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Campus alcohol violations jump 171 percent

Nearly 1,200 students had alcohol violations in 2002, which may be one of the largest increases in the nation, according to a DPS official

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The Department of Public Safety referred 1,245 students to University Student Judicial Affairs for alcohol violations in 2002, a 171 percent increase from 2001, according to the newest released statistics.

DPS Interim Director Tom Hicks presented the numbers to the Public Safety Advisory

Group on Oct. 23, saying the high number of students being referred surprised him.

"We're dealing with about 30 percent of students in the residence halls with some kind of alcohol violation," Hicks said at the meeting. "My sense is the University of Oregon is going to get spotted pretty quickly about having one of the biggest jumps in alcohol violations across the country."

The numbers have been rising since 2000, when 443 students were referred. In 2001, there was a 3.3 percent increase, resulting in 458 referrals. But the number of alcohol violations in 2002 skyrocketed to 1,245, more than twice the total of 2001.

Hicks said he expects this school year to

have just as many, if not more, alcohol violations as 2002.

He added that having the officers so close to the residence halls is one reason for so many citations, saying officers are being trained to better detect student drinking.

"The University has drawn a pretty clear line that we are going to enforce rules on campus," Hicks said. "There is zero tolerance."

Freshman Hollie Brown agreed, saying DPS is a noticeable presence in the residence halls. "It's like they're always there," she said.

Hicks said another reason for the increase in violations is that students in the residence halls are less tolerant of drinking and are more comfortable with calling DPS.

Brown agreed, saying that while she enjoys going out and having fun, she gets frustrated when other people are drinking in her hall.

"It's not fun to wake up at 3 a.m. to screaming girls running up and down your hall," Brown said.

The Eugene Police Department has also seen a rise in liquor violations, EPD spokeswoman Kerry Delf said. Violations in the West University neighborhood increased 19 percent from 2001 to 2002. In the South Eugene neighborhood, violations jumped 59 percent from 2001 to 2002.

Delf said officers involved with the Party Patrol

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Leftover leaf lifters

As area trees begin to shed their summer splendor, Eugene Public Works springs into action with a program to distribute leaves to local gardeners

By Caron Alarab
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It's that time of year again, when thousands of trees dump their colorful foliage onto the sidewalks and streets of Eugene neighborhoods.

To lighten the load for leaf rakers, the city of Eugene Public Works started its annual leaf collection program this week, and maintenance crews began sweeping up and distributing the leaves to local mulchers and composters.

The program, which started Monday in North Eugene, will continue in immediate University areas on Nov. 10, working its way around the city until the second round of pick-ups starts on Dec. 15.

In the midst of the first week's collection efforts, Tony Jobanek, Public Works maintenance supervisor and coordinator of the leaf pick-up, said the program has been going very well.

"The leaf drop has been relatively light because varieties of trees drop their leaves at different times," he said. Last year the program spent approximately \$150,000 on leaf collection, which yielded more than 3,586 tons of foliage. Crews picked up 19,127 cubic yards of leaves overall. Six thousand cubic yards of the total went to community gardens and programs, and 8,000 went back to residents through a leaf delivery program. The remaining 5,000 cubic yards of leaves went to commercial recyclers, such as Lane Forest Products, or compost in city parks.

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Tim Bobosky Photographer

Springfield resident Jack Sheilds scoops leaves on Cedar Ridge Dr. in North Eugene on Wednesday. Eugene Public Works started its annual leaf collection on Monday and will work in areas around the University on Nov. 10.

Symposium, exhibit to honor dead

Running through Friday, the Latin American Studies Symposium will feature an art exhibit, speeches and panels

By Ayisha Yahya
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Since 2001, the date "Sept. 11" has usually conjured up memories of the terrorist attacks on New York's twin towers. However,

Sept. 11 also has great significance in Latin American history because Chilean President Salvador Allende was assassinated in a military coup on that date 30 years ago.

In remembrance of that Sept. 11 in 1973, the University is hosting a Latin American Studies Symposium on democracy and human rights in Latin America. The symposium began on Wednesday with the opening of an art exhibit about victims of state terror and human rights violations. The exhibit appears in the EMU Adell McMillan Gallery.

The symposium will continue until Friday and features various panels and speeches. Author Peter Kornbluh will give the keynote speech in the Knight Browsing Room at 7:30 p.m. today. Kornbluh's speech on the "Pinochet File: A Declassified Dossier on Atrocity and Accountability," includes declassified information on the U.S. role in the Chilean military coup. A full schedule of the symposium's events

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Sophomores Lindsey Chrysler (far left) and Joey Hays look at 'The Other September 11th' art exhibit, which is running through the end of November in the EMU Adell McMillan Art Gallery. Danielle Hickey Photographer



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