

"Someone yelled that the cops were coming, and everybody ran out to the middle of the street."
 — Alicia Spitzer, freshman at Lane Community College



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Police arrest UO students, break up riot

■ Rioters fill Patterson Street on Friday night after a block party turns out of control

By Darren Freeman
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Several police officers were injured and 11 people were arrested after a block party spilled into the streets late Friday and escalated into a riot, which left a two-block stretch of Patterson Street littered with broken glass, tipped trash cans and uprooted street signs.

The first police officers arrived at 11:30 p.m. and were quickly overwhelmed by angry partygoers, who threw bottles and rocks at patrol cars, according to police and area residents.

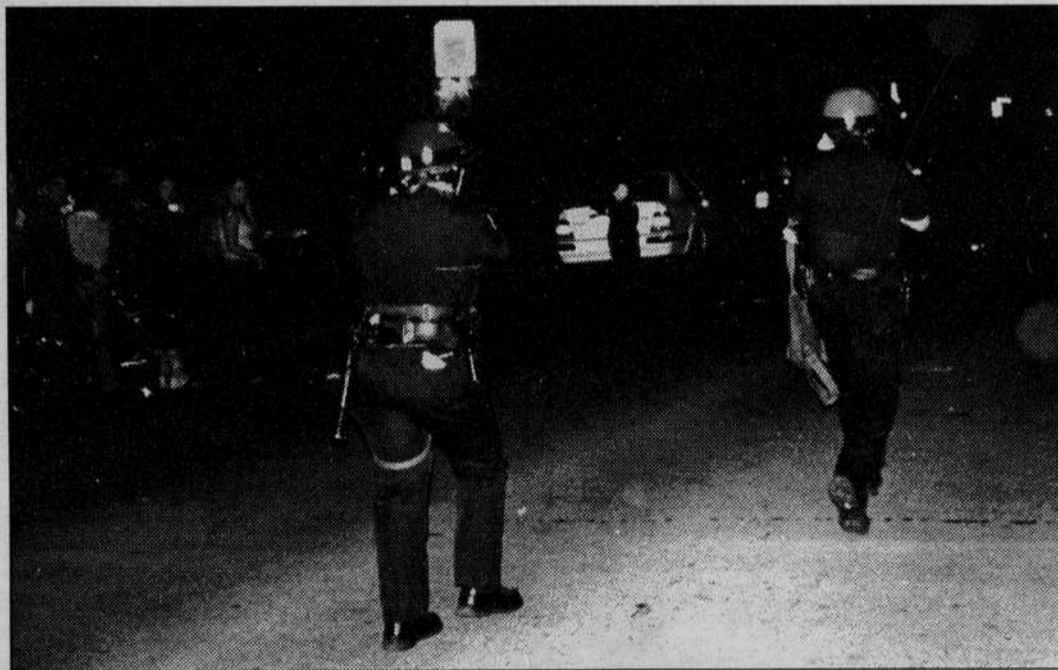
"They were throwing stuff directly at the cops," said D.J. Fuller, a University junior who lives at 17th Avenue and Patterson Street, where the riot occurred.

Fuller said one officer backed his patrol car north down Patterson Street and waited for reinforcements while rioters, emboldened by the retreat, gathered outside.

But by the time officers arrived with riot gear, they faced as many as 500 student-age people in the streets.

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(Top) Brady Lane, a sophomore at Lane Community College, kneels by a pile of burning street signs, branches and garbage in the middle of 17th Avenue near Patterson Street. Lane was one of 11 people arrested when a block party turned into a riot Friday night.

(Left) Eugene Police officers in full riot gear rush to help officers who were being pelted with bottles, cans and rocks. Officers from Eugene, Springfield, Coburg and state police departments assisted Friday night.

EMU Master Plan looks to redesign for increased accessibility, appeal

Students, architects and EMU users plan for a redesigned student union to better serve the campus community

By Caron Alarab
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An information desk, fireplaces, solar panels, a duck pond, better signs and more parking are just a few of the ideas suggested by University representatives and registered architects during the first stage of the renovation project in store for the University's 52-year-old student union.

The EMU Master Plan, hatched among EMU administrators, will determine how the building can best support students and the campus community during the next 20 years through a new vision and recom-

mended adjustments in organization, accessibility and appeal.

During the first stage, the project's core team — a group of 10 University building users, faculty and students from the EMU Board has been seeking input on the goals, qualities and characteristics for a re-designed EMU.

The project team — a trio of selectively chosen architects hired to head the Master Plan — has already hosted a series of focus groups, town meetings and online surveys during the past few weeks and plans to continue them as part of "Consensus Building," the

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Fireworks incident ignites fire in residence hall room

Members of the Eugene police and fire departments responded to Hamilton Complex on Friday night after a group of students set a mattress on fire in Watson Hall.

University Housing Director Mike Eyster said between three and five students were playing with fireworks and poppers inside a room when the mattress caught fire.

Eyster said the students pulled the mattress into the hall and then put out the fire, which saved the room from more extensive damage.

Much of the personal property in the double-occupancy room was damaged or destroyed, but other items, such as the students' computers, went undamaged.

"I was actually very surprised,"

Eyster said. "This room was in very good shape."

Eyster said Housing will probably have to replace the carpet and treat and repaint the walls from the smoke and fire damage.

Eugene Police Department officers questioned the students Friday night, and Eyster offered the students living there another room, but both said they could make arrangements to stay with friends.

Eyster would not comment on what disciplinary action the students could face, but he said similar past incidents have resulted in resident eviction. The students could also face separate consequences from the University's student judicial affairs committee.

— Jeremy Lang