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Collision kills University student

Michael Joyce died June 12 after his bike collided with a car driven by another student

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A University student riding his bicycle in the wrong direction on East 13th Avenue died early on the morning of Saturday, June 12 after a vehicle struck him head-on, Eugene police and a witness reported.

Pre-journalism major Michael Joyce, 23, died at Sacred Heart Medical Center after he collided with a 1994 Cadillac driven by University student David Soulier at about 12:30 a.m.

Eugene Police Department officers discovered that 23-year-old Soulier, a

senior studying philosophy, had a blood alcohol content of .08 percent, according to an EPD press release. Operating a motor vehicle with a BAC of .08 percent or above is illegal in Oregon.

EPD did not cite Soulier at the scene and has not charged him with a crime, but might do so after an investigation by the Major Collision Team and a review by the Lane County District Attorney's Office, EPD spokeswoman Pam Olshanski said.

Messages left by the Emerald at Soulier's listed Albany phone number and an e-mail to Soulier were not returned.

University student Christian Kempton, who said he witnessed the accident and gave a report to police,

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Joyce's family and friends honored his life at a ceremony last week in Portland

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Michael Joyce

Sexy love child. Electric. Hope. Open. Traveler. Beauty. Grow. I love you, Michael.

These were just some of the things friends of University student Michael Joyce scrawled on the driveway of his father and stepmother's

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UO architect died June 9 from cardiac arrest

'Campus builder' Garry Fritz led hundreds of renovation and development projects

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NEWS REPORTER

As an architect and head of capital projects and repairs for University Facilities Services, Garry Fritz dedicated himself to making the campus a better place. With his openness and respect for others, his calm, laid-back style, and his professionalism and dedication, Fritz's very nature made him a problem solver.

"He was the campus builder," said George Hecht, Director of Campus Operations for Facilities Services. "He built bridges to people, built buildings and built solutions to problems."

Fritz, 54, a long-time prominent University architect, who was responsible for the planning and design of buildings across campus, died June 9 of cardiac arrest at the Downtown Athletic Club.

Fritz, a graduate from the University's School of Architecture and Allied Arts, was responsible for the planning and design of Deschutes and Willamette halls, the Knight Library addition, the Law Library, the Lillis Business Complex and the expansion of Autzen stadium.

Since 1989, he has contributed to the development and renovation of 25 percent of the campus's total square footage. At the time of his death, Fritz was in charge of 140 projects and oversaw five project managers.

"He had a vision of how to accomplish construction and a view of quality that kept us on track and solving problems, making the campus a better place," Hecht said. "I knew anything he was working on was going to go well."

During turbulent periods of growth, Fritz's co-workers depended on him to hold everything together.

"He was our anchor," said Janet Lobue, a construction project manager for Facilities Services. "Even our maintenance people have come up to me and said, 'What are we going to do without Garry?'"

Fritz's friends and colleagues said Fritz was a great listener. Lobue said Fritz had an uncanny ability to help people find solutions to problems.

"[Fritz's colleague] Charlene Lindsay used to say you could go into Garry's office with a problem, talk to him for 15 minutes, work your way around to the solution, and leave and realize he probably hadn't said more than 12 words to you," Lobue said.

