

Thurston survivor shot and killed in hunting accident

Richard Peek Jr., who escaped death during the Thurston High School shooting, died Wednesday of an accidental gunshot wound to the head while hunting with his brother, Robert, near a logging road in Leaburg.

The 19-year-old Peek died at the scene. The Lane County Sheriff's Office investigators and the District Attorney agreed the incident was a "tragic accident" and not the result of recklessness.

According to the Sheriff's Office, the brothers had hiked up a trail with their firearms unloaded and stopped to rest when they heard what they thought to be an animal. They both loaded their weapons, and Peek stood up while his brother was still attempting to make his fire arm safe.

As Peek walked across the muzzle field of his brother's gun, the rifle discharged, hitting Peek in the head, according to the Sheriff's Office.

UO to hold SPEP conference

Philosophers from around the world will meet in the EMU to share their ideas

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For the first time, the University is hosting a conference for the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, today through Saturday, bringing philosophers from other countries to share their research.

Ten panel sessions are scheduled every hour in the EMU between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the group's 38th annual meeting.

The department of sociology and the department of philosophy are co-hosting the meeting this year. Philosophy professor John Lysaker and sociology professor Ken Liberman are the local organizers of the conference. The English Department will also be involved in the conference.

Phenomenology is the study of

how people structure their thinking, superimpose those structures of interpretation upon their experience and incorporate what they believe with their own conceptual structure. Existential philosophy examines the ethical consequences of the theory and knowledge of phenomenology.

Lysaker will present his research on political philosophy, the politics of deconstruction and Lenin. He said people who have a different political philosophy should learn to appreciate others.

"It's a lot of work," Lysaker said. "It's nice to be able to work for the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. [Liberman and I] both see that it's a good work to help the society to go on."

Liberman has been a member of the society for 20 years and said it has been his "richest academic experience."

"My hope is that some of the genius in the participants can be made available to faculty and students," he said.

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