

# Sellers released, now await hearing

Eugene shop owners Harris and Mohtadi were released without having to post bail, but are charged with five offenses

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Authorities released indicted Eugene businessmen Jason Harris and Saeed Mohtadi on Tuesday without requiring the men to post bail. The two men, who are scheduled to appear in federal court in Pennsylvania on March 9, were among 55 individuals served with indictments Monday in nationwide raids against suppliers of alleged drug-related paraphernalia.

Friends and family of Harris and Mohtadi gathered Tuesday morning at the federal courthouse in Eugene to support the men in pre-trial hearings. Both are charged with five paraphernalia-related offenses, including conspiracy to sell and offer for sale drug paraphernalia from August 2002 to January 2003.

Mohtadi, dressed in a long-sleeved black T-shirt, with dreadlocks spilling down to his waist, sat at a table surrounded by lawyers and federal authorities and said little. Harris, Mohtadi's business partner, did not attend the 9 a.m. hearing because officials were holding him in custody with state-related charges that were later dropped.

After the hearing, Mohtadi's lawyer Greg Veralrud said he was disappointed officials had decided to proceed with the case in Pennsylvania.

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Harris



Mohtadi

# Plan may prevent further cuts

University officials recognize budget cuts and look to the Oregon Legislature for possible spending balances

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Administration officials announced Tuesday they are still unsure whether ongoing state budget shortfalls will require University students to face an additional \$3 tuition surcharge in spring term.

In a meeting with ASUO officials, University Provost John Moseley and Vice President and

Dean of Students Anne Leavitt said the University is still in dire financial straits, but the Oregon Legislature may introduce a new plan that would allow the University to avoid further surcharges.

"The good news is that the Legislature, in working through this special session ... is looking at one-time balances — spending balances, reserves and that sort of thing," Moseley said. "At least there is a possibility, and we should know within a couple weeks if they got to resolve this (and) that we won't have to take another budget cut."

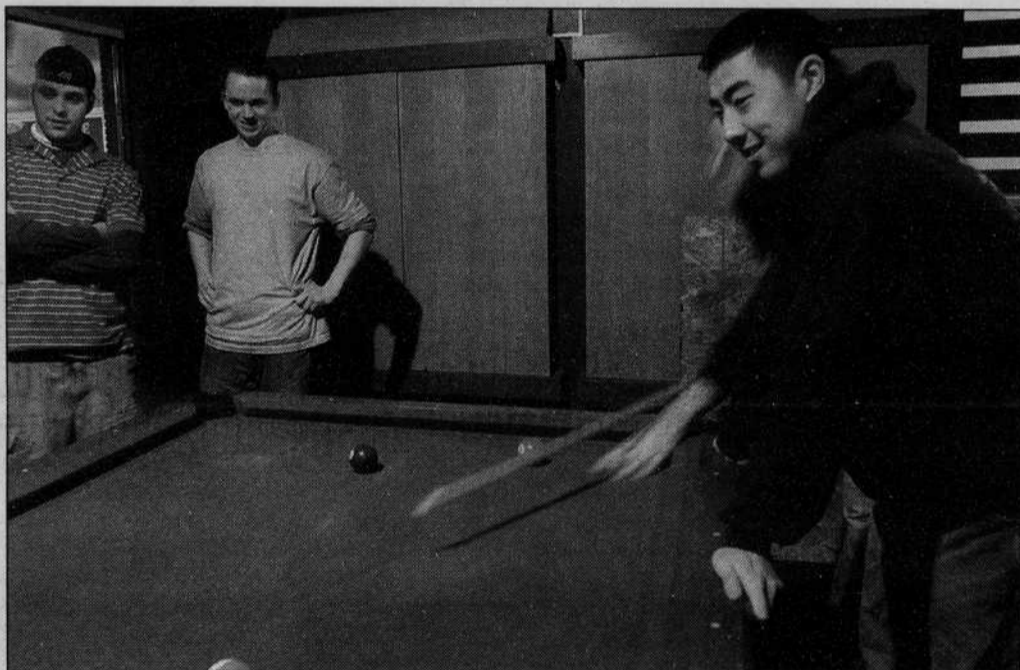
The University has already faced about \$6 million in cuts after Measure 28, on top of \$7

million previously slashed for this academic year. To compensate for the cuts resulting from Measure 28's failure, a \$10 surcharge has already been instituted for winter and spring terms to maintain quality of and access to classes.

