

News brief

University professor honored for leadership, involvement

On June 15, sociology Professor and newly elected University Senate President Gregory McLauchlan will receive the 2002 Charles E. Johnson Memorial Award in a pre-commencement brunch at 10 a.m. in the Knight Law Center's Wayne Morse Commons. He will also be acknowledged at the 125th spring commencement, which begins at 12:30 p.m. in McArthur Court.

Since 1980, the award has been

given to a faculty member who has demonstrated exceptional service to the University and its community and who has exemplified the principles of former University President Charles E. Johnson. Johnson, who served as acting president after University President Arthur S. Flemming, resigned in 1968, and was killed in an automobile accident in 1969.

To receive the award, the faculty member must show an active commitment to freedom of speech and assembly, and contribute to the University's capacity to adapt constructively to change.

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tradition of involvement."

McLauchlan demonstrated these qualities shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, when he helped to recruit a group of speakers for a public teach-in. He was also chosen because of his leadership in the Wayne Morse Chair Committee and his involvement with the Citizens for Public Accountability and the Friends of Eugene.

A five-member faculty committee selected by the University Senate chose McLauchlan based on nominations submitted by faculty, staff and students.

— Danielle Gillespie

Pulse brief

New band to showcase gospel/funk style today

So They Went, a new local band, will perform at 8 p.m. today at the EMU Amphitheater.

The five-piece band, which includes former On The Rocks member Ben Emerson on lead vocals and guitar, will play gospel/funk songs, a few covers and originals that bassist Rian Merrill described as sounding "a little like Radiohead." The band has performed a few times at The Buzz Coffeehouse in the EMU and a gig at the Cafe Paradiso.

At the amphitheater, So They Went will also be joined by at least six additional musicians, including two back-up singers, an acoustic guitarist, an extra drummer and a keyboardist.

Merrill said the show is free, and will last nearly two hours.

"We want the show to be a stress reliever during Dead Week," he said.

— John Liebhardt

Riot

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"People started throwing bottles — a lot of bottles — and that's when I started thinking, 'This is really stupid,'" Fuller said.

Senior David Jacobson, a nearby resident, described the incident as a victory for the students involved.

Jacobson said a majority of the damage was done by students in the front of the riot, who were starting fires and uprooting street signs.

"It was just in the name of destruction," he said. "It was spontaneous combustion."

Miriam Lederer, a junior who lives across the street from where

the party began, said things started getting dangerous at that point.

"No one had any control, not even the police," she said. "I honestly don't know what else the cops could have done. People were throwing bottles at them and lighting things on fire."

Fox said police were authorized to deploy tear gas and, after issuing a warning, proceeded to do so in hopes of breaking up the riot.

"These people were asked many, many times to go back into their homes," she said. "Their behavior did warrant the response they got."

But some of those involved saw it the other way.

"It was kind of like, 'OK, now we're suppose to riot — they're in

riot gear,'" Barr said of the police presence. "If cops didn't come in

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junior

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