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## Police arrest student on felony theft charges

■ H.P. Barnhart resident Benjamin Kelley is arrested Friday after allegedly harassing female students

By Jeremy Lang  
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Eugene police arrested University student Benjamin Michael Kelley on Friday morning on a variety of felony burglary and theft charges after Kelley allegedly stole more than \$2,500 in

women's clothing and personal mementos from three H.P. Barnhart residence hall rooms.

When Eugene Police Department officers searched Kelley's room in Barnhart late Friday, they found between \$2,500 and \$3,000 worth of women's underwear, swimsuits, personal photos and keepsakes, all believed to have been taken from at least five residents in three rooms, EPD officer Pete Aguilar said. Officers also found fireworks in

Kelley's room that appeared to be altered or homemade, which brought an EPD dangerous materials van to the residence hall Friday night.

Kelley, 25, spent the weekend in the Lane County Jail waiting arraignment today on three counts of first-degree burglary, three counts of first-degree theft, one count of second-degree theft and one count of unlawful possession of a destructive device. First-degree

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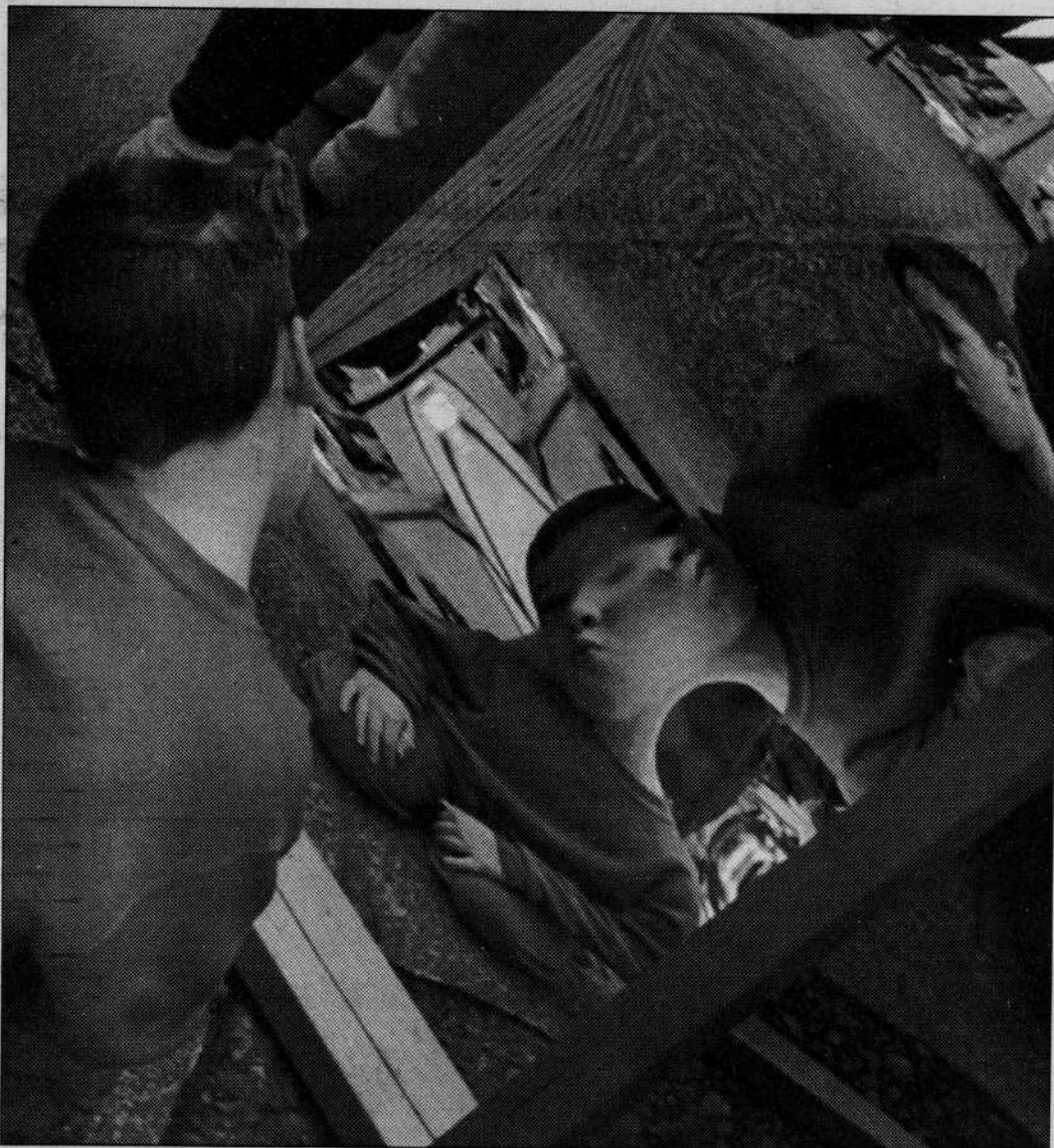
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Anyone with information regarding these or other incidents should call DPS at 346-5444 or EPD at 682-5121.