Moseley said the University has worked hard to keep the quality of student academic programs at the same level while slogging through budget woes. He added, however, that if the future budget shortfalls threaten quality, and the Legislature doesn't pad the blow, he would not hesitate to institute the surcharge.

"As I've told (ASUO President Rachel Pilliod) all Turn to **Tuition**, page 3

## Cleaner image



Danielle Hickey Emerald

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity members Dustin Thomas, Dave McGrew and Brian Warner relax in their house at 1000 Alder St. Fraternities and sororities are working on keeping alcohol out of their houses.

# Substance-free fraternity life

Greek houses strive to improve their image by complying with endorsement standards

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Ever since the cult-classic 1978 film "Animal House," greek houses at the University

have been accompanied by images of riotous parties where men and women dress up in togas and let the skin show and the beer flow.

This school year, however, fraternity and sorority members have been striving to clean up their image and closely control their consumption of alcohol, following University Presi-

dent Dave Frohnmayer's establishment of a ban on alcohol in greek houses last fall.

The ban was part of a strategy that was created to improve the quality of life in fraternity and sorority houses. Things such as academic performance, leadership, community service and healthy living were all

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# Student alleges police brutality

Joshua Williams says he will file a lawsuit alleging police misconduct by EPD officers after he received an MIP on Sunday

Brad Schmidt  
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University student Joshua Ryan Williams said he will file a lawsuit alleging police misconduct by the Eugene Police Department and will contest in court today a long list of charges, stemming from an alcohol-related citation given to the 20-year-old early Sunday morning.

Williams said he was severely beaten by EPD officers because he mouthed off to an officer after receiving a citation for minor in possession of alcohol. EPD spokeswoman Pam Olshanski said Williams was belligerent and resistant, and added that the department takes all allegations very seriously.

"Obviously, any time an allegation is made, it's alarming and concerning," Olshanski said. "But no allegation has been made (to the department)."

Williams was stopped early Sunday morning when an officer spotted him carrying what is commonly referred to as a "keg cup." At 1:15 a.m., Williams received an MIP citation from EPD Sgt. Randy Smith near the intersection of East 14th Avenue and Mill Street.

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Faculty met in 1970 to vote on a resolution about the Vietnam war.

# Assembly last convened to discuss Vietnam war

The University has full legislative authority to meet Friday, where it will discuss a proposed anti-war resolution

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The University Assembly will meet with full legislative authority for the first time since 1995 this Friday at 3 p.m. in the three-court basketball area of the Student Recreation Center. The assembly is meeting to discuss and potentially vote on a proposed resolution condemning a war in Iraq.

According to secretary of the faculty Gwen Steigelman, a quorum of more

than half the assembly's approximately 2,000-member body must be present at Friday's meeting in order for a vote to occur.

Professor Emeritus Frank Stahl said he is expecting attendance to be far greater than the assembly's open discussion, held Jan. 31 and attended by about 200 people, some of whom were not voting assembly members.

"People are done discussing the resolution," Stahl said. "They have made up their minds and are ready to vote."

When the assembly met in 1995, they voted to instate the University Senate as the governing body of the University. The decision was made

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## WEATHER

Today: High 45, Low 35, chance of rain, snow early

Thursday: High 48, Low 33, mostly cloudy, chance of rain

## LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday  
Religion holds an important role in James Davis' life

Also Thursday  
The second annual Emerald Vice Issue hits the stands