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DPS reports drug violations grow by 250%

DPS handled three times more drug violations last month than it did in November 2002, while alcohol violations increased 15 percent

By Jared Paben
News Reporter

Drug violations at the University have risen 250 percent for the month of November compared to last year, Department of Public Safety Interim Director Tom Hicks said at a Public Safety Advisory Group meeting Thursday night.

On Oct. 30, DPS implemented its new authority to issue municipal citations for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana. Between that date and Nov. 30, DPS issued 10 drug citations to students and referred 18 to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs without citations, making a total increase of 20 violations compared to a year ago.

In 2002 the Eugene Police Department cited three students. Five students were referred to judicial affairs in November

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Unemployment drops steadily to 8-month low

Job growth in several areas has helped bolster Oregon's economy during the holidays

By Caron Alarab
News Reporter

Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October is back where it was in March — 7.6 percent.

Due to some surprising job gains and steady employment in fields such as health care, economists say the eight-month low is a sign of better times to come. The rate has been steadily decreasing since it peaked at 8.5 percent last June.

"With manufacturing picking up, lower taxes and low inflation, we are seeing some very positive signs for Oregon," said David Cooke, economist for the Oregon Employment Department central office in Salem. "We should expect modest employment gains over the next few months."

Manufacturing and professional and business services showed unusual strength with additions of 600 jobs and 900 jobs, respectively. Although economists expected both fields to show reductions this season, as they have over the years, they were offset by industries that lost jobs in a time of typical gain.

Trade, transportation and utilities cut 200 jobs where an addition of 1,800 was expected. Gasoline stations and food and beverage stores cut 700 jobs each, standing as the largest job losses reported in October. Also, overall government employment is down 7,200 jobs since October 2002 because of federal and state government cuts.

Despite a 400-job cut following a two-year string of monthly job reductions in computer and electronic product manufacturing, local computer chip manufacturer Hynix has seen business and employment improve.

"The computer chip business is really picking up," strategic planning manager S. W. Kim said in a telephone interview. "We're

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PROFILE OF A CHEATER

Earning a perfect GPA was important to Casey Wood, who has cheated and turned herself in twice

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ONLINE POLL

Starting Monday, the Emerald asked students, "Do you think cheating is a serious problem?"

Results: 27 votes

• Yes, cheating shows a lack of integrity: 40.7 percent or 11 votes

• Yes, I work hard for my grades, and others should have to do the same: 40.7 percent or 11 votes

• No, students should do whatever it takes to get a good grade: 14.8 percent or 4 votes

• No, it doesn't matter if students cheat: 3.8 percent or 1 vote

Contrary to the myth that only lazy or stupid students resort to plagiarizing a paper or peeking at a neighbor's exam, anyone can be a cheater. A high GPA and strenuous study habits are no protection against the temptation to cheat.

In fact, students who are academically ambitious can sometimes be even more susceptible to the promise of a guaranteed A than a regular student.

University graduate student Casey Wood knew she was close to receiving As in her summer term classes. She was the kind of student who spent 15 to 20 hours a week studying. But when an opportunity to cheat on one of her final exams presented itself, she succumbed to the temptation.

"I wanted to make sure I would get an A," Wood said.

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