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The few, the proud, the yellow

■ The Yellow Jackets, a new volunteer patrol group, experience low turnout for their first patrol

By Brook Reinhard
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University students, never fear: The Yellow Jackets are here. A few are, anyway.

A volunteer patrol group aimed at making campus safer, the Yellow Jackets patrolled the area for the first time Monday night. But a lack of turnout may stop the group from keeping the University as safe as organizers would like.

"Everyone we've talked to seems to think that it's a good idea," student coordinator Meghan Madden said. "A lot of people just don't know about it yet."

Few people have been trained as Yellow Jackets so far. They each will devote at least two hours a week to patrolling campus armed only with flashlights, two-way radios and bright yellow jackets. The patrols will take place every night between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m.

The first patrol was mostly uneventful. The jackets drew stares from students walking through campus and a few off-the-cuff remarks.

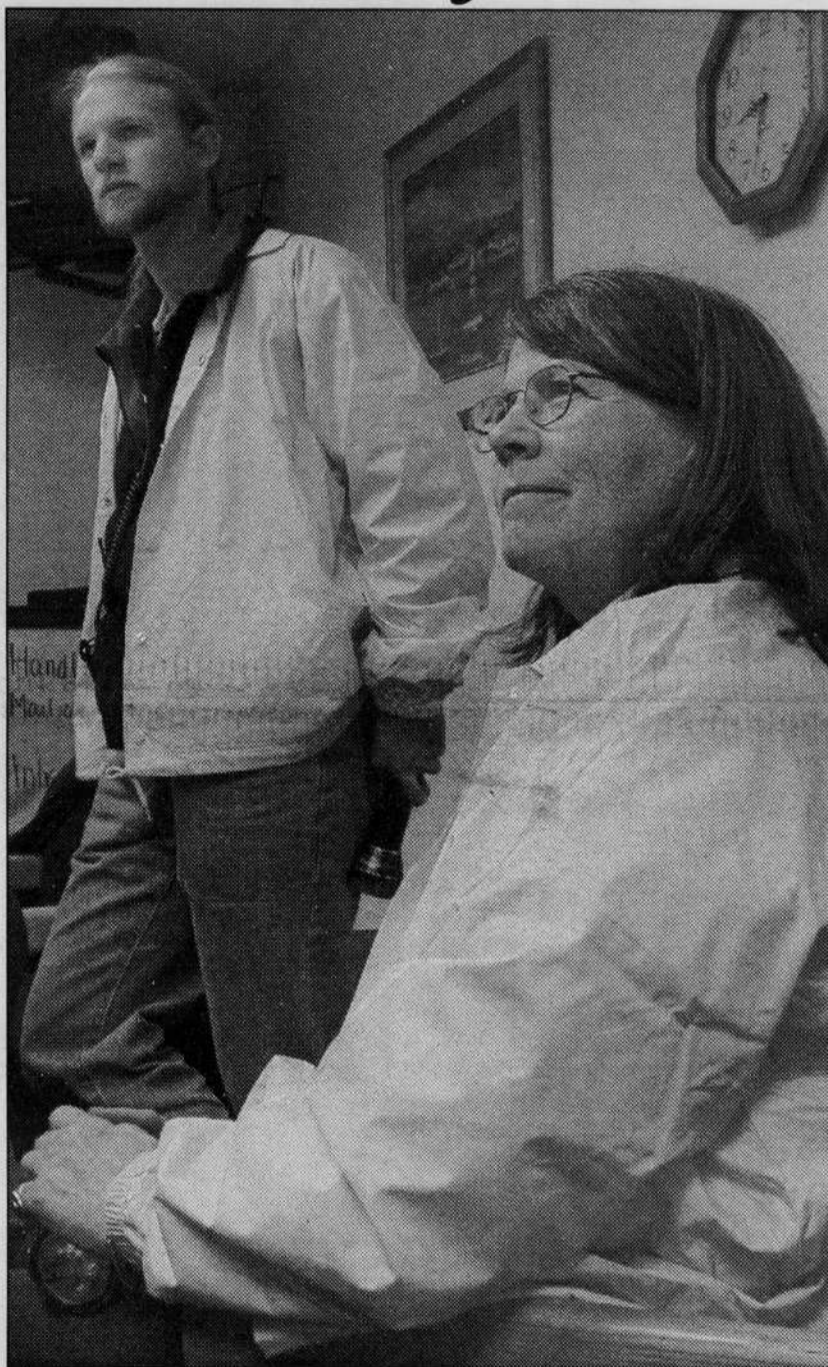
"There goes the safety patrol," quipped one student. Another student burst out laughing when she saw the patrollers.

