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DPS officer on leave after collision with suspect



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A Department of Public Safety patrol vehicle similar to this one was involved in an accident with a man on a bicycle early Monday morning. DPS and the Eugene Police Department are investigating the incident.

DPS has not yet identified either the involved officer or the injured suspect from Monday morning's accident

By Jared Paben
Freelance Reporter

The Department of Public Safety placed a commissioned officer on paid administrative leave after his vehicle was involved in an accident early Monday morning with an unidentified suspect riding a bike.

DPS Administrative Lieutenant Joan Saylor would not comment on the specifics of the incident and did not say who, if anyone, was at fault. She did say the officer was investigating the man for "suspicious activity" near bike racks.

Saylor would not release the name of the officer or the individual involved in the collision.

The incident happened just a week before the Eugene City Council is expected to vote on whether to extend DPS responsibilities and allow officers to issue citations for certain drug- and alcohol-related offenses.

When asked whether Monday's collision would affect the decision, Saylor said, "I don't know. I really don't know. It's important that we be honest and up-front." She added that the actions of one individual don't necessarily represent the training or the actions of the entire department.

Saylor said the accident occurred near

East 13th Avenue and University Street, and that the officer was driving one of the department's four-wheel-drive vehicles. In addition, she confirmed that there was one officer on foot, one in the involved vehicle and a third that arrived after the incident.

No citations or charges were issued to the man — who is not a University student — because officers weren't certain whether the subject was guilty of a crime, Saylor said. She added that it was not known whether the bike he was riding at the time of the collision was stolen.

A Eugene Police Department report filed with the district attorney will help determine whether any citations will be issued, she said.

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Tuition hikes may decrease opportunities

Tuition at the University has increased 49 percent since the 1993-94 school year; some critics argue that increasing costs are keeping more and more students out of an education

By Ayisha Yahya
Reporter

Does an increase in tuition lead to a decrease in student enrollment? The question has become pivotal as student advocates battling escalating tuition argue that higher costs push low-income students out of the classroom.

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Last Tuesday: Administrators warn of cuts without new tuition and fees standards

Last Thursday: Student leaders prepare to discuss implications of tuition hikes

Tuesday: Full coverage of Friday's State Board of Higher Education decision

Today: Students weathered tuition surcharges in winter and spring

According to the Oregon Student Association, higher tuition rates limit accessibility to education. Citing statistics from a Portland State University study, OSA spokeswoman Amelie Welden said that 0.7 percent of students on a campus are forced to drop out for every \$100 increase in tuition.

"This is typically the figure we use when estimating how many students will be lost when tuition goes up," Welden said in an e-mail interview. She added the Oregon University System estimated that 12,000 students were denied educational opportunities when tuition rose sharply and enrollment was limited in the early 1990s.

"This is much the same situation we're facing today," she said. "Tuition is rising dramatically, and the University and other campuses have recently raised their GPA requirements as an enrollment management strategy."

There are no clear statistics at the University to indicate that tuition increases are the main cause behind students leaving school, however. Registration data shows resident undergraduate tuition and fees have risen 49 percent in the past 10 years, from \$2,916 in the 1993-94 school year to \$4,359 in 2002-03. Non-resident tuition and fees rose 71 percent from \$9,285 to \$15,888.

In the same period, enrollment has also increased. In fall 1994,

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WHERE THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S FIRE



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Scott Stewart from Bend is one of more than 1,000 firefighters battling the Clark Fire near Lowell. On Sunday many were 'smoke spotting' — meticulously searching for smoke and dousing any burning or smoldering material.

University living space 15th worst in nation

Residence hall rooms like the Bean Complex's 145-square-foot ones have given the University a reputation for 'dungeon'-like living accommodations

By A. Sho Ikeda
Reporter

With plans for a new residence hall in the works, students may wonder how their rooms match up to others across the Northwest.

One of the largest residence halls on campus is the Bean Complex, which houses about 700 residents. Though it is bigger than other complexes, Bean contains the smallest rooms of the seven University residence halls. A room used to house two students in Bean, for instance, has an area of about 145 square feet. By contrast, the smallest rooms at Oregon State University have an area of about 180 square feet.

A typical prison cell at the Oregon State Penitentiary, incidentally, can measure at about 60 square feet, said Michelle Whitney, office manager of the prison's superintendent.

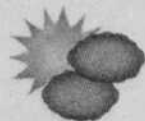
Ravie Mahajan, assistant chief at the Oregon Building Codes Division, said no minimum size requirement exists for residence hall rooms. The Association of College and University Housing Officers-International, a group dedicated to improving college residential living, suggests that residence halls are built and function in accordance to a university's mission, but do not recommend any minimum size.

In 2002, the Princeton Review asked students from more than 300 colleges to vote on the quality of their

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