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## Ex-student sentenced for library bomb call

*James Evangelista receives 20 days in jail after pleading guilty to calling in a threat*

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The former University graduate student who called in a bomb threat to the Knight Library in February was sentenced to 20 days in jail and 36 months probation Wednesday.

Lane County Circuit Court Judge Lyle Velure said James Gregory Evangelista could serve his jail time on the sheriff's road crew, if desired, but Evangelista must complete and provide proof of mental-health treatment. Also, Evangelista is ordered to have no contact with the receptionist who answered the bomb-threat call and can't enter the library without University permission.

The sentence mirrors a plea bargain reached between Evangelista and the district attorney's office, in which Evangelista pled guilty to disorderly conduct, while avoiding charges of harassment and menacing.

At the sentencing hearing Wednesday, Evangelista told Velure he was sorry for what he'd done.

"I'm very embarrassed by this," Evangelista said. "I'm very sorry to all the people my actions may have offended."

Evangelista's attorney, Bill Kent, told the court his client is strained by personal issues and the bomb threat was "quite an aberration in his life." Evangelista has already been through the University disciplinary process and is close to finishing his master's degree, Kent said.

Evangelista, who was studying special education, is not enrolled for fall term. He last attended the University at the end of winter term 2004.

Evangelista called a bomb threat to the Knight Library on Feb. 25, forcing the hour-long closure and evacuation of hundreds of library patrons from the building. According to the district attorney's office, Evangelista called Knight Library receptionist Jeanette Lochbaum and, faking a middle-eastern accent and giving a false name, told her he placed a bomb in the building to protest President Bush's administration.

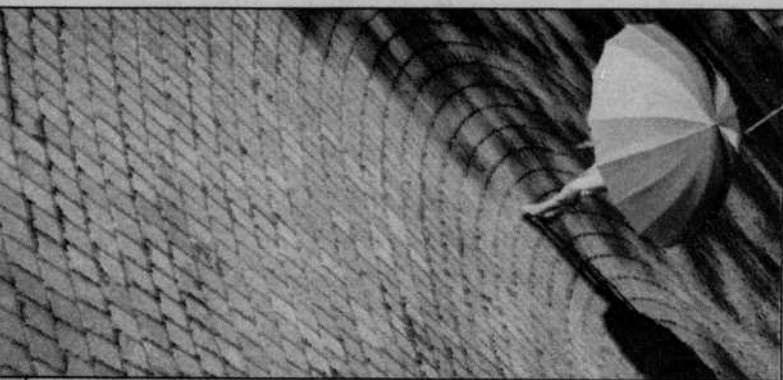
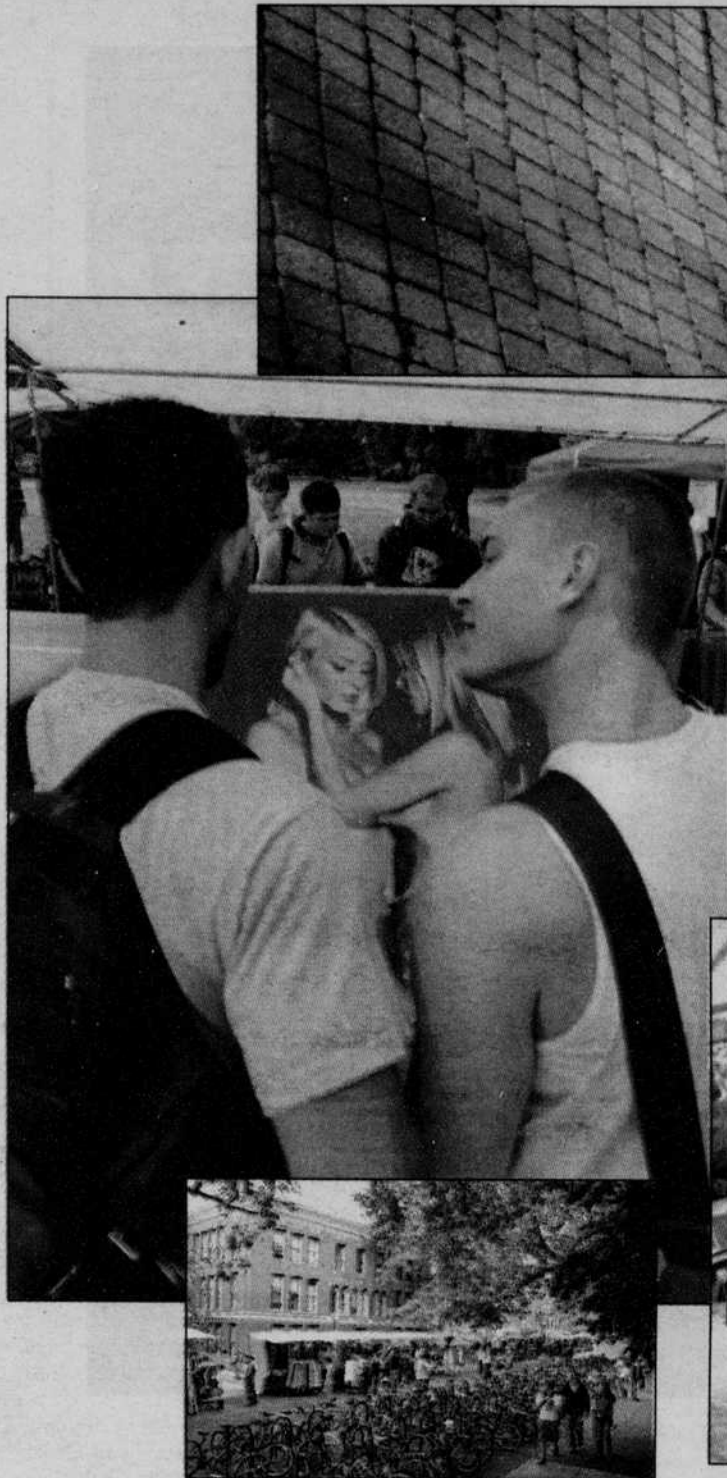
Eugene police traced the call to a pay phone in the University Bookstore and pulled surveillance-video footage showing Evangelista on the phone at the time of the call.

