

Parking

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were issued on campus, earning the Office of Public Safety \$325,000.

"That works out to about 20 percent of the budget is parking citation fines," Hicks said.

The Erb Memorial Union and University Housing contribute some money, but most of the budgetary fund comes from the University's general fund, he said.

The Office of Public Safety's annual budget is \$1.56 million, but more than \$1.3 million is

spent on employees' salaries and a contract with city police to help patrol the campus.

"So you can see almost all our money goes to personnel costs and the Eugene Police Department contract," Hicks said.

Stamm said, "We've found there is always open parking spaces at all times of the day."

But they may not be in the most convenient locations.

Stamm said parking can almost always be found on the south side of Agate Hall or near the Bean housing complex.

The solution to the parking dilemma may be alternative modes of transportation, such as walking, biking, taking the bus or car pooling.

Alternative modes are "environmentally sound as well as socially sound," Stamm said. There are no plans to build more parking spaces because the "space is better dedicated to other things [like new buildings], not parking."

Nicole Olson, a freshman education major, said she tries to avoid parking if at all possible.

"I usually walk to all my classes," she said.

Ila Sanders, a patrol officer in the parking and traffic division of OPS, said she likes to encourage people to use alternate transportation.

Sanders said last term, a male student approached her while she was issuing parking citations in a visitor's lot. He asked her if she ever tired of giving out tickets.

She said she replied by asking, "What seems to be your parking problem?"

The student replied, "I get up late, and then I have to park illegally."

She suggested that he get up earlier or ride the bus. He replied that there was not a bus stop near his house.

Sanders said her solution for that problem was for him to try the Park-and-Ride, which can be found in various locations around Eugene and Springfield.

"He got frustrated," she said, "because he couldn't come up with a problem I didn't have a solution for."

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phobes would not see it that way.

Mike Eyster, director of housing, said a past incident where racial slurs were shouted at the residents of the Multicultural Hall made him decide it was more likely PRIDE Hall could be the target of hate.

Members of both the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Alliance and proponents of the PRIDE Hall said although they were disappointed by the veto, they were looking forward to working with the University ad-

ministration to deal with the concerns that prompted the PRIDE Hall proposal.

Jason Wicklund, co-chair of the PRIDE Hall committee, said he was optimistic about tackling homophobia.

"I think the committee as a whole is disappointed," he said. "But I think the issues brought about by [PRIDE Hall] are getting attention. I'm looking forward to moving on and working with the University."

Nina Thompson, a supporter of PRIDE Hall, had one reservation. "The one thing I fear is that they

didn't research the hall as much as they should've," she said. "I know Mike Eyster did."

But Thompson was optimistic about the future. "What did come out of this is a greater awareness about homophobia and racism," she said. "We're going to involve the administration in the future. I think if we do that there's a better chance we will be successful."

Whether a greater awareness of homophobia exists now, North America certainly has a greater awareness of the PRIDE

Hall proposal. Last Thursday, the media's discovery of the proposal sparked a series of newscasts in cities such as Portland, Seattle and New York City.

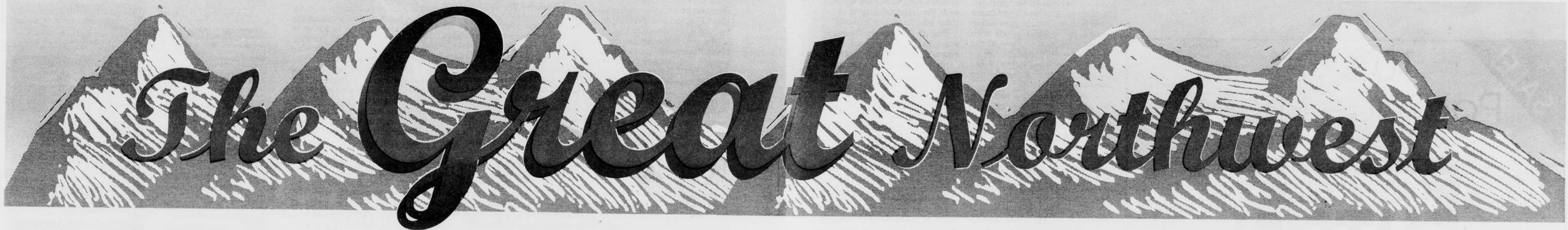
At the University of Toronto, delayed news of PRIDE Hall motivated a student group to plan to lobby the Canadian university to develop something similar.

Sean Carroll, a student at the State University of New York at Albany, watched a newscast featuring the campus PRIDE Hall proposal at his Brooklyn,

New York residence. Carroll wrote a letter that condemned the proposal to the editors of the New York Times, the Oregonian, the Albany Student Press and the Oregon Daily Emerald.

In an interview, Carroll said PRIDE Hall ran counter to the goals of diversity.

"Everything an activist is trying to do is trying to get their group more included in what's going on," he said. "If a [gay] student is harassed and the only response to that is the student moves away, I think that's a problem."



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