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Calling for change

Indigenous Solidarity Day participants discuss the politics of American history and changes for the future

By Jared Paben
News Reporter

Stormy Ogden came to the EMU Amphitheater on Monday to speak her mind — and there was a lot on her mind. As a native rights activist she was asked to speak not in honor of Columbus Day but in celebration of Indigenous Solidarity Day.

"I came here to piss white people off in a good way — to let them know that one day out of the year doesn't make up for anything," she said. "I came here to speak for native women imprisoned. I came here to hopefully speak for Indian people that don't have this opportunity to get up and speak."

She said America needs to do more to atone for the genocide of the American Indians at the hands of the colonists. Together with fellow speaker Chrystos, the women advocated for changing the name of Eugene to Calapooya in honor of the people who once inhabited the region.

"Next year, I would really appreciate it if this flag could be at half mast," Chrystos said to the crowd. "Or upside down would be even better."

She went on to read poems she'd written discussing everything from the wealthy white people she works for as a maid to the slaughter of indigenous people by Americans. Other events also took place throughout the day, including music and dancing.

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Jonathan Harris, a member of the Oglala Sioux, Joseph Band Nez Perce and Umatilla tribes, dances the Old-Style Chicken Dance in the EMU Amphitheater Tuesday afternoon as part of Indigenous Solidarity Day.

Students react to DPS' actions, officer behavior

The Department of Public Safety is working to promote a more approachable image by increasing the visibility of its officers

By Ayisha Yahya
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In the months after former Department of Public Safety Officer Michael John Bonertz struck a bicyclist with his patrol car, ripples of opinion have circulated throughout the campus community about how DPS interacts with the public.

According to an internal DPS report following the incident, Bonertz said he was trying to cut off a fleeing Donald Gariepy — who had been doing tricks on his bicycle, a campus offense — but he hit him instead. The report concluded the officer committed misconduct during the incident.

Many students on campus are critical of both the incident and DPS.

"I think that the whole incident was ridiculous," junior Marielle Florendo said. "Any law officer — police or DPS — should know better than that." She felt the officer should not have hit the cyclist regardless of the situation.

Some students are more skeptical about what really happened that night, however.

"I was surprised," junior Leslie Kimes said. But "I think without being there we can't really be sure what happened and why."

ASUO Campus Outreach Coordinator Shannon Tarvin said incidents like Bonertz's case illustrate that DPS is not a police force and should not act like one.

"We feel that DPS is primarily a safety entity and should focus on protecting and serving students even if that means calling in for assistance on enforcement matters," she said in an e-mail.

Even without the incident casting a shadow over DPS' image, the department hasn't always elicited positive reactions from the student population.

"You don't hear a lot of good talk about DPS from students," Florendo said.

Sophomore Mike Thurber, who lived in the residence halls last year, said he didn't have any bad experiences with DPS personally, but knew a lot of people who had "issues."

"DPS kind of struck me as somewhat bullish" Thurber said.

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Broken parking meters cause confusion for students

Jammed and broken parking meters are the reason for some parking tickets on campus

By Ali Shaughnessy
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To University student Deborah Cole, parking at the University is nothing short of a nightmare.

Parking meters have been a recurring problem for Cole, as well as many other University students. Whether they have a dead battery, a jammed coin slot or are just plain broken, students have expressed distaste at having to pay a parking ticket for a problem that they feel is not their fault.

Rand Stamm, parking and transportation manager for the Department of Public Safety, said that when a parking meter isn't working, DPS should be contacted immediately.

"Each meter is posted with information on what to do if the meter is broken," he said.

Cole said the first thing she did was contact DPS when she parked in a space with a broken meter. And after she gave DPS both her license plate number and the parking meter number, Cole said she was under the impression that she would not receive a ticket.

She was wrong. When she returned to her car there was a \$15 citation on her windshield.

After she petitioned the ticket, Cole was told she would still have to pay. The reason being that when a parking meter is broken, the international "no parking" sign will still register on the meter.

Stamm said there is only one instance when a broken meter won't show the no-parking symbol, and that's when it has completely shut down. Otherwise, he said, there will always be that symbol, visible to whoever may be parking there.

However, Cole said her meter didn't have any sort of no-

parking sign on it. She petitioned her ticket again and was told she no longer had to pay it.

University student Andrea Aanderud said she has had the same problems with broken parking meters as Cole. However, Aanderud hasn't received a parking citation yet, partially because she drives around until she finds a meter that works.

"It's frustrating, losing all those quarters while you're looking for that one meter that will actually work," she said.

Stamm said there is no way to refund money to people who lose quarters in broken meters because there is no way to track how much money a person puts into the meter.

"If you're going to feed a meter, you need to pay attention to it," he said.

DPS does not keep a record of how many broken meters

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