

Former University professor Henry Disney was one of seven protesters arrested on campus Nov. 18 during a nonviolent anti-war protest. He spoke in front of supporters before his arraignment Friday.



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IN BRIEF

Crowd gathers Friday to support arrested protesters

The anti-war protesters who were arrested in a nonviolent demonstration outside the Military Science building and at an Army recruiting station in west Eugene last month were charged on Friday, and roughly 30 people gathered outside Eugene City Hall before the hearing to show their support.

"We are here in support of those

arrested," said Michael Carrigan of Oregon PeaceWorks and the Community Alliance of Lane County's Progressive Responses. Carrigan assisted in organizing the demonstration, which included the arrests of those who blocked the entrances of the University's Military Science building and held a sit-in with the intent of "disrupting military business," according to Karla Cohen, one of the seven people arrested.

Those arrested on campus on Nov. 18 were Eugene residents Karla Cohen, 36; Henry Disney, 79; Ruth Koenig, 64; Penny Palmer, 64; Fraeda Scholz, 26; Dorean Schubert, 50; and Kyle Yamada, 28. They were charged with Criminal Trespass II, and each pleaded not guilty.

Brian Michaels, the lawyer representing those arrested, said Friday

he bargained with the prosecutor and the charges would be reduced from misdemeanors to violations, and the arrested would only see fines of up to \$165. War protesters showed their support of the total 11 arrested by pouring into the small courtroom at the Eugene Municipal Court.

The original anti-Iraq war demonstration was organized to create the most peaceful demonstration possible, while giving "the enemies a chance to respond," said Peter Chabarek, one of the main organizers of the protest.

Cohen and other anti-war protesters are already looking forward to their next effort to end the war.

"Civil disobedience is the loudest way (to get the message) across," she said.

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the capital repair budget, said an ideal system would enable Facilities Services to do more preventative maintenance to keep facilities at a stable level of quality.

"The way most states fund academic institutions right now, you can't do that," he said. "There isn't enough money, so you end up picking select things you don't do every year, which probably should be done, and that qualifies as deferred maintenance. That grows every year. Most universities nationwide are probably in to \$100 million plus of deferred maintenance."

The difficulties of maintaining campus buildings can be compounded by the additions of new buildings.

When donors pay to construct a new building, money is not always allocated to maintain the new facility in a timely way.

"In a perfect world, there's a system to add maintenance dollars when new square footage is added to campus, but it's not always efficient," Dehle said. While donors have proven willing to pay for new buildings, it is more difficult to find people interested in financing campus maintenance.

"Nobody would pay to do a roof," Bloom said.

Without the funds to fix everything, Facilities Services must decide which needs are more pressing.

They use a Facilities Condition Index, which measures the condition of each building.

According to the FCI, Hendricks Hall, Fenton Hall, Johnson Hall, Condon Hall and Straub Hall are in the poorest condition of all buildings maintained by Facilities Services.

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DPS audit: Mistakes, theft may cause financial irregularities

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Grier, in an e-mail to the Emerald, wrote that the Internal Audit Division's report will be issued soon.

"They have requested we follow their protocol of not responding to specific questions about an audit until the audit report is issued," she wrote.

Patricia Snopkowski, director of the audit division, wrote in an e-mail that the audit is the first her division has conducted in the five years she's been employed there. Snopkowski, who contracts for all outside audits, wrote that DPS isn't currently undergoing an outside audit.

When asked about the possible repercussions if financial irregularities or irregularities caused by

embezzlement are discovered in the audit, Grier wrote that irregularities can occur when employees don't understand proper accounting procedures, commit typographical errors or don't follow cash-handling procedures, in which case the University would decide whether to impose sanctions on the employee.

If the University discovered an employee embezzled funds or committed another crime involving University resources, "the employee would almost certainly be disciplined and, again depending on the circumstances, subject to criminal prosecution."

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