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After being presented with a copy of the memo, obtained by the Emerald from another former DPS employee, Fitzpatrick said he did not remember ever releasing it, and

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Kim Maynard
Former DPS officer »

said it could have come from a lieutenant acting out a verbal order.

"I don't remember seeing it," he said. "I'm not saying I didn't see this."

He added that he never put his initials on the memo to indicate that he read it before officers signed it.

The memo has 13 signatures from DPS officers, each one verified by a management supervisor. Lt. Marte Martinez was the manager for nine of the officers who signed the memo. Martinez is on personal leave, and DPS and University officials have declined to disclose the details regarding the issue.

While no agency has cited DPS for installing the lights on its vehicles, Fitzpatrick said the lights will be removed once replacements, probably in yellow and white colors, are found.

But DPS made the decision to install the blue lights before officers had been commissioned.

Fitzpatrick said that when DPS bought the used cars from the state motor pool, they had been stripped of lights and other police equipment.

He said the decision to install the lights was part of an ongoing attempt by DPS to commission between five and 10 officers to "special security officer" positions. The new rank would give officers probable cause arrest authority and the ability to frisk suspects — and to use blue police lights.

"It was not a big issue. At the time it occurred it was a relatively minor issue," Fitzpatrick said of the decision to install the lights.

The commissioned status is an ongoing process, which Fitzpatrick said should be completed by Jan. 1.

Special security officers are one part of an attempt by Fitzpatrick and the department to be a more professional force with increased policing privileges.

As these changes are being made, a string of veteran DPS employees have left the department, accusing management of harassment, abuse of power and discrimi-

nation. Maynard was one of those officers, and said Fitzpatrick didn't cause problems such as the one with the car lights.

Instead, he said Lts. Martinez and Joan Saylor abused their power and made management decisions without properly consulting the director.

Fitzpatrick "is just out of the loop. He's basically retired," Maynard said. "He just let [the lieutenants] run the show."

Despite saying he never saw the memo, Fitzpatrick insists he is still in charge at DPS.

"I know what's going on in this department," he said. "I am not out of the loop."

Saylor said there is no age discrimination in the office and would not comment on any DPS personnel issues.

At least five DPS employees have left the department or been transferred to other jobs at the University since summer. Former dispatcher Pauline Conaway filed a lawsuit against DPS and the University, which was dismissed, but Conaway received a new University job and \$15,000 in an out of court settlement.

Weekend

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minors to drink in their homes.

Police shut down one large party on Hendricks Hill Drive, where 34 people received citations for either underage drinking or allowing minors to drink in the house. Of those cited, 19 were University students.

On Saturday, police responded to about 15 alcohol-related complaints in the University area. The largest police action of the night was outside of the University area at a house on the 3800 block of Ferry Street, where more than 100 people were gathered. At that party, 41 minors were cited for drinking alcohol and the three people were cited for allowing minors to drink. Six of the people cited were University students.

During the weekends surrounding Halloween in 1997 and 1998, crowds of about 200 rioters, many of whom were students, threw bottles and rocks at police, tore down light poles and

Citations issued Friday in Eugene

Minor in Possession of Alcohol	58
Open Container of Alcohol on Public Property	21
Allowing Alcohol Consumption by Minors on Private Premises	8
Unlawful Sales of Alcohol	7
Urinating in Public	2
Possession of Less than an Ounce of Marijuana	2
Disorderly Conduct	2
Littering	1
Harassment	1
Noise Disturbance	1

Source: Eugene Police Department

uprooted street signs.

These conflicts, in addition to the 1999 downtown "Reclaim the Streets" protest-turned-riot, led to the EPD's adoption of more aggressive crowd-control techniques and lowered tolerance for alcohol-related crimes.

Voting

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their ballots for Gore.

Former presidential candidate Bill Bradley and Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury were two of the keynote speakers at the event, along with members of the ASUO Executive and the College Democrats, the group that sponsored the event.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., was scheduled to appear with Bradley, but Wyden spent Friday in Washington, D.C., using a filibuster to delay legislation that would repeal Oregon's physician-assisted suicide law.

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Art Alexakis
Everclear frontman »

"He's a hell of a fighter and he picks awfully good rock bands," Bradbury said of Wyden, who helped organize the event.

But the scene was not the most welcoming place for supporters of Texas Gov. George W. Bush or backers of Green Party candidate Ralph Nader. A few Nader supporters held up signs in support for their third party leader.

Bradley discussed his reasons for endorsing Gore after dropping out of the presidential race. Bradbury promoted local Democratic candidates, including Vicki Walker, the

current state representative for District 41.

Along with supporting Gore's positions on the environment, a woman's right to choose an abortion, affirmative action and hate crimes legislation, the speakers reminded students that they still need to cast ballots to effect any changes.

"In your entire lives, your vote may never mean more than in Oregon in the year 2000," Bradley said.

College students traditionally have the lowest voter turnout, and Oregon has become a battleground state that could fall to either Gore or Bush Nov. 7.

ASUO State Affairs Coordinator Brian Tanner, who also spoke Friday, said afterward he would have preferred the speeches focus more on voting and less on who to vote for, but said he was pleased with the overall turnout.

"Nothing ever works out exactly like planned," he said.

After the band's performance, Everclear frontman Art Alexakis took the microphone and gave his support for Gore, but also acknowledged the Nader supporters in the group and encouraged them to continue "pissing in the face of adversity."

"I want people to get involved and educate themselves," he said. "Spend an evening not watching Scooby Doo, sit down with your voters' pamphlet and read it."

Bradbury urged students to get out and vote one last time as the crowd pushed onto stage for autographs from the band.

As crews took down the equipment in the amphitheater, Alexakis and Bradbury cast their mail-in ballots in "The World's Biggest Ballot Box" outside the ASUO Executive office.

Everclear and Bradbury took the tour to Oregon State University and Portland State University later in the day Friday.

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