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Back on track

Luke Jackson and the Ducks bounce back from three straight losses to beat the Cougars. **PAGE 7A**

A community remembers

Memorial services will be held this week for President Emeritus Paul Olum, dead at 82. **PAGE 4A**

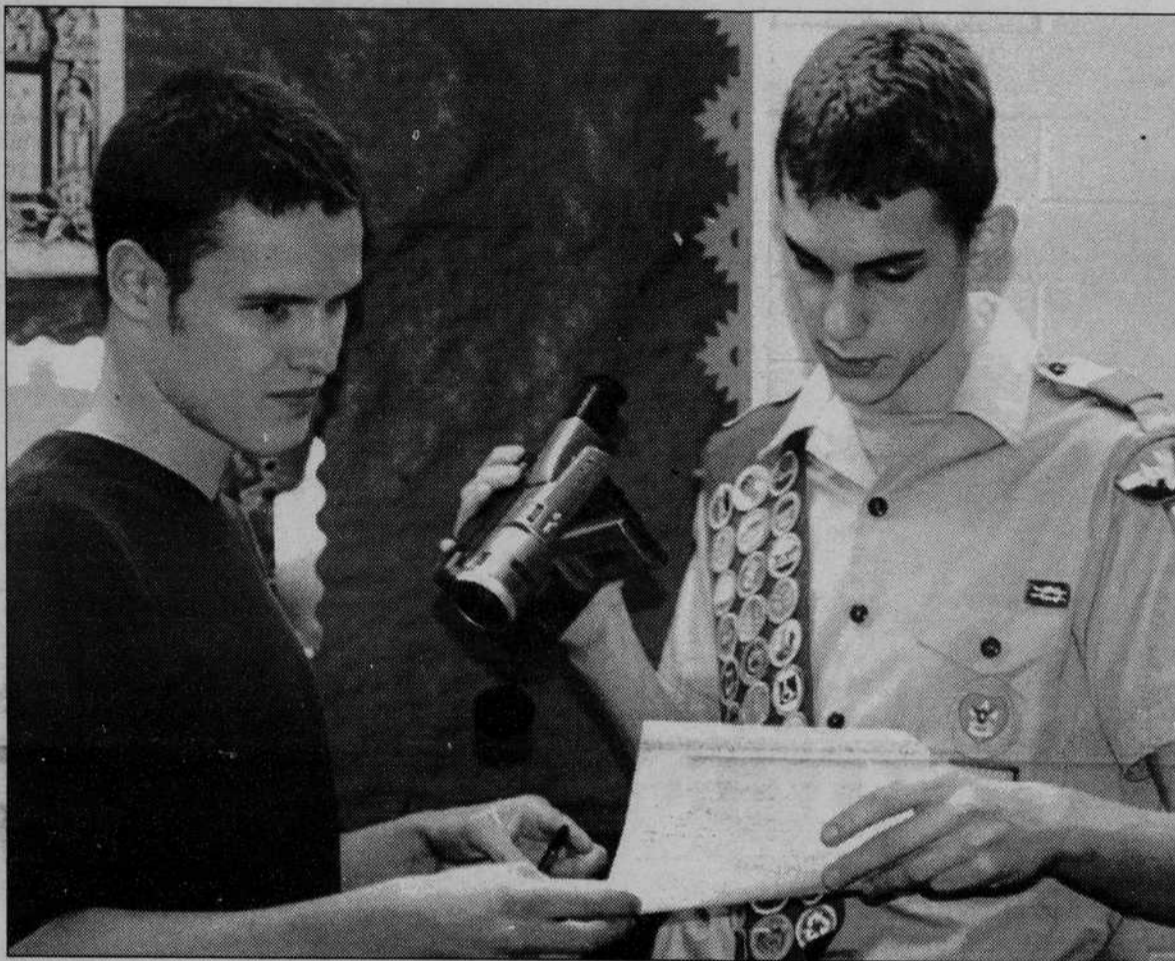
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Talent Scouts



Chrystal McConnell Emerald

Before receiving their Cinematography badge, Boy Scouts Randy Cragun and Jason Bodily read over the storyboard for their film.

Schools review Boy Scouts recruiting

Believing the group discriminates against gays, two local districts have questioned inviting it to visit students

By Rebecca Newell
Oregon Daily Emerald

The national controversy surrounding the Boy Scouts of America's ban on gay scout leaders has reached Eugene, and public schools are considering whether to allow the

organization to retain its privilege of recruiting students during school hours.

