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Two EPD officers charged in lawsuit

The plaintiffs say they hope their lawsuit will protect fellow Eugeneans from illegal searches by local police

By Jared Paben
Senior News Reporter

Former University student Phillip Piper and Eugene resident Julie Dickenson are suing several Eugene Police Department officers for allegedly entering Piper and Dickenson's apartment without a warrant, detaining them and combing through their belongings for more than an hour in a search that uncovered nothing illegal.

In a complaint filed in federal district court March 18, Piper and Dickenson asked for an injunction to prevent similar searches against them and others; punitive damages "sufficient to punish (the EPD officers) and deter others from like conduct;" compensatory damages; and attorneys' fees and cost.

No trial date has been set.

Piper was registered in the University community education program during winter term, but he is not registered this term. He has taken classes since fall 2002.

EPD spokeswoman Pam Olshanski said Piper filed a complaint with EPD's internal affairs department Jan. 10, 2003, but that the ensuing investigation found no criminal wrongdoing or policy violations by the officers. EPD officials would not

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NEWS BRIEF

NOFX, Alkaline Trio, No Authority to visit campus today at 3 p.m.

Politics and punk rock will come together in the EMU Amphitheater at 3 p.m. today.

Punk Voter, a progressive movement of punk rock enthusiasts bent on preventing the re-election of President George W. Bush, is sponsoring a "Meet the Band" event.

Students will have the opportunity to meet and speak with the band members of NOFX, Alkaline Trio and No Authority, who will be signing autographs and giving away 20,000 free CDs and DVDs.

In addition, they'll also be speaking to students about why it's important to be politically active and what opportunities are available for students to get involved locally.

This evening, the bands will perform at McDonald Theatre at 8 p.m.

— Jennifer Marie Bear

Pedaling problems

Increased concerns have prompted a new committee to investigate campus bicycle safety



Adam Amato Senior Photographer

Bicyclists ride on the paved path leading from the Hamilton Complex toward campus Monday morning. According to the DPS Web site, bicycles are not permitted on the path.

By Lisa Catto
News Reporter

With the days getting warmer and the sun peeking out from the clouds more often, many students, faculty and staff will choose to ride a bicycle to campus. But when bicyclists do not follow established rules and regulations, they endanger more than just themselves.

While fairly rare, on average, the Department of Public Safety receives about five reports of bike and vehicle accidents and two bike and pedestrian accidents per year, DPS Interim Director Tom

Hicks said. He added that the department received about half a dozen complaints of pedestrians who were nearly hit by a bicyclist.

Bikes are allowed on all of the main roads such as University Street and East 13th Avenue. Some bicyclists, however, stray from the appropriate paths and ride where they shouldn't. The DPS Web site says bicycle lanes are marked on campus and those lanes must be used while classes are in session, Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hicks said some of the most common places where bikes are ridden where they shouldn't be is the pathway from the residence halls to the EMU,

the sidewalk from East 15th Avenue to East 13th Avenue that runs along Earl Complex and the sidewalk behind the Knight Library.

"Generally bikes are expected to stay on the streets," he said.

One of the bicycle-use rules on campus states that bike riders must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at all times and in all places. Bike riders must also give an audible warning when "overtaking a pedestrian from behind," according to the DPS Web site. Another rule dictates that anyone involved in a bike collision must stay

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Computing Center stresses import of logouts

The center advises students to log out of e-mail sessions in order to protect their account from access by others

By Chelsea Duncan
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Unauthorized access to a student's University e-mail account is easier than many realize, and the University Computing Center is taking steps to remedy the problem by encouraging students to log out of their e-mail sessions.

With about a dozen shared computer labs on campus, students who fail to log out of their

e-mail sessions put themselves at risk of someone else gaining access to their accounts, Micro-computer Service Manager Dan Albrich said.

"It's just critical that we get people to log out," he said, adding that the problem can also happen with Yahoo!, Hotmail and Amazon.com accounts. "All users really should be logging out regardless of which system they use."

He explained that sometimes when students are using shared computers, they assume closing a browser window, such as for Microsoft Internet Explorer, will automatically end the e-mail session. But with Macintosh computers in particular, users must quit the Web-browser program to

end the session. If they only close the window but do not quit the program, another user could be directed to the last user's still-active session when attempting to log in.

"They're still in the same session, and they (could) continue with that transaction as if they were you," Albrich said.

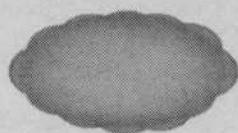
University Libraries Academic Education Coordinator J.Q. Johnson said the issue is also pertinent to the Blackboard system, which makes logging out of those accounts and quitting programs just as important, especially since

Blackboard's automatic time-out is set at nearly

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