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## Sex, drug allegations taint recruitment

A 17-year-old high school recruit tells his local newspaper that he was offered alcohol, sex and drugs during his visit to campus

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After discussion surfaced two weeks ago about the recruitment of convicted felon Rodney Woods, University officials deemed the Athletic Department's actions acceptable. Despite the bad press, the University was able to turn the other cheek.

On Thursday, the Athletic Department was slapped by accusations of sex, drugs and alcohol — 17-year-old high school tailback Lynell Hamilton, a devout Christian, told a California paper that all were offered to him during an official recruit-

ing trip in 2002.

Now, just days after unveiling its signing class of 2003, the Athletic Department has no more cheeks to offer, and it is left standing with two black eyes.

Head coach Mike Bellotti and Athletic Director Bill Moos answered questions Friday about the University's recruitment of student-athletes, but because of student privacy laws and NCAA regulations, neither would specifically comment on Hamilton's recruitment.

"Some of what has recently been said in the media is wrong and inaccurate, but unfortunately we cannot discuss specifics because of NCAA rules and privacy conditions," Moos said.

Bellotti agreed.

"Even though the allegations in question fly and come at me, I really cannot do anything other than say we run our

program in a first-class manner," he said.

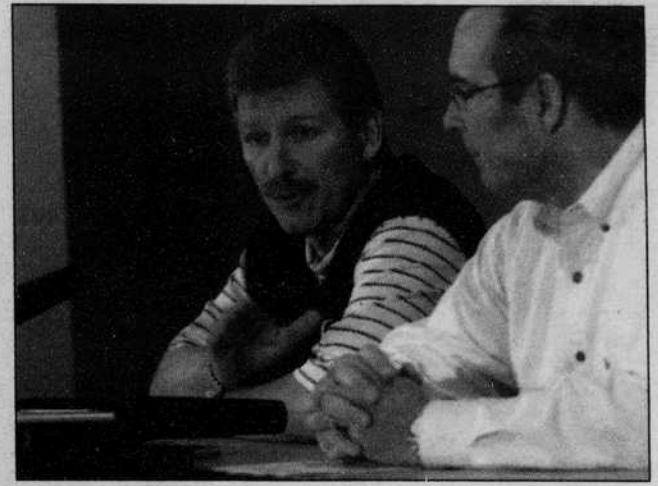
Hamilton, ranked the nation's No. 7 running back by Rivals.com, was recruited by Oregon, Colorado, Alabama A&M, Michigan and San Diego State. He signed with the latter Wednesday.

On Thursday, the Stockton, Calif., newspaper The Record published a story indicating that Hamilton wanted to attend the University but was talked out of it.

"Oregon was my No. 1 choice," Hamilton told The Record. "But they blew it for both of us."

According to the report, former Duck tailback Onterrio Smith served as Hamilton's "host" for a weekend recruiting trip in October. Hamilton told the paper that over the course of the weekend, he went to a party where alcohol

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Head football coach Mike Bellotti and Athletic Director Bill Moos address the media Friday afternoon in the Casanova Center.

## Skater standards

Skateboarding can be dangerous and cause property damage, according to DPS officials

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To those who love it, skateboarding is a pastime, a spectator sport, a daily commute and a passion.

"Like boarders to snow," sophomore Evan Goulette said, "anywhere that is pavement is game."

But to University officials and the Department of Public Safety, the performance and recreation art can be more like a potential safety hazard and a nuisance when it comes to skating on a crowded campus. And while it's hard to let go of the stereotypical relationship between boarders and administrators, most skaters are understanding of community concerns.

"We're trying to get (skaters) to cooperate instead of resorting to enforcement," DPS Associate Director Tom Hicks said.

According to the Oregon Administrative Rules provided by DPS, there are several finable violations related to skateboarding and on campus "stunting." Failure to yield to a pedestrian is a \$25 fine, failure to dismount and walk — including along the EMU breezeway — warrants a \$10 fine and skating in a building or structure is a \$25 fine. Acrobatic, or "stunt," skating guarantees the largest fine on campus — \$30. Hicks said the majority of skaters are not fined, but he added

that difficult cases could result in a confiscated board held at a \$10 bail.

"I didn't even know DPS cared," sophomore L.J. Groth said.

Groth skates to class any day it's not wet and tries to visit local skate parks up to five days a week. For safety reasons, DPS officers advise students to wear helmets, pads and reflective clothing when skateboarding, but Groth and Goulette said the majority don't wear any gear.

"I'll wear a helmet when I'm at a park," Goulette added. "That's saved me before."

Keeping wheels in good shape and bearings free of grit are also important to safety, yet some feel it isn't just equipment but conduct that's important.

"Our objective is to be safe as well as welcome alternative forms of transportation," Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Anne Leavitt said. "We have a very densely populated campus at this point, and we are oriented toward safety on campus for pedestrians, bikers, drivers and skaters."

Goulette and Groth agreed that skating on campus during the final 10 minutes of the hour — when most students are bustling to class — isn't the best idea.

"If there are ungodly amounts of people, I'll sit down for a second until things clear up," Goulette said.

Hicks said a main concern is the damage stunt skating causes on campus, namely the stripped concrete edges in the EMU Amphitheater and the roughened



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Kyle Hand, a high school student from Eugene, glides down the walkway adjacent to the Fishbowl amphitheater outside the EMU.

brick wall edges leading up to the Knight Law School.

"We've seen some serious accidents with bicyclists," he said,

"but skateboarders are causing property damage."

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## Council will vote on pot fine increase

Eugene City Council members vote tonight on whether to increase fines for marijuana possession

**Jan Montry**  
City/State Politics Reporter

For pot puffers getting busted this year, the current \$100 fine may go up in smoke.

The Eugene City Council will vote tonight on an ordinance to increase the fine for less-than-an-ounce of marijuana from \$100 to \$250 — a controversial proposal that sent ripples through the pot-smoking community and provoked heavy criticism at the City Council's public forum last month.

Supporters of the proposal hope the increase will provide an incentive for marijuana offenders to join a new, low-cost diversion program called "Marijuana and Other Drugs," run by the University's Substance Abuse Prevention Program. Court officials have said the program will cost \$90 and will be open to all offenders. Without the increase, there would only be a \$10 difference between the new diversion program and the fine, prompting city leaders to speculate most offenders would choose the fine.

Ward 3 City Councilor David Kelly, who represents the University area, said students with a drug conviction could

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### WEATHER

Today: High 52, Low 28, morning fog, mostly cloudy  
Tuesday: High 52, Low 27, morning clouds, then sun

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Tuesday**  
The City Council votes on whether to increase fines for marijuana

**Wednesday**  
Students now can opt to use a new number on their student IDs

## Paper waste decreases in computer labs

The 5-cent-per-page printing charge is one reason computer labs have seen fewer users

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Patrons of the EMU Microcomputing Lab used 1.3 million sheets of paper in the 2001-02 school year — enough to cover 19 acres of farmland.

EMU lab attendant Amery Neuenchwander said he thinks that nearly half of that paper, which weighed more than seven tons, wound up in overflowing recycling bins. And even with all that extra paper laying around, Neuenchwander didn't doodle, make paper airplanes or practice his origami; he was too busy turning the wasted paper into waiting lists for the hordes of students lined up to

use the computers.

But now, long lines are shorter and lab recycling bins are nearly empty. EMU lab coordinator Amy McCoy said paper use in the EMU computer lab is down 28 percent — with 14,024 fewer users during fall 2002 than an average term last school year. The substantial reduction, McCoy said, was a direct result of a controversial

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