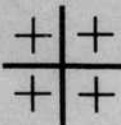


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Walkout

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percent of registered voters in Lane County had returned their ballots as of Jan. 22, a substantial early turnout for a special election. She said that in previous elections, most people waited to vote until the last two days.

Eric Bailey, also co-Chairman of College Democrats, said students need to vote because the measure will have tremendous repercussions, such as tuition increases, if it fails. Over the past two weeks, Bailey has been working tirelessly to educate

voters about Measure 28. Linman said Bailey even sacrificed \$500 to place a supporting argument in the Voter's Pamphlet.

"He's living on the Top Ramen diet now," Linman said jokingly.

Monday's walkout and rally is expected to attract between 500 and 1,000 people, Bailey said. He said it is important for the entire University to raise awareness of the election and added that rally organizers have not received any negative responses from University members for sponsoring a walkout.

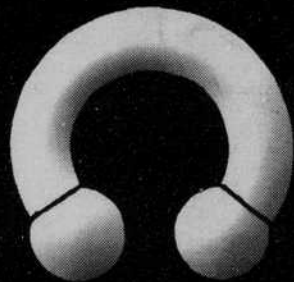
"We have had no one tell us not to

do it," Bailey said.

Senior Vice President and Provost John Moseley said Tuesday's election is very important to the University, and as such, the administration is in favor of events that encourage people to exercise their right to vote. However, faculty members are expected to hold classes as scheduled. He added that while attendance is not mandatory throughout the whole University, students are free to express their political views by leaving class to attend the walkout and rally.

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Crime

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blame the University.

"With the huge number of bikes on campus, there's only so much DPS officers can do," she said.

Last term, Brown helped stop a suspicious individual from tampering with a friend's bike at the rack located outside Bean East. She said the best precaution students can take against bike theft is to invest in a good lock.

"Locking your bike with a cable is just asking for it," she said.

University Planning, Facilities Services and DPS are combining efforts to eventually provide more secure bike parking alternatives to students, particularly surrounding the residence halls, Hicks said. Added expenses to students and limited space are expected to hinder the progress of settling on a design; however, more ideas are intended to be tested on campus within the next few weeks, he said.

Besides theft, DPS also reported a rise in drug violations from 28 arrests in 1999 to 105 in 2001, which is dwarfed by EPD's 2001 figure of 2,929 drug-related arrests citywide. The EPD definition of a drug violation covers a variety of offenses, including possession, sale, furnishing, cultivating (marijuana), manufacturing (opium or heroine), obtaining unlawfully and tampering, EPD spokeswoman Carrie Delf said.

Although the DPS definition covers the same range of violations, Hicks said at least 95 percent of reported offenses involve possession

of less than an ounce of drugs.

"A joint or two is typical," Hicks said of the frequency of marijuana confiscations.

A major factor in the rise of drug violations is the increasing number of residents willing to call in and complain about odd smells or mischievous activity, he said. The decreasing amount of student tolerance also reflects a better level of awareness within the University community. When the number of drug violations reported at on-campus housing facilities quadrupled between 1999 and 2000, Hicks said the entire campus noticed, yet the cause was not clearly defined. "Perhaps more students from that particular (freshman) class came in smoking pot and figured they could get away with it," he said.

DPS Liquor Law violations spiked from 72 arrests in 1999 to 198 in 2000, and dropped slightly to 190 in 2001. Hicks said the rise was partly due to the assignment of two DPS officers who assisted in residence hall rounds and enforcement in 2000. The relatively sustained number reported in 2001 reflects a significant rise in violations off-campus — from one in 1999 to 42 in 2001 — which includes Riley and Barnhart halls as well as all greek houses.

"It's a combination of greater enforcement and a few large parties held on greek property," he said, adding that 2002 will undoubtedly reflect an increase in alcohol-related offenses.

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