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UO students named in weekend's riots

In wake of recent rioting, students, community focus on prevention and punishment to repair Eugene's tarnished image

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Campus/Federal Politics Reporter

Eugene police have released the names of those who were arrested during a riot that started Friday evening in the West University neighborhood, including 15 University students.

All but one student were charged with "interfering with police," which carries a maximum of one year in jail and a fine of up to \$5,000.

In the aftermath of the riot, University officials are struggling to understand why students

became involved in the first place.

Vice President and Dean of Students Anne Leavitt said the riot was perplexing and dangerous.

"Whether students were involved or not, they were affected by it," she said. "They were at risk."

She speculated that possible factors for the riot's escalation could have included the densely packed group of people clustered in the neighborhood where the riot took place, the bonfires set in the streets or the alcohol consumed during the evening.

ASUO President Rachel Pilliod said the riot was unfortunate because the students involved — while representing only a small percentage of the University — reflected badly on the whole student body.

"Most of the students who have talked to

(ASUO) were disappointed with the event," said Pilliod.

The ASUO Executive will hold a meeting tonight to discuss the riot, as well as whether to undertake preventative measures.

Leavitt said events like the riot are rare, especially during the week before school starts. Furthermore, Leavitt said, the rioters didn't seem to be motivated by any one cause or administrative process.

"I really am puzzled about why it happened," she said.

But Leavitt is sure of one thing: Something must be done to prevent a future riot, even though the Student Conduct Code won't allow direct punishment.

"We will fully support all sanctions and court action against students or anyone who was in-

involved," she said.

Leavitt plans to talk with students who were arrested and make sure they have legal representation.

Also, since arrest records are public information, she plans to write letters to the parents of arrested students.

"Parents need to know that we don't support this behavior," she said.

Although Leavitt hasn't ruled out amending the conduct code to punish rioting students, she said there are several things to consider before a change is made.

The first concern is finding out whether students were watching or were participating in the riot.

"(The University) is worried that students may Turn to **Riot**, page 7

Defying authority

A local group joins others around the nation to contest the USA Patriot Act on grounds that it is unconstitutional

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A Lane County group is spearheading local efforts to repeal the USA Patriot Act, anti-terrorism legislation introduced shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks.

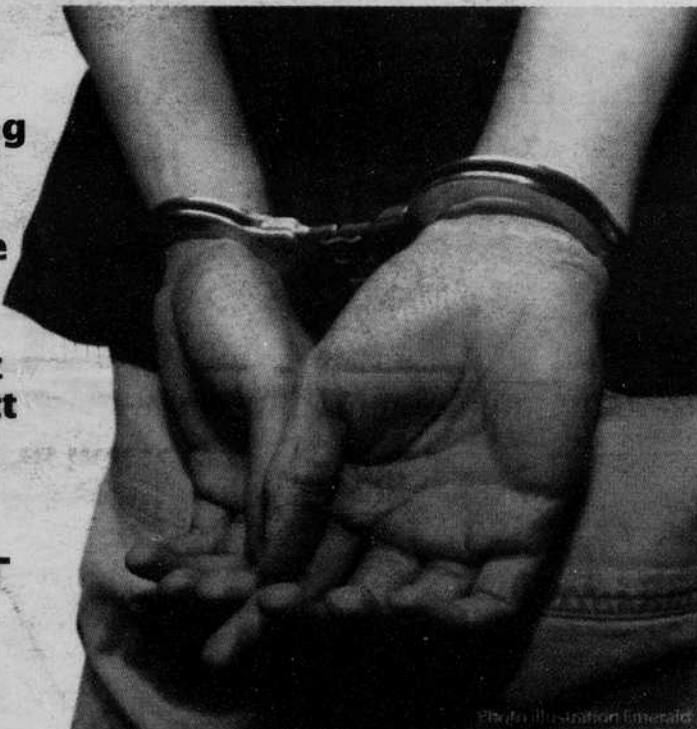
The Lane County Bill of Rights Defense Committee is joining other such committees nationwide to convince city and county governments to pass resolutions condemning the Patriot Act, and recommending state and local authorities disregard certain powers granted by the act. Similar resolutions have been adopted in nine other cities around the nation.

Hope Marston, an organizer for the committee, said detainment and investigative powers given under the legislation and subsequent executive orders violate certain liberties outlined in the U.S. Constitution, such as freedom of speech and right to due process.

"In the beginning, our idea was to enlist many different people," Marston said. "We're trying to work together instead of ramming

Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism

USA PATRIOT ACT



this down their throats."

The resolution calls for local and state law enforcement to heed constitutional freedoms instead of obeying the Patriot Act, which grants new investigative and detainment freedoms to authorities in terrorism-related investigations.

Under the act, federal agents — with permission from a judge — can demand infor-

mation from libraries and bookstores, including what books suspected terrorists are reading and the information they view on public computers. The act also places a gag order on the bookstore or library that discloses the information. The act also allows "sneak and peak" searches in which federal agents with a search warrant may enter empty homes

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New EMU eatery opening delayed

The grand opening of Andrew Smash in the EMU has been delayed until Oct. 7 because of problems with the cash register system, EMU Food Services Director John Costello said.

Andrew Smash took over the Jamba Juice and Pizza Planet location and was originally scheduled to open Monday. The express branch of Andrew Smash in the Student Recreation Center remains open.

Costello said the cash register system software didn't function properly and had to be sent back to manufacturers in Florida. He said the rush to open the juice bar, which finalized its sublease with Jamba Juice and Pizza Planet just 11 days ago, created problems.

"They were really pushing the envelope," Costello said.

Justin Zinser, president and CEO of Smash International Inc., said it's important for Andrew Smash to wait for the cash register system to be reprogrammed before opening the restaurant.

"We'd rather make sure everything is perfect and right than rush to open when everything isn't ready," Zinser said.

— Jennifer Bear

Health Center provides ongoing care

Some of the nation's best health services, including a pharmacy and several clinics are available to students right on campus

Jillian Daley

Family/Health/Education Reporter

Students often visit the University Health Center for vaccinations or checkups, but few take the time to find out what's available before health reasons prompt them to go.

On Sept. 25, the Health Center held its open house, giving an overview of its services as well as welcoming new and returning students.

"We put out lots of information for students," Medical Administrator Bob Petit said of the open house.

Located at the corner of East 13th Avenue and Agate, students can visit if they need medical services, or if they are interested in the student insurance plan. The University community can also take

advantage of the Counseling and Testing Center, located on the second floor.

"We're a full-blown clinic," Health Education Director Paula Staight said. "We offer multiple services."

Others spoke highly of the overall atmosphere, as well as the quality of the resources.

"It's a wonderful, wonderful place," Health Center Acting Director Anne Mattson said.

Mattson has served as acting director since Gerald Fleischli stepped down Sept. 15.

She said the search committee for the position will decide on a new director by June. Mattson said she's pleased to be working at such a well-regarded institution, as the Health Center is considered to be among the best in the nation.

"I'm very proud to have this opportunity," she said.

The center offers an urgent care unit to supplement services offered



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The Health Center offers an asthma clinic, pharmacy and free birth control.

by Sacred Heart Medical Center. The entrance for urgent care is located on the west side of the building. The center also has after-hours care, which includes the Telephone

Nurse Triage Service for advice.

The Health Center also takes part in the federal Family Planning

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WEATHER

Today: High 65, Low 38,

sunny after morning fog

Wednesday: High 65, Low 43,

mostly sunny turning to clouds

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday

Same-sex partner abuse often goes unreported.

Thursday

Campus Recycling wins accolades for reusable plates.