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## Taylor's, EPD defend bar's reputation

Chuck Hare, owner of Taylor's Bar and Grill, says defending the reputation of his establishment is 'frustrating'

By Jared Paben  
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Eugene police arrested former University football player Junior Siavii for assault in the early morning of Jan. 9, making him the third high-profile University student to be arrested or cited for assault following incidents at Taylor's Bar and Grill in the past eight months.

Siavii's arrest — along with the citations issued to former football player Keith Lewis in May 2003 for punching a track athlete and to ASUO

Vice President Eddy Morales in September 2003 for allegedly assaulting a female student — has prompted questions about the frequency of violence at the popular night spot in the University area, which is located at 894 E. 13th Ave.

According to Eugene Police Department reports, police recorded a total of 16 calls for fights or assaults at Taylor's in 2002 and 2003, with a total of five for non-physical disputes and four for disorderly individuals.

In contrast, Rennie's Landing, another popular bar at 1214 Kincaid St., recorded only two calls for

fights, three for non-physical disputes and three for disorderly individuals in the same time period.

Taylor's owner Chuck Hare said fights are uncommon at his bar, but they draw attention because Taylor's attracts well-known members of the campus community.

"It's just been kind of unfortunate that the last couple of things we've had involved high-profile people," Hare said. "I can tell you that every other bar in town has more problems than we have."

EPD spokeswoman Pam Olshanski said

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Taylor's Bar and Grill, located at 894 E. 13th Ave., recorded 16 calls for fights or assaults in 2002 and 2003.

Lauren Wimer Photographer

## OSPIRG's study dubs textbooks 'rip-offs'

On Thursday, OSPIRG held a press conference detailing the results of a survey conducted in both Oregon and California

By Chelsea Duncan  
News Reporter

Student activist group OSPIRG reported that its recent survey of textbook prices shows that coursebooks are a "rip-off" at a press conference at the University Bookstore on Thursday.

The Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group, along with the OSPIRG Foundation and the California Public Interest Research Group, conducted the survey, titled "Rip-Off 101: How the Current Practices of the Textbook Industry Drive up the Cost of College Textbooks."

"Our findings confirm what every student already knows," OSPIRG Affordable Textbooks Campaign Coordinator Arista Hickman told a crowd of about 25 students and community members. "The bottom line is this: Textbook publishers are ripping off students."

The survey examined the most widely used textbooks during fall 2003 at 10 public colleges and universities in California and Oregon. About 500 students were surveyed at the University, and 287 students were surveyed at Lane Community College. A total of 156 faculty members were surveyed in both states.

Because OSPIRG submitted the final student numbers too late, they were not included in the published results, OSPIRG Campus Organizer Kit Douglas said. According to an OSPIRG press

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## College Republicans and Democrats take sides in debate

Ranging in issues from Measure 30 to same-sex marriage, Thursday's debate of the College Republicans and Democrats remained civil

By Chuck Slothower  
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University College Democrats and College Republicans met for a bit of verbal sparring Thursday night, debating the merits of Measure 30, gay marriage and immigration before a small crowd of students and community members.

College Democrats co-Chairman Randy Derrick wasted no time supporting Measure 30 as a savior of necessary public services.

"Measure 30 may not be the measure we all hoped

for, but it is the measure that will make sense," Derrick said.

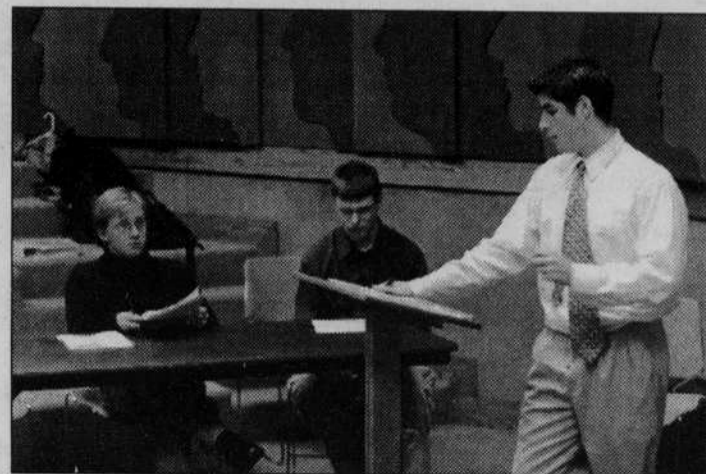
College Republican Laura Jenkins said Measure 30 would harm Oregon's economy and relieve state legislators of their responsibility to run a lean, efficient government.

"Clearly, with all this waste and an economy in recession, Oregon should not be raising taxes," she said. "That's (the Legislature's) job, to stay within the budget and not raise taxes and take the easy way out."

But Derrick disputed that state government is wasteful.

"The waste has already been cut," Derrick said. "The easy cuts have been made. The next round of cuts are really going to hurt."

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(Left to right) College Democrats Brady Miller and James Vander Zanden wait while College Republican Jarrett White makes his point during Thursday's debate between the two groups in the EMU Ben Linder room. Tim Bobosky Photographer

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