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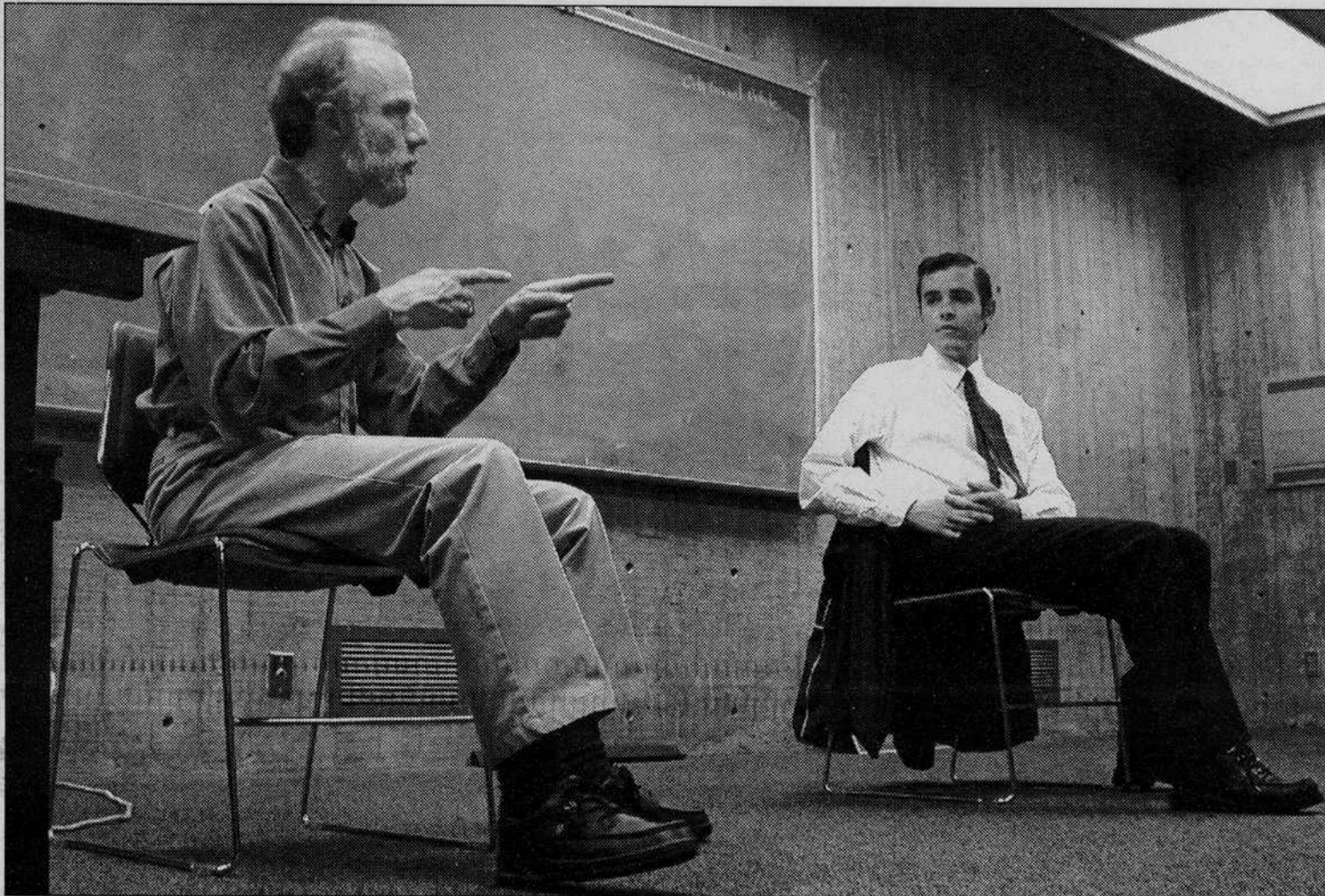
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Incumbent City Councilor for Ward 3 David Kelly (left) and challenger Maco Stewart mull over questions from the audience during an on-campus debate Thursday night.

Ward 3 candidates discuss safety, EPD issues

■ Two candidates for City Council state their positions on issues related to University students

By Danielle Gillespie
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Ward 3 City Council candidates Maco Stewart and David Kelly answered questions about housing standards, racial profiling and campus safety to an audience of about 50 students and community members in a forum held Thursday at McKenzie Hall.