An EPD investigation immediately following Evangelista's arrest revealed that he called in the bomb threat to cancel class because he hadn't done his homework.

However, in an e-mail to the Emerald, Evangelista wrote that the phone call was "certainly not a homework issue" and that his "prolonged abuse of ephedra" contributed to his decision to make the call.

"The tragic consequences of losing grasp on my reality due to the build up (sic) of this drug in my system and my poor judgement (sic) and choice making (sic) are only now unfolding for me," Evangelista wrote.

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## A feast for the SENSES

Just up the street from the intersection of 13th and Kincaid, students and other community members shop the ASUO Street Faire. The Street Faire will continue until Friday on the pedestrian portion of 13th Avenue. Business majors Devin Fashana, left, and Matt Moffenbeir discuss a location in their apartment to hang their selection. Above, five-year-old Rosemary Williams dances in the EMU Amphitheater to music from the KWVA booth after a Wednesday afternoon rain. Rosemary's mother, Holly Knight, was working in the Moms who Oppose Bush booth nearby. Below, senior Spanish and psychology major Meagan Shaw and five-year Bangkok Grill employee Ryan Dwyer grill phad tai on Wednesday. For more Street Faire photos, visit [www.dailymerald.com](http://www.dailymerald.com).



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## Residence halls vs. off-campus housing

*Residence halls deliver a built-in support community to students, but opportunities to explore Eugene abound in off-campus abodes*

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During their college years, most students have the opportunity, for the first time, to choose where they want to live — and the decision to live on or off campus depends on a variety of factors.

For many students, residence halls provide convenience and social opportunities not available in off-campus living situations, but for others, off-campus apartments and houses offer freedom and affordability not available in the residence halls.

Many residence hall dwellers said they think residence-hall living is easier than living off campus.

"I like that I don't have to worry about cooking for myself or when bills are due," freshman Allegra Herdklotz-Yasutake said.

Freshman Sheena Shook said that she chose to live in the dorms partially because she didn't know enough about Eugene to start an apartment search.

"If I had better information ... I would have

lived off campus," she said.

Many residents cited the social opportunities as a reason they chose to live in the residence halls.

"I really like living in the dorms," freshman Christine Limperis said. "You get to meet people ... you'll be going to school with the next four years."

Another convenient element of residence-hall living is that it comes with all the necessary amenities, plus more. According to University Housing, every hall is equipped with high-speed ethernet, expanded basic cable television, laundry facilities, a phone line and a standard meal plan. All these services are included in the yearly rate of \$6,894, or about \$766 a month.

Still, off-campus living options can be significantly cheaper than residence-hall living. Many apartment complexes include utilities and other amenities in the rent so that the tenant doesn't have to worry about extra bills. For instance, apartments at the Eugene Manor, located at East 10th Avenue and Ferry Street, include cable

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### Costs of living on and off campus

Residence halls (standard meal plan)  
Standard double: \$766/month  
Standard single: \$947/month  
Barnhart double: \$919/month  
Barnhart large single: \$1246/month  
Included amenities: utilities, cable television, ethernet connection and food

### Off-campus options

(Note: These costs represent just some examples of off-campus units. Prices vary greatly. Off-campus housing often doesn't include utilities.)

Quad: \$275  
One-bedroom apartment: \$410  
Two-bedroom apartment: \$550

Average additional costs:  
Telephone: \$24 (basic local service)  
Standard cable: \$41.55  
High-speed Internet: \$42.95-\$52.95  
Utilities: \$25-\$76

Sources: EWEB, Comcast, Qwest, von Klein Property Management, Bennett Management, University Housing