Man hospitalized after falling off EMU balcony

A witness said the man was possibly trying to sneak into a concert

By Nicole Garton

A Eugene man is in serious condition after falling 20 feet off a balcony in the Erb Memorial Union Tuesday night.

The man was trying to climb the outside of the building around 11 p.m. when he fell and landed on the floor of the cafeteria courtyard, said University senior Brandon

Smith, who witnessed the incident.

Smith said he was about four feet away talking to a friend and saw the man fall face first onto the floor. He entered the courtyard to make sure the man was breathing.

Ambulances took the man to Sacred Heart Medical Center, where he is in intensive care with injuries to the head and chest.

"He was somewhat conscious," Smith said. "He was trying to sit up."

The man, whose reported age is

27 or 28, is not a University student, according to the University Office of Communications.

Smith believes the man may have been trying to sneak into the Israel Vibration concert in the EMU Ballroom, although the Office of Communications could not confirm that fact.

"People sneak [into concerts] that way a lot," Smith said.

Concert security is aware that people try to sneak in through various means and makes rounds throughout the building during each event, said Tony Kullen, heritage music coordinator for the EMU Cultural Forum.

But, he said, "there are all different angles and walks—it's hard to patrol every inch. There are too many stairways, ledges and rooftops."

In addition, security is present primarily to deal with situations inside the event, "not to watch people climb up the side of the building," Kullen said.

However, the Cultural Forum goes through a review process after each concert, and this incident could affect the office's policies, he added.

"This would be discussed seriously. I'm sure it would lead to changes in the future," Kullen said.

He wanted students to take a message away from the incident.

"I want to remind people that no matter how much they might like a band, even if they can't afford to buy tickets, nothing is ever worth having happen what happened tonight," Kullen said. "No show is ever worth that much."

Kriegel stages dramatic resignation from Student Senate

The Student Senator was carried out by costumed friends, leaving a letter

By Jason George

Clowns stood up at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday night —literally.

Men wearing face paint, masks and other costumes ran into the meeting and physically picked up Student Senator Tamir Kriegel and then removed him from the EMU Board Room where the senate session was held.

As Kriegel was carried out of the room, he gave his resignation letter to the other members of the senate.

He threw several letters of resignation out to his former peers as he was whisked away.

"It's over," read the letter. "I'm not bitter. And I'm not leaving to make a point. I am no martyr. I am just done."

Kriegel also noted in the letter

that he has not received a stipend all year for his senate work.

The other senators carried on with University business without missing a beat. Aside from a few chuckles, no words were spoken during the meeting about Tamir's exit.

"I have lost the fire," Kriegel said afterward. "I have done everything that can possibly be done with this type of body."

In other news, the Indian Student Organization received \$500 to finance India Night on February 28.

The International Student Association, represented by William Gonzalez, presented the proposal because the Indian Student Organization is not a recognized association.

Vice President of the Indian Student Organization, Asif Suria, said the money will go toward food and technical support. The money will come from the senate's surplus budget, which is money left over from the last fiscal year.

The Programs Finance Committee reported that it allocated an additional \$9,000 to child care services. The amount represents a 3.8 percent increase.

The Athletic Department Finance Committee reported it is still working on a new proposal to present to the Athletic Department.

Following the senate meeting, the senate adjourned to executive session for closed discussion.

Governor to discuss salmon restoration plan at logging conference

Gov. Kitzhaber gains an unusual invitation to the forest industry gathering

By Felicity Ayles Oregon Daily Emerald

Gov. John Kitzhaber will address his plan to restore Oregon's declining salmon and steelhead populations at the 61st Oregon Logging Conference today at the Lane County Fairgrounds.

The conference will begin with the opening of equipment displays and games for children while the president of the conference addresses those present, followed by the keynote speech by Kitzhaber.

The conference will be members-only on Thursday and Friday and will open to the public on Saturday morning.

"I am hoping to talk about the pride of being in the industry and protecting environmental concerns," Conference President Harry Kelley said. "I am also going to speak about networking with the governor's salmon plans."

The conference also will present four different seminars. These in-

clude computer software for the forest industry, drug and alcohol testing in the workplace, water quality issues and advocating effectively for the forest industry.

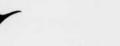
The seminars will be offered twice during the day so members can attend more than one, Kelley said.

Despite the growing attention to education in this conference, Kel-

ley said the theme for the weekend is "Sound Forestry Serves All."

On Friday, the conference will present a film and later a panel will field questions and hold a round-table discussion.

Events on Saturday open to the public will include equipment exhibits and a high school forestry skills competition.





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