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University environment fosters student activism

■ The public nature of the University and its many groups set the stage for protests and demonstrations of all types

By Andrew Adams
Oregon Daily Emerald

As students continue the University's tradition of activism, faculty members are working to understand the roots of protest and how groups mobilize toward collective action.

Through their work, professors have come to see patterns in the frequent student demonstrations and have also gained a better understanding of the driving forces for campus activism. Those who study social movements all agree that campus activism is still a vibrant force at the University and is grounded in a genuine hope for positive change.

Assistant sociology professor

Michael Dreiling has spent much of his career researching social movements and collective action, or as he puts it, "humans attempting to create power through collective organization."

He said a university campus is a prime location to sow the seeds of activism because of its public nature and numerous political groups.

"The university as a public institution has increasingly become a site of contentious politics," he said.

Dreiling said this contention has stimulated constructive dialogue and provided an appropriate venue for discussion.

It also presented him with

Change in action

Today: University professors talk about their teaching and experiences in regards to protests and activism.

Tuesday: The Eugene anarchist community still maintains a presence, but for those involved, it's not all about riots and mayhem

what he said was an excellent educational opportunity. During the sit-ins at Johnson Hall last spring, Dreiling took students from his graduate student seminar to observe the protest. He said the trip was completely voluntary and was intended to supplement class content, not to

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Law Professor Lisa Kloppenberg currently directs the University's Appropriate Dispute Resolution Program, and she hopes to start a similar program in Dayton, Ohio.

One woman's (law) movement

■ University law professor Lisa Kloppenberg is named dean of the law school in Dayton, Ohio

By Brooke Ross
Oregon Daily Emerald

Today, her office door in the Knight Law Center is lined with colorful pictures and paintings made by her three children, but next month the office of associate law professor Lisa Kloppenberg will be vacant, and she'll be settling into her new home and new job in Dayton, Ohio.

Starting July, Kloppenberg will be the dean of the University of Dayton School of Law, becoming one of the few female law deans in the country. "It isn't easy to leave this place," she said.

Early in her law career, Kloppenberg worked for one of the first female deans of a major law school, and she said it was an experience that further motivated her to pursue a career in the field.

She said few females have served as deans of major law schools in the
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Head of Con Court resigns with suggestion-filled letter

■ Robert Raschio complains of poor interaction and a lack of communication between the three branches of ASUO

By Emily Gust
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After serving for more than a year on the ASUO Constitution Court, Robert Raschio resigned from his post as chief justice Thursday — but not without getting in his final words.

Before graduating and moving on from the student version of the judicial system, Raschio fired off a letter of resignation that offered his suggestions to student government leaders and detailed

his complaints about the role the court has taken on this year. The full text of the letter can be found on today's Perspectives page.

"It just doesn't feel like, you know, that anybody ever comes to [the court] for anything other than elections violations," Raschio said. The court seems to have become "the supreme [Elections] Board of the

University of Oregon."

During the ASUO elections late winter term and early spring term, grievances on campaign violations flooded the court, starting and stopping the general election two times. It all culminated in a 5-hour-long night of grievance hearings just before spring break.

This is not what the court is supposed to be doing, Raschio said. It's supposed to be a resource for students, which is why he spent time this year trying to get the court's new EMU office up and running. Instead, jus-

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Series of arson crimes baffle Eugene Police Department

■ From Dumpsters to car lots, unexplained arson is on the rise in Eugene

By Lindsay Buchele
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Arson isn't new to Eugene, but officials from the Eugene Fire Department and the Eugene Police Department don't know what's causing the recent string of suspicious fires being lit in the area.

Officials have yet to apprehend suspects in several of the fires, from the multiple Dumpster fires to the more high-profile incidents of arson, including two at Romania Chevrolet and one that damaged the house of Univer-

sity men's basketball head coach Ernie Kent.

"Arson is a fairly common crime," EPD Detective Bob Holland said. "We see [arson] several times a week."

Holland said large fires, such as the fire that destroyed 34 vehicles at Eugene's Joe Romania Chevrolet on March 30, draw more attention to arson because of the high-profile nature of the crime.

High-profile fires are usually set by a specific group trying to send a message to the victims of the fire, said EPD Sgt. Rex Barrong, supervisor of the EPD Arson Investigation Team.

Barrong is also a member of the Joint Arson Task Force, a task force that combines the

EPD, the FBI, the Oregon State Department of Justice and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Barrong said the task force began its work last month after a pattern of fires developed in Eugene, including a fire set at the EPD's West University Public Safety Station on 13th Avenue.

"Eugene has become a 'centerpoint' for a lot of fires," Barrong said.

Last summer, the fire department responded to more than 100 fires lit in Dumpsters and cars in the Blair and Whiteaker neighborhoods, Deputy Fire Marshall Greg Musil said.

Questions about why these

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Unsolved arson, such as the March 30 fire at Romania Chevrolet, has led to the formation of a task force.