

## Total chaos

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tried to push through, throwing rocks and sticks, and the guardsmen were forced to fire bean-bag bullets," Klink said. "At Pegasus, they were screaming about 'reclaiming the liquor and pizza held inside.' I've never seen anything that savage in my life."

Klink added that he is confident that the missing students will turn up unharmed.

The riots began Friday afternoon immediately after University President Dave Frohnmayer announced that the student government had failed to fulfill its duties. He specifically mentioned ASUO President Nilda Brooklyn and Vice President Joy Nair's absenteeism in the ASUO office.

"I've long believed in the need for student government, but Brooklyn and Nair's complete inactivity has forced me to rethink that decision," Frohnmayer said in a press

conference at Johnson Hall. "I've heard the criticism all year that they aren't in the office and don't get anything done. When I investigated this, I couldn't believe how true it was."

Word of Frohnmayer's decision spread quickly, and a mass of about 50 students headed from Johnson Hall to the ASUO office, where they used trash cans to break through the windows and looted the office of computers and other office supplies.

PFC Chairwoman Mary Elizabeth Madden, who was in the office when the rioting began, fled through the EMU to safety. She said the ungoverned uprising should prove to Frohnmayer that the ASUO is a necessary element of campus life.

"People always say that the ASUO doesn't do anything for them — that nothing would change if there wasn't a student government," Madden said. "If there is a bright side to this, I guess it's that we proved what happens when the

ASUO disappears."

Brooklyn and Nair faxed a press release to local media organizations, saying that they were tipped off an hour before Frohnmayer's announcement, and the pair fled to an "undisclosed safe house in South America." They said in the release that they hadn't been in the office because they never knew last spring's election — which was marred by grievances that halted voting a number of times — had ever ended.

"We never knew we were elected, but we were wondering when the voting would begin again" they said. "In retrospect it was a mistake because we hadn't seen (former ASUO President) Jay Breslow in the office for a long time."

They promised to return to campus when "it is deemed safe again" and work to reinstate the ASUO. Frohnmayer said Sunday that spring term classes would begin as planned today.

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Henry Flower Emerald

An unidentified student lashes out at a parked DPS patrol car on Friday afternoon in response to... actually, he just wanted to beat the crap out of a DPS patrol car.

## Good excuse

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Some professors admit the new excuses are so good they have stopped giving homework altogether and cut back on the intensity of early morning lectures.

"With so much going on around us, it's extremely hard to concentrate on the intricacies of 19th century Romantic poetry," admits English Professor Richard Sullivan.

Sullivan admitted he is known as a "tough grader," but he cannot force students of this new era to take his tests or write his weekly four-page papers on John Keat's poem "The Grecian Urn."

"These kids knew the last days of peace and prosperity, and now

### 'Terrorists ate my paper'

Some post-Sept. 11 excuses students have given professors:

- "Watching a Donald Rumsfeld press conference or 10 percent of my grade — you make the call."
- "I spent your class period debating the different memorial projects for Ground Zero. Was there really a midterm today?"
- "I didn't have time to write that paper because I was helping a friend download a bootleg copy of Flight 183's black box."

their world is shattered," he said. "This is my way of trying to give it back to them piece by piece."

Many appreciate the willingness of professors to understand the tough academic hassles many students are going through during

times of international turmoil.

"People don't understand how hard these events have hit college students," said junior Becky Restlaph. "My friends and I used to talk about beer bong and body shots. Now, all that sounds so trivial.

Today we talk about far out places like Indonesia and Somalia all the time. CNN is always on in my house, and I live for Tom Brokaw."

Restlaph's roommate, sophomore Jennifer Siegal, agreed.

"With so many changes, I don't really have much time to do homework — much less school," she said.

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- "I couldn't help with the group project last night because my friend got arrested at the airport trying to sneak on his dad's flare gun, and I had to bail him out of jail."
- "John Ashcroft declared my paper a state secret."
- "Who's got time for homework when nobody really believes those Marines are just 'observers' in the Philippines?"
- "Rumor had it that Osama bin Laden was going to release another tape on al-Jazeera. I wasn't going to miss that for one stupid quiz."

- "George Bush told us to go to Disney World. So I did."
- "I am too worried about Joey Harrington going to the Texans to study for anything."
- "Dude, I swear to God I thought I saw Osama bin Laden at Taco Time last night. We drove around all night looking for him."
- "I stayed up all night reading about how al-Qaeda funds itself through the use of international money changers and diamond smugglers."
- "My roommate tried to brew up some mustard gas, and we all spent the last two weeks in the hospital."

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### HOW

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### WHO

Class taught by nursing staff from the UO Health Center.

### WHEN

Tuesday, April 9 at 5-9:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, April 30 at 5-9:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, May 14 at 5-9:00 p.m.

### WHERE

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### COST

\$30, which can be charged to UO account or paid in cash.