The controversy arose on a nationwide level last June when the Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, affirmed the group's standing as a private organization with the right to set its own standards for membership and leadership.

In Eugene, first the Bethel School District and now the 4J District have addressed the issue, trying to deter-

mine where the beliefs of a private organization fit in with the policies of schools.

The Bethel School District was the first in Oregon to react to the Supreme Court ruling.

In September, the Bethel school board voted unanimously to revoke the Boy Scouts' ability to recruit members during the school day, a privilege the organization had shared with the Girl Scouts of the United

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Breslow scorns DPS's decision

Students should have been consulted before the verdict to commission DPS officers, he says

By Jeremy Lang
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ASUO President Jay Breslow said the Department of Public Safety's decision to give officers more police authority will hurt students and the campus climate more than help them.

"That was the completely wrong decision," Breslow said. "There's nothing we can do."

DPS director Tom Fitzpatrick announced Tuesday the department will commission as many as 11 officers, who will undergo extra training. With the training, they will gain the extra responsibility of probable-cause arrest and stop-and-search rights.

Fitzpatrick said DPS officers will be better equipped to respond to campus thefts and other crimes that generally rank low on the Eugene Police Department's priority list and allow those cases to be tried in city court instead of through student conduct channels.

Breslow said he hasn't fully reviewed the new DPS policy and wouldn't comment on whether he approves or is against the specifics of the commissioning.

But the ASUO president said plenty of things about the decision still anger him, namely Fitzpatrick's decision not to ask for input from students before announcing the commissioning plan.

"It's a violation of campus democracy," he said. "It directly affects the student body."

Breslow compared Fitzpatrick's decision to last spring's protest for University inclusion in the Worker Rights Consortium. Breslow was one of 14 students arrested during 10 days of peaceful protesting outside Johnson Hall.

Although the two situations are different, Breslow said the underlying issue of student voice on campus is the same.

The Department of Public Safety's decision to commission officers:

As many as 11 DPS officers will have the right to stop and search people and make probable cause arrest.

DPS Director Tom Fitzpatrick said he wants the officers commissioned by April 1.

An 11-person advisory committee will be formed by mid-February to help guide the department through the process.

Commissioned officers will receive extra training before they receive their extra rights.

Source: Department of Public Safety

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Eugene protesters say Bush does not belong in White House

Saturday's event was part of a nationwide demonstration against what many call an undemocratic election

By Darren Freeman
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At times chanting "Hail to the thief," more than 100 people raised angry voices and handmade signs downtown Saturday morning to protest President George W. Bush's inauguration.

The event was organized in conjunction with a massive protest in Washington, D.C., which drew thousands of protesters to the nation's capital to call for, among other things, opposition to the Bush administration, election reform and campaign finance reform.

Jan Nelson, a Lane County farmer, said at the downtown protest that she would never accept Bush's presidency,

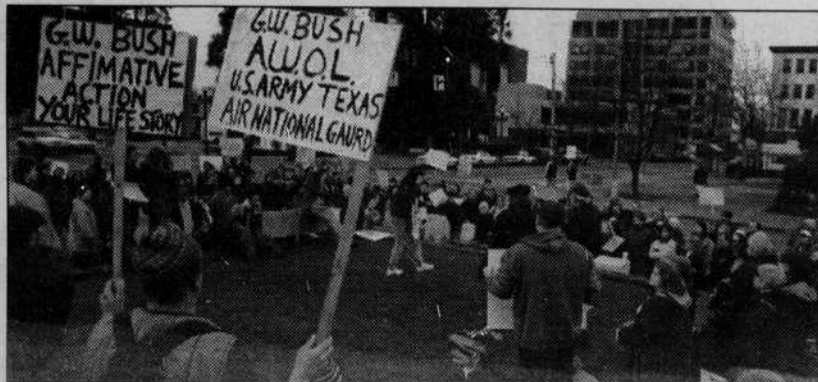
echoing the vehemence still surrounding the remarkably close election, subsequent Florida state orders and court decisions.

"Bush didn't win the election," she said. "He's totally illegitimate."

A handful of Lane County Democrats, including county Democratic chairman Jim Rice and former state representatives Floyd Prozanski and Kitty Piercy, spoke through a bullhorn decrying the election and saying that Democrats will scrutinize the Bush administration.

"If elected officials want us to honor them, they must honor us by counting

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Adam Amato Emerald

la Bolz addresses protesters at Saturday's local demonstration against the Bush inauguration. "The eyes of Texas are on you, George W. Bush," Bolz chanted before the crowd.