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Senior Saul Patu is one of many Ducks to be honored by the Pac-10 and the nation. **PAGE 7A**

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# University refuses WRC's request for dues

Recent decision by President Frohnmayer may bring about the University's retreat from commitment to WRC

By Andrew Adams  
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Acting on advice from his legal counsel, University President Dave Frohnmayer has announced that the University will not pay its membership dues to the Worker Rights Consortium, which has raised doubts about the University's future commitment to the group.

Frohnmayer released his announcement on the

president's section of the University's home page. In it he states that after the first meeting of the fledgling sweatshop monitoring group, he began to have "concerns over the legal status of the WRC."

The University and Frohnmayer have previously contended that the WRC has not incorporated itself as a non-profit organization with corresponding non-profit status with

the Internal Revenue Service.

These doubts were serious enough for Frohnmayer to concur with University General Counsel Melinda Grier to not pay the membership dues.

"Until the proper legal concerns are addressed, we cannot pay dues or affiliation fees to the WRC and therefore can not, at this time, become a member," Frohnmayer stated.

Frohnmayer is currently in the Netherlands and could not be reached for comment about his statement.

WRC representative Maria Roeper said the University's claims about the consortium's status are inaccurate. She said the WRC is incorporated in its home state of New York, and is currently in the process of receiving non-profit status from the IRS.

In a legal opinion she wrote Oct. 9, which is also posted on the University's Web site, Grier argues that because in the University's opinion the WRC has neither incorporated itself, nor secured non-profit status, it can not pay the consortium any membership dues. She states because the University is a public institution it is strictly

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“You can't just pay public money because you feel like it.”

Melinda Grier  
University counsel

## Crashing the party



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After gathering partygoers in the living room of a house reported for a noise disturbance, several EPD Party Patrol officers administer field sobriety tests to determine whether minors attending the party have been drinking.

# Party Patrol sobers student drinking

EPD's continued efforts to curb drinking by minors may result in weakened relations between students and police

By Ben Romano  
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Eight police cars are parked on Olive Street between 17th and 18th avenues. A dozen officers wait for the order to move toward a house about a block away. The police can hear loud music and jubilant voices ringing through the night air.

When the entire Eugene Police Department Party Patrol has assembled, the group walks to the house. Officers are positioned by the back doors and windows in case anyone inside the house attempts to leave when the police arrive.

With video cameras rolling, the police knock on the door. An officer informs the party's host that a noise complaint has been filed and asks the host for permission to enter the house. The host lets the Party Patrol in and that's the end of the party.

Underage partygoers who have locked themselves in bedrooms or closets are ferreted out by Party Patrolers. The 15 to 20

people at the party are corralled in the living room. The police and the partygoers — a mix of students from the University, Lane Community College and Oregon State University — exchange questions. A student asks why the police are videotaping everything. Police ask who bought the alcohol. The police note that the partygoers and the party host were cooperative and civil — somewhat of a rarity, the officers said.

Those of legal drinking age are asked to show identification and allowed to leave. The minors are given field sobriety tests. On this occasion, nine citations for minor in possession of alcohol are issued. The party host receives a citation for allowing minors to consume alcohol on private premises, which carries a fine of up to \$1,000.

This scene is played out time and again on Friday and Saturday nights at addresses throughout the West University neighborhood and at student

housing complexes near Autzen Stadium. The EPD Party Patrol is making a concerted effort to reduce the number of alcohol related complaints it receives, discourage minors from drinking alcohol and stop riots before they start.

"We're trying to get enforcement to a level where the message gets across that the person throwing the party will be held accountable," said Lt. Rick Gilliam, the Party Patrol's commanding officer.

### Curbing a drinking culture

EPD began the Party Patrol in October 1998 in reaction to the second consecutive Halloween riot.

"That was all alcohol-fueled — it wasn't a riot for any known cause I am aware of," Gilliam said. "The drinking problem, in our estimation, was pretty out of control in the campus area."

Predictably, students are not

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In a packed EMU Ballroom Wednesday, Gloria Steinem shares with the audience 10 reasons to not vote for Ralph Nader in the upcoming presidential election.

# Feminist leader promotes Gore

Gloria Steinem echoed what is becoming a popular mantra: A vote for Nader is a vote for Bush

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From being a well known feminist leader in the late 1960s to dedicating her life to vital political and social causes in recent years, Gloria Steinem has earned her title as an outspoken activist.

Less than two weeks from the presidential election, the co-founder and contributing editor of Ms. Magazine has a new cause. She told a crowd of more than 1,000 in the EMU Ballroom Wednesday that if they support the issue of women's rights they must help make one thing certain — keep Texas Gov. George W. Bush from becoming president.

Steinem, who was a co-convenor of the National Women's Political Caucus, also gave the audience a top 10 list of reasons why she is not voting for Pacific Green Party candidate Ralph Nader, as a part of her mission to keep Bush out of the office.

"I'm not against raising money for the Green Party, but not at the expense of putting George Bush in the White House," she said.

Steinem is also the president of Voters for Choice, a national group supporting Gore specifically because Gore is

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