Volunteers aren't allowed to confront anyone or attempt to stop a crime. If they see anything suspicious, they will radio the Department of Public Safety and request assistance.

"Safety is No. 1 here. We want everyone to be as absolutely safe as they can be," said Royce Myers, DPS Officer and Yellow Jackets coordinator, in a Sunday training session. "If someone runs, don't take after them, but you can follow them," he advised the trainees.

According to the bright yellow training manual, the Yellow Jacket program has two main goals: Report

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(Left) DPS Officer and Yellow Jacket program coordinator Royce Myers runs volunteers through a brief introduction Sunday evening before their training Monday night. (Above) Josh Mann and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Anne Leavitt listen to last minute instructions before heading out to take the first Yellow Jacket patrol Monday night.

Author to speak on Green 'sellout'

■ Holly Swanson, author of 'Set Up and Sold Out,' will speak about the 'negative influence' of the Green Party today in PLC

By Robin Weber
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For years, perennial Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader has railed against corporate leaders and others he thinks have duped the public and given in to special interests.

Enter author Holly Swanson, who says in her latest book that the Green Party itself has "Set Up and Sold Out."

Swanson will speak at 7 p.m. today in 180 PLC about the negative influence of the Green Party.

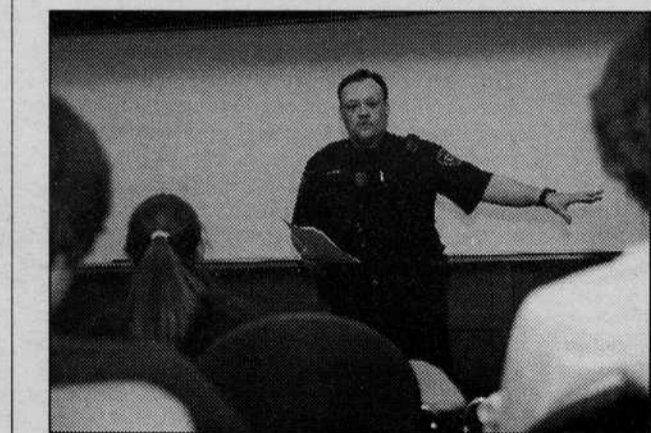
The University College Republicans is sponsoring the talk, which includes topics about the environment, schools, Earth Day and other issues. Swanson draws much of her lecture material from her book.

"While most Americans haven't even heard of the Greens, the Greens have been working away for years, just like termites, to weaken the foundation of our nation. Our nation is like our home. Our safety and comfort depend on a strong foundation," Swanson wrote in her book.

"Last time we looked, our foundation was in decent shape. We felt safe. We had the time to focus our attention on other things. Now there is a visible crack in the foundation," she said.

The College Republicans put up posters around campus advertising Swanson's speech with quotes from "Set Up and Sold Out" comparing members of the Green Party to communists. The posters caused quite a stir among some people who thought the phrases were coming from the College

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Candidate looks to strengthen economy, undergraduate programs



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■ Jack Roberts believes future investments will bring increased funding to Oregon universities

By Brook Reinhard
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Jack Roberts is serving his second term as state labor commissioner. He received a journalism degree from the University of Oregon in 1975 and a law degree from the University of Oregon School of Law in 1978. Roberts was appointed as a Lane County Commissioner in 1989 to fill a vacancy, then was re-elected in 1990 and 1992. He resigned the position in 1994 to run for state labor commissioner. Roberts

became the first Republican to serve as labor commissioner in Oregon in almost 40 years and was re-elected in 1998. Roberts lives in Eugene with his wife, Tamara.

Q: Why should students take an interest in this primary election?

A: I can't honestly say that in the primary we've been working exceptionally hard to increase student turnout, just because it's hard to target our efforts. We do have a growing number of college Republicans at the University of Oregon, Oregon State University and Portland State University. Why should students care what's at stake? Well, look at your tuition. Look at the courses being offered. There's a lot of issues concerning higher education in the next several legislative ses-

sions. In addition to that, for those of you who want to stay here and find work and pursue your chosen fields when you're through, you ought to care about where our economy is going.

Q: Would you back initiatives to raise tuition at Oregon universities beyond the 3 percent a year cap?

A: I do not want to. We have a constant struggle between trying to maintain the excellence we want at our universities, particularly at Oregon and OSU, and make sure we have the access, which has to do with affordability. I'm not one of those who thinks we should simply raise tuition and increase student aid because I don't have

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Governor race

This is the fifth in a six-part series featuring the leading gubernatorial candidates in Oregon's May 21 primary election.

Democrats

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