

Student finds \$70 stolen from locker in Esslinger

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At least one student lost money Wednesday morning when someone used bolt cutters to break into lockers in the men's locker room in Esslinger Hall.

The student, who discovered his lock cut and \$70 missing at about 11 a.m., prompted a search of the locker room that produced several more locks that had been "clipped clean" and tossed in wastebaskets, according to Sgt. Rick Allison of the Eugene Police Department.

A locker room attendant didn't notice any unusual activity at the time of the theft, and there are no suspects at the moment, he said.

Allison predicted more thefts will follow in the next few days, because of the large amounts of money students are carrying after registration. Several backpacks already have been stolen this week, he said, adding that "people have to be especially on their guard, because we have people aware of the influx of money."

During the spring break, \$5,753 worth of jewelry and clothing was taken from a room in DeBusk dormitory after the window was pried from its frame. Stolen items included a pearl necklace, a "very expensive" diamond necklace

and gold jewelry, Allison said.

A maintenance worker discovered the ruined window frames of that dorm room and the one next door, he said. There has been no report of items missing from the second room.

"The moral of this is when you leave the University, do not leave valuables in the room," Allison said, suggesting students make arrangements with friends or rent safe deposit boxes for valuables.

In an unrelated incident just before the spring break, a "transient-type" entered the women's restroom on the third floor of the McClain dormitory where he read pornographic magazines and defecated on the floor of the restroom.

Campus security was not notified the first two times the suspect was seen, and was called only after a resident assistant spotted him, Allison said. By the time security arrived, the suspect could not be found.

"We need people to react immediately, and not assume that everything's OK," he said.

The suspect is described in police reports as being 5 feet 3 inches tall, weighing 200 pounds and wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt. The sweatshirt was tied up so that only the suspect's eyes and nose protruded, Allison said.

Leadership award established

A new award recently established by the University will be presented to 100 student leaders at a May "awards dessert."

The Centurion award, created by the University Foundation, the housing department, the University relations office and the student affairs office, is intended to honor outstanding and dedicated students from all levels of the University — freshmen through graduate students, according to Renee Dorjahn, coordinator of the awards dessert.

The new award is the result of growing support around the campus to resurrect awards for student leadership, Dorjahn says. Those awards were popular in the 1960s, but usually were presented at a number of small banquets, she says.

About 500 applications for the awards already have been sent out to student living groups

and Oregon Achievers. Additional applications are available in the admissions office, Room 270, Oregon Hall. Applications are due by 5 p.m. April 9, and must include a recommendation from someone acquainted with the students' work.

Minimum requirements for submitting an application are: demonstrated in-depth involvement in campus and community activities, good academic standing and reasonable progress toward a degree. Fall term 1981 and winter term 1982 graduates are exempt from the two latter requirements.

The 100 students chosen by a faculty-student committee to receive invitations to the awards dessert will be notified during the week of May 10-14. The dessert is May 23 at 7 p.m. in the Gerlinger Lounge, and is scheduled to include a keynote address by University Pres. Paul Olum.

Registration got to us too

A story in Wednesday's *Emerald* about the University's Institute of Molecular Biology inadvertently identified Brian Matthews as a biology professor. Matthews is a physics professor.

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