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According to the EPD report, Gariepy was riding through a walkway between Pacific and Columbia halls, trying to escape the officers in the pedestrian plaza south of Lawrence Hall. Gariepy then "swerved back to his right and continued south," the report said, heading into the patrol vehicle's path. The report also said that Bonertz applied his brakes, leaving 10-inch-long skid marks before striking the bicyclist. Bonertz said he "did not intend to use his vehicle to stop Gariepy by force."

In the report, DPS Officer Joan Redlinger concurred, saying she "saw Bonertz's brake lights and heard his vehicle skid," but that she did not witness the impact itself.

But Gariepy disagreed with the account, saying the officer hit him with the vehicle in order to stop him.

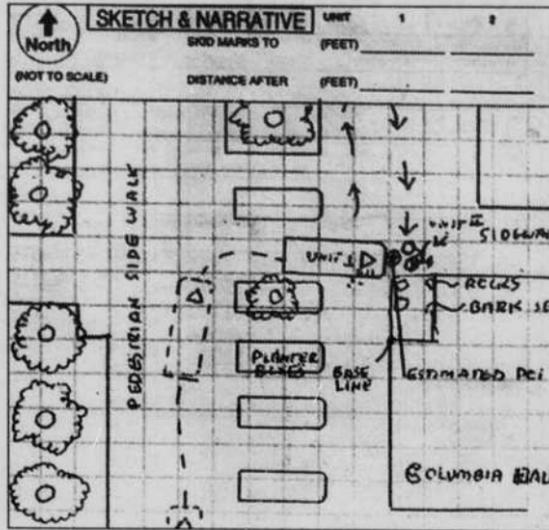
"He did it on purpose," he said. "Why the hell did he just come straight into me and hit me when he knows that I'm there? I know that he hit me on purpose, because I saw him do it. That's why I was riding diagonally. I was trying to avoid him. Whatever excuse they use, I know he intended to hit me and get me off of my bicycle."

There is also debate about why DPS officers originally contacted Gariepy and Troy Emmanuel Torris, his brother-in-law. According to the EPD report, Bonertz said he saw Gariepy and Torris "stunting" with their bicycles. He followed them east to the plaza, "intending to trespass them both."

Gariepy admitted that he was doing tricks on his BMX-style bicycle, but said he was just "riding through" campus, attempting tricks as he went.

Both reports contradict Saylor's earlier statements that the officers were moving in to investigate a "suspicious subject" prowling the bike racks. Neither officer at the scene told the investigating EPD officer they were investigating a possible bike theft in progress.

Gariepy said he did go by the bike racks, but added that he wasn't loitering and wasn't there to steal bikes.



Courtesy A sketch of the accident scene and specifics taken from the Oregon Police Traffic Crash Report filed on July 21.

"I'm not a bike thief," he said. "I was just riding my bike around. I never did anything wrong that night, except ride my bike around. I wasn't really hanging out there for a long time. I was riding through (campus)."

The EPD report also stated that Gariepy and Torris were trying to escape when the collision occurred. When Bonertz activated his "amber overhead lights" to signal the bicyclists to stop, both Gariepy and Torris "turned and rode rapidly north toward Lawrence Hall." That's when Redlinger "surprised them" by approaching from the north on foot, identifying herself and ordering them to stop. Torris continued

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Johnston's release. The efforts eventually brought Johnston home.

"He was a young man who was very interested in justice," said Reverend Ann Bowersox, the pastor at the Presbyterian Campus Ministry where Rowan was an active member. "He was very willing to work for folks who needed help." Bowersox added that Rowan inspired people to go that extra mile.

Rowan stood out for other reasons, too. He was an excellent swimmer, and during his time at Redmond High School, where he graduated in 2002, he qualified for the state meet four times and was the Intermountain Conference district champion four times. His father said he also swam in championships in Boulder, Colo., and Sydney, Australia.

"He was a little speedster, he was fast," John Rowan said.

Jay was also passionate about film. His mother said he captured most of his high school career on film and he

acted, developed skits and produced many of his own satires. He even turned down a swimming scholarship to the University of Missouri to come to the University because he wanted to work in the film studies program and become a film producer.

His parents said he loved the classes at the University, and that he received straight A's his first year.

Film studies Instructor Lesli Larson had Rowan in her "History of the Motion Picture" class this past winter.

"He was alert and outgoing, perceptive about film," she said. She added that he was always very engaged and curious about the work and even went to speak to her during her office hours about the course.

Jay Rowan was also writing a screenplay, his father said.

John and Judy Rowan also remember their son's love for laughter and jokes.

"Jay was great, he used to crack everybody up," his mother said. His father said he once dressed up as a cheerleader during a high school assembly.

"He made a difference and he participated in everything fully," Judy Rowan said. "Everything that was (the) best of each of us, he got it."

Jay Rowan spent a lot of time with his parents this summer. His mother said he was working for them in the garden and he had prepared a plot that he planned to landscape.

John Rowan said his son also liked fishing and photography.

A memorial service will be held at Redmond's Community Presbyterian Church at 529 N.W. 19th Street on Saturday, Aug. 16, at 10:30 a.m. His family requests that, instead of flowers, donations be made to the Jay Rowan Memorial Fund at the Central Oregon Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 843, Redmond, OR 97756, which will benefit the swim center.

Judy Rowan said she is sad that her son didn't live long enough to be all the things he aspired to become.

"It's a tragedy of indescribable proportions," she said.

Contact the reporter at ayishayaha@dailymerald.com.

Today's crossword solution

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