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## OUPD says chemistry labs secure

by Glen Fest

The alleged manufacturing of drugs by an OU graduate student has prompted local and federal authorities to look into the incident, but OUPD said Thursday it finds the security of campus chemistry laboratories adequate.

An OU graduate student, Brian V. Bagby of Norman, was arrested last week and charged with conspiracy to manufacture and distribute a controlled dangerous substance. Two other men also were arrested and charged.

Bagby, a doctoral candidate in organic chemistry, was released Sunday on \$6,000 bond, according to Oklahoma County jail officials. The two other men, Mike D. Olliver and Craig Clark, both of Edmond, were released after each posted a \$6,000 bond.

Arraignments for the three have not been scheduled.

According to an Edmond police report, some OU laboratory equipment may have been used for the alleged manufacture of methamphetamines.

A U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency official, Frank Maldonado, said he did not have any information that chemicals or equipment had been taken from university supplies.

Maldonado, the agent in charge of the Oklahoma City DEA office, said the three arrests were a result of a three-week investigation by the DEA, the Internal Revenue Service, Edmond police and the OUPD.

State charges against the three were filed through the Oklahoma County District Attorney's office.

He said the DEA invited the IRS to participate in the investigation and surveillance of the three subjects because of the large amount of money involved in the manufacture of methamphetamines.

Maldonado said about 5 to 8 pounds of methamphetamines allegedly were made per day.

OUPD Police Capt. Neal Stone would not comment on the alleged drug manufacturing or say whether it took place on the OU campus.

Stone and a chemistry instructor, however, said the precautions taken at the DeBarr Hall chemistry laboratories safeguard equipment and controlled substances from theft.

"The police department is satisfied with the security of the chemistry department," Stone said.

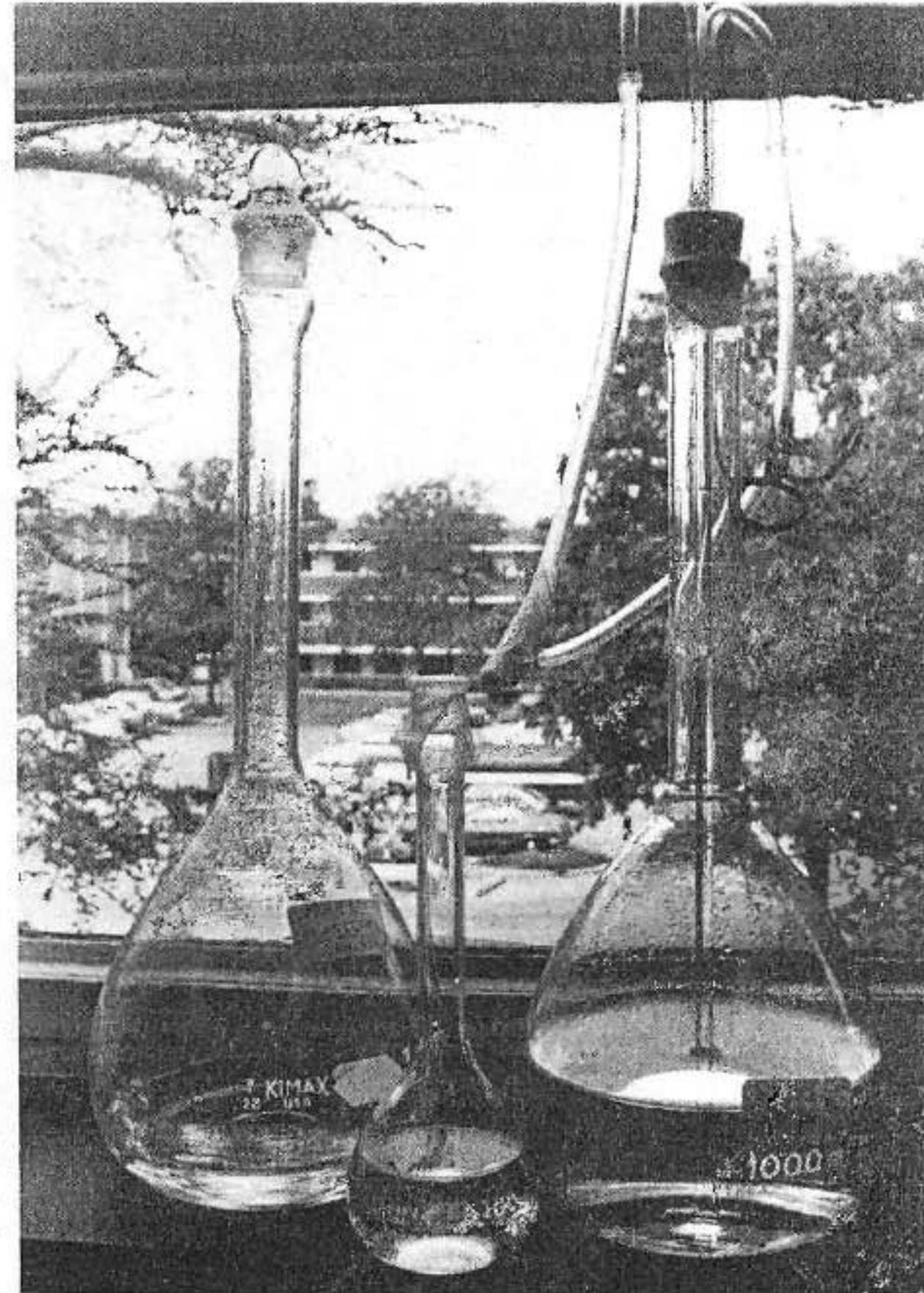
C. Leroy Blank, associate chemistry professor, said, "Things are pretty tight around here."

Blank said the laboratories are constantly watched by faculty, and records are kept of all controlled substances and their natural precursory compounds, or precursors, that are received or made in the laboratory.

A precursor is a compound that, when used with another compound, produces a controlled substance. Precursors are not necessarily a controlled substance, Blank said.

Stone said all access to laboratory equipment or chemicals relating to controlled substances is

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According to an Edmond police report, OU laboratory equipment may have been used for the alleged manufacture of illegal metamphetamines. Photo by Lisa Rudy.

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# Police arrest student in drug investigation

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An OU student was arrested last week on charges of conspiracy to manufacture and distribute a controlled dangerous substance, said OUPD in a report Monday.

The report said the suspect was arrested in connection with an Oklahoma County warrant detailing the charges.

The OUPD report did not name the suspect, said OUPD Capt. Neal Stone, because the official booking took place in Oklahoma County.

An Oklahoma County jail official said he had no record of the student's arrest.

The arrest was the result of an investigation conducted by the OUPD, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, the Edmond Police Department, and the Internal Revenue Service.

The student is suspected of apparently manufacturing amphetamines, said Stone, and possibly taking materials from the chemistry department at DeBarr Hall for the manufacturing of the drug.

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