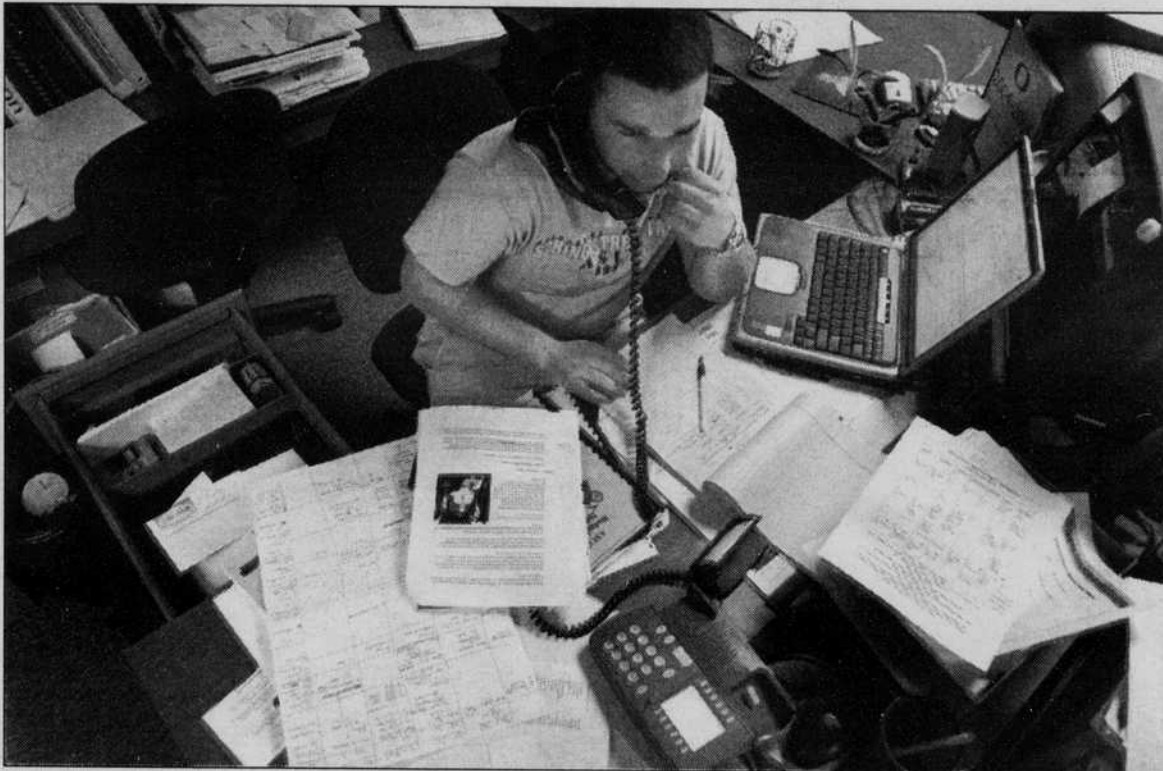
Don Peting, one of Fritz's former architecture school instructors and, more recently, one of his colleagues, described Fritz as an incredible, loving person. When his first wife, Angela Fritz, became ill and confined to a wheelchair, he nursed

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Garry Fritz

DOWN TO BUSINESS



ASUO President Adam Petkun works in the ASUO office. Two Constitution Court and one PFC positions must be filled by June 25. Erik R. Bishoff Photo Editor

Duties at hand

The ASUO Executive is planning for the fall and filling vacant positions

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FREELANCE REPORTER

While most students are enjoying their first taste of summer freedom, members of the ASUO Executive staff worked to recruit staff members and organize for the upcoming school year.

First on the Executive's agenda is filling one Programs Finance Committee seat and two ASUO Constitution Court positions, ASUO President Adam Petkun said. The ASUO Constitution mandates that open positions be filled within 30 days, leaving the Executive working with a June 25 deadline to do so.

The finance committee position has numerous qualified applicants, but with only law students eligible for the open Constitutional Court seats, the Executive has had difficulty finding applicants, Petkun said.

"It's a struggle to get law students to apply because they're not around right now,"

Petkun said.

The administration is under increased public pressure to fill the Constitutional Court spots by the specified deadlines after 2003-04 ASUO President Maddy Melton left two seats vacant for months beyond the 30-day deadline, Petkun said.

At least one strong applicant for the court seats has replied to the Executive's advertisements, and the administration is confident that the positions will be filled in a timely fashion, Petkun said.

The Executive is also looking for candidates to fill open seats on both the Athletic Department Finance Committee and the EMU Board.

After the open positions have been filled, the Executive will shift its focus to working with the Student Vote Coalition to coordinate an on-campus voter-registration drive in the beginning weeks of the school year, ASUO State Affairs Coordinator Amy DuFour said.

With a goal of registering at least 7,500

new voters in less than three weeks, the drive is set to be the largest in the country.

"It's kind of the foundation of everything," ASUO Vice President Mena Ravassipour said. Once the registration drive has been organized, "we'll start weaving new beginnings ... We're in the process of figuring out what all that entails," she said.

Working hard this summer to organize the drive is essential to the administration's success, Petkun said. A successful registration drive will "set a great foundation for the rest of the school year" and help the staff develop awareness about ASUO activities, Petkun said.

The staff will recruit volunteers for the drive at IntroDUCKtion and various campus and community events. The drive is "an effort to build community and educate students about the importance of voting and upcoming electoral issues that affect us as

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NEWS BRIEF

EPD: 'Kidnapping' at McKenna Estates labeled a hoax

The Eugene Police Department has concluded that Thursday morning's possible kidnapping at McKenna Estates was actually a prank.

A security guard at Chase Village Apartments called police immediately after the incident, telling them that he saw a man force a screaming woman into the car trunk shortly after midnight Thursday.

A witness police interviewed said the woman was

not forced out of the rear passenger-side seat and into the trunk, but that she voluntarily crawled into the trunk and started screaming in an attempt to fool a security guard, according to an EPD press release.

The witness also said the driver — actually a woman — later returned to the complex, with the woman who was in the trunk trying to hide in the front seat.

According to the press release, those involved in the prank could face criminal charges and fines if identified.

— Jared Paben