ASUO President Nilda Brooklyn mediated the forum, asking eight questions and then opening it up to the audience. Kelly is the current city councilor for Ward 3 and Stewart is a junior political science major at the University, and was a candidate in the 2002 ASUO Executive election.

Stewart said improving the housing code would be a major part of his platform and that he hopes to effect a code similar to the one implemented in Corvallis. Kelly said he opposed the 2000 special response fee, which charged students held responsible for disorderly gatherings for the total cost incurred by the city to send police to the scene. Kelly said he worked with ASUO to make amendments to the ordinance, such as the elimination of a statement that said a large gathering consisted of 10 or more people.

Stewart said he believes the special response fee is evidence that students need someone on City Council to represent their concerns.

"I think Kelly could have done more," he said. "The fact is that the ordinance should have never passed."

As far as student safety on campus, Kelly

said he is a strong believer in neighborhood watch, and although the council does not have control over the Eugene Police Department, they can make recommendations. However, he said he would like to see more bike and foot patrol around Pioneer Cemetery.

Stewart said he believed the City Council could be more active in the issue of student safety by bringing it to public's attention and creating dialogue to influence EPD.

Stewart said he not only wants to find a way to end racial profiling in Eugene, but he also wants to end the singling out of students by the department.

"Student profiling is widespread around Eugene, and it is a big concern," he said.

Kelly said he's a big supporter of the Independent Police Review Project, which has

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Mascot resolution soon to be decided on

■ Gained support helps steer the University School of Law toward a resolution in the mascot debate

By Katie Ellis
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With increasing local and national support, proponents of the University School of Law's resolution protesting the use of American Indian names or images as team mascots are poised to formally submit the resolution May 8.

They will give the resolution to University President Dave Frohnmayer that day for endorsement, but the resolution will still require University Senate approval before the Athletic Department decides to implement it.

The resolution, co-sponsored by the law school's Sports and Entertainment Law Forum, encourages the Athletic Department not to voluntarily schedule games and events with schools using American Indian images or names as team mascots. Post-season games and events, including bowl games, are exempted because the resolution specifically refers to regular season. The final draft of the resolution specifies that teams that have a licensing agreement with American Indian tribes to use such symbols and images are also not included. These teams include the Florida State Seminoles and the Utah Utes.

During the last three weeks, resolution coordinators have been inundated with support and recognition for their efforts, said Frank Silva, co-director of the Sports and Entertainment Law Forum.

"It's like critical mass," Silva said. "Everybody from around the country is addressing this issue. It's coming from all directions."

Gavin Clarkson, research fellow at the Harvard Law School and Harvard Business School, commended the resolution and the efforts of both the students and faculty members. By backing the resolution, Clarkson said the University would be taking a powerful stance on eradicating social injustices.

"The University of Oregon would be saying that racism has no place in civilized society," Clarkson said. "And that marginalized populations such as American Indians do not deserve to be ridiculed or caricatured as racial mascots."

Clarkson said the use of such symbolism by athletic teams is a form of offense rather than honor, so the argument that American Indian symbols and images honor American Indian culture is misguided.

"The defense of Indian mascots is often that the mascots are intended to honor Indians," he said. "However, in civilized society, if you offend when

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Yellow Jackets swing into action starting Monday

■ A volunteer student patrol group will assist DPS officers starting next week to increase students' safety at night

The Yellow Jackets volunteer patrol program kicks off its first patrol Monday evening.

But so far, only five students have stepped up to wear the Department of Public Safety's banana yellow jackets.

"We're not expecting to get a huge num-

ber of people, but we're hoping to," said DPS officer and Yellow Jackets coordinator Royce Myers.

The volunteer program aims to keep campus safer by patrolling areas where crimes have occurred in the past, such as Pioneer Cemetery and the area surrounding the Knight Library. All participants will work in pairs, wear bright yellow jackets and carry a two-way radio to alert DPS when incidents occur.

Myers said the purpose of the program is

to alert DPS when crimes occur, not to intervene. But unlike the blue emergency phones around campus, Yellow Jackets will also be available as on-campus escorts.

"They do a little more than the phones," Myers said.

Students, faculty and staff can still participate in the program by attending one of two training sessions at 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. Sunday in 146 Straub.

— Brook Reinhard