Information about the case is available on a special DPS hotline at 346-5692, which will be updated if additional information becomes available.

SOURCE: Office of Communication

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Many people come to Saturday Market for a place to relax and browse among the eclectic goods. This boy, who some claimed had been staring at himself for more than half an hour, had no comment on his state of meditation.

## Eugene Saturday Market: Worth looking into

By Brad Schmidt  
 for the Emerald

There was little rain and even less sunshine as Saturday Market, the oldest weekly open-air crafts festival in the United States, began its 33rd season Saturday.

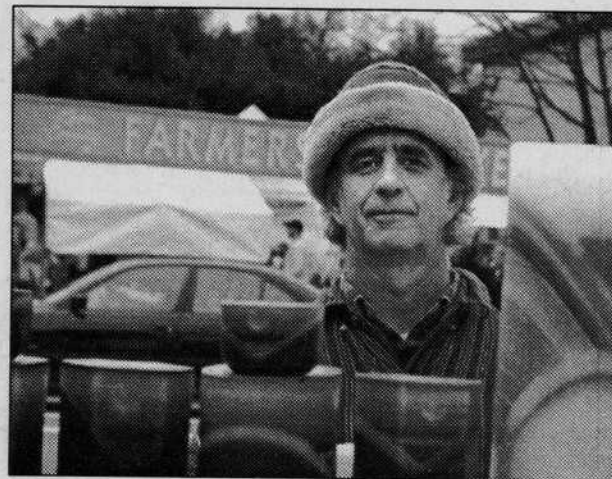
After nearly a week of sunny weather in Eugene, Saturday Market's booths opened for business to gray skies but no showers, which led to many thankful vendors.

"We had fair sales," said Chris Mini, the boyfriend of Barefoot Pony owner Ann Huntington. "But it hasn't been as busy as a sunny opening day."

Jeremiah Chavez, a market assistant for six years, said more than 5,000 people showed up for opening day.

"We had a really great first day and a really good turnout," Chavez said. "The weather has brought more people in today. Everybody thought it was going to rain."

For Debra Klang, who sells mostly jewelry, the weather and the economy made for a slow start.



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Gill Dunaway, a veteran of the market, has been participating since its inception 33 years ago.

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## Student faces give seasoned politicians a run for their money

University alumni offer their thoughts about politics to two students running for office

By Brook Reinhard  
 Oregon Daily Emerald

When students run for public office outside the University, they can face the difficult task of fighting seasoned politicians with better contacts and campaign funding. This challenge does not daunt University students Maco Stewart and Greg McNeill, who are running for Eugene City Council and the Oregon House, respectively, after losing their

bid for ASUO Executive in February.

McNeill and Stewart each face an uphill battle against a political system that places a priority on prior experience. But despite the odds, politically active University alumni urged them to run for office anyway.

"Students always have a chance — but if they're running against a popular, seasoned incumbent, it would be very difficult," said State Rep. Al

King, D-Springfield.

King knows exactly how difficult it is for a student to win a political race. King was active in student government when he attended the University in the 1970s but declined to run in an "easy race" for ASUO Executive, instead running for state representative. King lost, but he said the experience helped him later in his political career.

"Even if you lose, you have recogni-

tion in the community," King said.

Sen. Ryan Deckert, D-Beaverton, said that students often need to pay their dues in the political system before they have a chance to get elected.

"It's very difficult — it's easier to run for a more entry-level position. I would have had a zero percent chance to get elected to the state Senate as a student."

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