

Student receives eviction for drugs

Freshman Richard Brooker was cited for possession of marijuana and manufacturing of controlled substances

Caron Alarab
Safety/Crime/Transportation Reporter

A University student must vacate his residence hall room by noon today after receiving a summary eviction — an immediate notice of ejection, without trial — as a result of being charged for, but not convicted of, a series of drug-related offenses.

The Eugene Police Department charged freshman Richard Brooker on Saturday with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana and manufacturing and delivery of controlled substances after officers gained access to his Thornton Hall room in Bean Complex and confiscated various drug paraphernalia.

At his Thursday morning arraignment, Brooker pleaded guilty to possession, but the charge of manufacturing and delivery was dropped. His plea resulted in a \$400 fine and a six-month suspension of his driver's license, and although Brooker is willing to accept responsibility, he said he believes the University should have waited to consider the court's decision before issuing the summary eviction.

"Frankly, I think it's ludicrous," he said. "And it's very distracting to me as a student."

Since the more serious charge was dropped, Brooker has been working with the Office of Student Advocacy to file an injunction and to set a University trial date to plead his case and regain permission to live on campus.

Director of Residence Life Sandy Schoonover said the issuance of a summary eviction prior to a student's court date is the result of the University judicial system's independence from the city court system.

"These are two separate processes, and we have different goals sometimes," she said. "On campus, decisions are based on the preponderance of evidence found at the scene."

According to EPD reports, a sergeant and an officer were called in for assistance when Department of Public Safety officer Jed McGuire said he received

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Assembly war decision nears

The University Assembly meets today to vote whether it will denounce the war in Iraq after three months of meetings

Brook Reinhard
News Editor

The University Assembly meets today at 3 p.m. in the three-court basketball area of the Student Recreation Center to decide whether it will condemn the fast-approaching war in Iraq. Whatever the

decision, the event marks the culmination of three months worth of meetings where faculty members and officers of administration have discussed the proper place for a University statement on the war — or if there's even a forum for one.

Supporters of the anti-war resolution have a huge hurdle to overcome: Getting people to show up. The 2,000 member assembly is such a giant body, it actually disbanded itself in 1995 in favor of a smaller governing group, the University Faculty

Senate. It took more than 500 assembly signatures just to merit today's special session, and a quorum of at least half the assembly plus one — a count of more than 1,050 members — must make an appearance for voting to take place.

University President Dave Frohnmayer will preside at today's meeting, and his first action will probably be to take a head count. While Frohnmayer was not available for comment, he has consistently said that the University is not the proper

place to take a stance on war. But Frohnmayer may find his leadership discredited should the assembly vote to support the anti-war resolution, like it did in 1970 when it voted to oppose the Vietnam War.

Bo Adan, faculty researcher in the College of Education and an original organizer of Concerned Faculty for Peace and Justice when the group was reconstituted in 1990, said he believes the assembly

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Downward and onward



Mark McCambridge Emerald

After dominating the University skyline for more than eight months, the 220-foot crane above Gilbert hall will be taken down this weekend, and parts of 13th Avenue will be closed during the process.

Craning toward completion

The crane used in the construction of the Lillis Business Center will be taken down; students should stay off 13th Avenue

Aimee Rudin
Family/Health/Education Reporter

The crane is leaving the building. Marking another step toward the completion of the Lillis Business Center, the 220-foot crane that has graced the sky above the University since last June will be taken down this weekend.

Removal of the crane will begin today and continue through the weekend. The removal will require general contractor, Lease Crutcher Lewis, to bring a 300-ton portable crane to the con-

struction site. The large crane will be delivered to the site today and set up Saturday morning. Areas of East 13th Avenue, just south of the construction project, will be closed as the tower crane is disassembled.

"Students should try to avoid the area as much as possible," Department of Public Safety Associate Director Tom Hicks said. "The crane will likely be laid out across much of (13th Street.) If students could find some other way to get across campus, it would be helpful."

Workers will dismantle and move the crane during the weekend.

"We're actually a little ahead of schedule on

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Beloved neighbor Mr. Rogers dies at 74

Fred Rogers, host of 'Mister Rogers' Neighborhood,' brought joy and happiness to children of all ages for more than 30 years on TV

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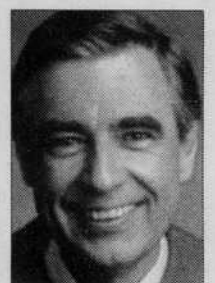
Hal Boedeker
The Orlando Sentinel (KRT)

Pause for a moment today and remember all the people who have helped you along. Mister Rogers would like that.

"No one of us gets to be a competent adult without other people taking an interest in us, without loving us," he used to say.

For more than 30 years, Fred Rogers helped millions of children and parents with the lessons of love, kindness and friendship he delivered on public television's "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood." That sprawling and appreciative population now mourns him.

Rogers died early Thursday of cancer at his Pittsburgh home. He was 74. He had been diagnosed with stomach cancer shortly after the holidays, family spokesman David Newell said.



Rogers

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Courtesy photo

The Tuskegee Airmen were the first black pilots in the U.S. Military!

Former airmen rehash experiences from wars

Two retired Tuskegee Airmen will speak Monday about overcoming racism and getting a chance to prove themselves

Roman Gokhman
Campus/City Culture Reporter

The Tuskegee Airmen — the U.S. Military's first black pilots — have beaten the odds numerous times. In battle, they never lost a bomber they were escorting. At home, they survived overt racism from their colleagues. But their greatest obstacle was just getting the chance to prove themselves.

"In war, we needed all the talent we could get," retired Lt. Col. Edward Drummond Jr. said.

Drummond, along with fellow retired Lt. Col.

William Holloman III, is a member of the famed pilots association. Both will be speaking about their experiences at 2 p.m. Monday in the EMU Fir Room.

Associate Professor Emeritus William Lamont invited the airmen to the University. Lamont, a former pilot for the

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WEATHER

Today: High 50, Low 38, rain likely, slight winds

Saturday: High 53, Low 32, cloudy morning and afternoon

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday
Lazar's Bazar boasts a plethora of unique and historic items for sale

Tuesday
A retired University professor shows students the epic of flight