

News Briefs

Bomb threat suspends anarchist's lecture

Audience members attending a lecture by Eugene anarchist John Zerzan evacuated Columbia 150 Wednesday night after a bomb threat was made to the Office of Public Safety.

OPS received a phone call from a man at 7:59 p.m. The caller, whose identity is unknown, spoke in a calm, slow manner, according to the OPS dispatcher.

"There is a bomb in Room 150 of Columbia, and you have 12 minutes," he said.

Public safety officers immediately went to the building and pulled the fire alarm, hoping for a quick evacuation, said Gay Vandermyn, a spokeswoman for OPS.

After clearing the building, officers searched the room and announced it clear, she said.

Near the end of Zerzan's presen-

tation, he was asked to evacuate the building because of the threat.

"Bomb threats, unfortunately, are not that uncommon on college campuses," Vandermyn said.

Donation will fund new Prefontaine park

Two former Eugene residents are donating \$120,000 to the City of Eugene to fund the purchase of a park honoring former University long-distance runner Steve Prefontaine.

Cliff and Sherry Shirley, Portland business owners, pledged the money to purchase about 1.5 acres of property near the intersection of Birch Lane and Skyline Boulevard in East Eugene, where Prefontaine died in a May 30, 1975, car accident.

He was the most celebrated track and field athlete to compete for the University, participating in the 1972 Munich Olympic Games.

"Without Limits," a movie

about his life and filmed partially in Eugene, was released at the end of last year.

A news conference to announce the donation will take place Friday morning with Mayor Jim Torrey, City Manager Jim Johnson and Oregon Department of Transportation representatives.

The City of Eugene will use the money to buy the property from ODOT. According to a city release, officials from the two agencies expect the agreement transferring the property to the city will be final in the next several weeks.

The City of Eugene does not plan on significantly developing the park property. However, it will make improvements over time, which could include a parking area, trails, benches and sculptures.

Donations can still be made to the Pre's Park Memorial Fund at any branch of Wells Fargo Bank.

Hearing

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for ballot measure submission, but Sturges later extended it.

She contended that it was within her power to change the deadlines.

Austin said that not all ASUO groups, specifically the College Republicans, were notified of the extension and were thereby robbed of an opportunity to submit or resubmit a ballot measure.

Sturges said that she alerted all ASUO groups of the extended deadline.

College Republicans President Jason Gathercole refuted this statement. He said that he did not find out about the deadline until after other groups were informed.

Austin said that this late notice erased the opportunity for Gathercole's group to resubmit a ballot measure that was previously denied by the court.

The court asked if any other groups were not alerted of the deadline extension.

From the audience, Student Senator Autumn De Poe said the senate was not alerted of the change.

"I can personally only give one

example, and it is one too many," Austin said, referring to the College Republicans. He argued that Sturges knowingly violated the rules by extending the deadline.

The two ballot measures that were allowed to be resubmitted after the original deadline included a measure to permit voting via Duck Web and a measure to reinstate funding for OSPIRG.

The Duck Web ballot measure had been submitted and denied several times by the Constitution Court for different reasons.

Because the denial was for different reasons each time and because Sturges was unaware that the court approval process would take so long, she felt it would be unfair to withhold the Duck Web measure from the election.

By allowing Duck Web to be submitted late, Sturges also felt that she should permit OSPIRG's ballot measure to be late because it was denied by the court on the same day as the Duck Web measure.

Court justice Heidi Barker said that she was having difficulty understanding how Sturges thought that allowing an advantage to groups who got their ballot mea-

sures started "late in the game" is impartial.

"Why didn't you give everyone one last chance?" Barker asked.

Sturges admitted that she had reservations about permitting OSPIRG's measure to be submitted late but decided it would be unfair to only allow resubmission for the Duck Web measure.

Austin also suggested that the court apply a "clear and present danger" test to the president's decision to hold the election.

He said the special election of 1994, which Wortman referred to as a precedent for the current election's legality, was held because of a threat to the ASUO incidental fee autonomy. The 1994 election reorganized the way that incidental fees are allocated at the University.

Because the election is not being held to relieve a "clear and present" threat such as this one, Austin said, the election is not necessary.

The Constitution Court said that the ASUO Constitution rules are unclear but made no final decision on the injunctions.

A decision is expected in the next few days.

Bicycles

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has eight students working for him this quarter.

"Students are hired through OPS to drive the bikes, and all students are paid," he said.

Funds for the bicycle taxi program are mostly generated from parking fees, he said.

Students who drive the taxis are all equipped with radios that connect them to the Office of Public Safety, Niles said.

"The taxi lends itself to a safer campus environment," he said.

Tom Clawson, a student driver for the taxi system said although he gets paid, he doesn't count it as

one of his jobs.

"I just do it because I love riding bikes," he said.

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