. The officer noticed the book of checks had been written in two days on Nov. 22 and 23. One of the carbon-copy checks was written for \$750 for a Ford F250 pickup.

After checking with the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles, the officer found out that the owner of the truck was a man from Eugene.

The officer called dispatch, which contacted the Eugene man to confirm who had actually

bought the truck. The Springfield man then changed his story, saying the man from Junction City bought the truck for him, and he planned to pay him back.

However, the Junction City man claimed he was in Eastern Oregon when someone broke into his vehicle and stole a large amount of money and checks. He also claimed he didn't purchase the truck.

The Eugene man, the actual owner of the truck, and the Junction City man both arrived later at the scene. The Eugene man told police the Junction City man was not the person who purchased the truck from him, which contradicted the Springfield man's testimony.

The Springfield man was issued a letter of trespass and a citation for criminal trespass. He was transported to the Lane County Adult Corrections facility and lodged on numerous counts.

The incident is still under investigation.

Officer investigates smoke, burn damage

3 An officer from the University's Office of Public Safety investigated smoke and burn damage to a stairwell in Robbins Hall in the Hamilton Complex on Nov. 25.

The officer was called by housing officials to the stairwell between the second and third floors in which someone had stained the letters "KF" into the ceiling tiles. The officer also investigated incidents of a similar nature in the same complex.

The estimated damage to the ceiling was \$20.

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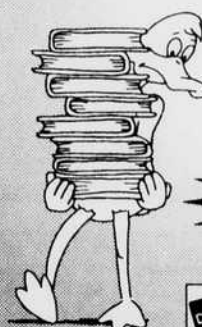
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