

# Task force seeks solutions to prevent riots

The community group joins with police to try to stifle future incidents

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Warmer weather equals more parties, and more parties equals more riots.

At least that's what the Campus Community Relations Task Force agreed in its meeting Thursday night while brainstorming ideas for riot prevention next year.

"Spring becomes a more active time in terms of parties," said Weston Morrill, dean of student life. "We're not against parties, we're just against the riots that result from them."

Eugene Police Officer Julie Boyd said the campus unit of the Eugene Police Department is trying to better its relationship with partygoers.

There were 120 minor in possession citations given out in January at various parties, but EPD Officer Edward Tsui said there is no quota for police officers to fill.

"If you're breaking the law and the person standing next to you is breaking the law, I'm going to cite you both," he said. "I think we're pretty consistent."

Eugene police Sgt. Rick Gilliam stressed that the EPD only shows up at parties when responding to complaints.

"We are not out there looking for parties," he said.

Jan Oliver, assistant vice president for institutional affairs, said she thinks crime in the West University area has increased despite all the police department's preventative activity.

"Even if you take out all the party problems, what has been equally as troublesome have been crimes of assaults, thefts and

crimes against persons," Oliver said.

Whatever the crime, Morrill said, students need to realize they must comply with officers' requests.

"We talked to a number of students after the problem at Halloween," he said. "If the officer gives a command in these circumstances and the individual does not follow that, they are at risk of being arrested."

Efforts to de-glamorize the riots should be a top priority for student groups, Tsui said. Students have told him the riot was a rite of passage because it was an expected, annual thing, he said.

Laura Blake-Jones, associate dean of student life, said the Office of Student Life has collected data to find out what students really think about the Halloween riot. She said there was a 37 percent increase since last year in

students who feel the University is concerned with alcohol abuse on campus.

She also said 93 percent of students surveyed said they approved of the activity of the police on Halloween night, and 78 to 80 percent said they would leave the area or move back if asked by police. The survey was conducted only among first-year students living on campus.

Blake-Jones said the Office of Student Life is working to prevent a riot next Halloween and is trying to find funding for student groups involved in prevention.

Overall, Boyd said, the relationship between students and police should be changed so the riots are not repeated.

"That's in the past. Let's prohibit it and create a better relationship between students, police and the community," she said.

Officer Pete Aguilar, visiting

from Boulder, Colo., said the Boulder Police Department is seeing some balance this year after past riots. He said the police have often been hurt by out-of-hand riots because they waited too long to respond to the problem.

Aguilar said many officers have been injured in the line of duty while dealing with riots, and the Boulder Police Department now implements civilian observation teams to help with surveillance.

"We are relying on that as prevention," he said.

Another agenda item of large concern was that of speeding traffic on Alder Street. Campus Co-op representative Benjamin Cutler said he has observed speeding traffic numerous times on Alder Street and asked for police to help with the problem. He suggested adding speed bumps or stop signs to reduce traffic speed.

## Class will teach 'heritage speakers' of Spanish to read and write

Formal instruction gives native speakers skills not learned at home

By G. Jaros  
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¿Hablas español?

There's a new class at the University designed for people who understand the question, but might not know how to spell it.

For the first time, the Department of Romance Languages is offering a class aimed at people who can speak Spanish but didn't learn it in an academic setting.

Many people have been raised

in Spanish-speaking homes or neighborhoods or were raised in Spanish-speaking countries and then moved to the United States. They often learn to speak Spanish without knowing how to read or spell in that language.

"Many of these people don't want to come into our regular classes because they already know how to speak," said Shelley Merello, the instructor teaching the class.

The new class, for "heritage speakers," is being offered spring term. Heritage speakers are Americans of Hispanic origin.

The class will emphasize the

students' development of Spanish writing skills, building vocabulary and the discussion of literary and journalistic texts.

Students also will develop an awareness of the many varieties of Spanish. There are different regional and social dialects as well as a more or less international standard used in newspapers and books, Merello said.

"We are assuming, since Hispanic numbers are growing in Oregon, the need for this will grow," Merello said.

Oregon leads the Pacific Northwest with a 99.1 percent increase in its Hispanic population, according

to the U.S. Census and Larson Northwest Hispanic Media & Marketing in Portland. That is the sixth-highest growth rate in the United States, according to the census.

There were 11,513 permanent Hispanic residents in Lane County and 189,809 in Oregon, according to 1998 figures.

"This number is believed to be an undercount of 9 to 14 percent and doesn't include migrant Hispanics," said Ron Larson, owner of the media and marketing company. Nearly 75 percent of the region's Hispanics are under age 35, Larson said.

The Hispanic population in the

United States is more than 29 million people, or 10.9 percent of the population, according to the 1997 Census.

Most of these people are born and educated in the United States, said Robert L. Davis, director of the University Spanish Language Program. Because their education has primarily been in U.S. schools, they develop limited proficiency in reading and writing Spanish, he said.

The class is listed in the Spring 1999 Schedule of Classes as "Spanish 399 Espanol Hispan." For more information, call Davis at 346-0956.

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Friday, March 5

■ Film: "Repulsion," 8 p.m. in 180 PLC. \$2 students, \$3 general public. Sponsored by the UO Cultural Forum. Call 346-4373 for more information.

■ The annual Land Air Water conference will begin Friday in the EMU Fir Room at 4 p.m. The conference will discuss issues related to environmental law. The conference will run through the weekend.

■ The Center for the Study of Women in Society will present a lecture on the narratives of Jewish gender from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the EMU Rogue Room.

■ Saturday and Sunday, the Kappa Delta sorority is holding their 5-on-5 Basketball Tournament. The cost is

\$50 per team of ten. 80 percent of the proceeds go to the Looking Glass Shelter of Eugene; 20 percent go to national Kappa Delta and a children's hospital in Richmond, Va. To sign up or to ask questions, call 484-5846.

■ A presentation on African-American history and black women's history in the United States will be presented Sunday. Through the language of music, dance and spoken lyrics, "Keepers of the Dream," will portray the saga of black women through history. A 3 p.m. show will be held at Central Presbyterian Church on 15th Avenue between Patterson and Ferry streets. Admission is free. Contact Sharon or Bettie at 687-3463 for more information.

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