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Bill calls for campus crime stats Athlete grad figures also may be needed

By Robert Ward Emerald Editorial Editor

A bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives in June would make mandatory the release of crime statistics of every public university and college receiving federal financial aid.

But the University has had a policy of annually releasing crime statistics for the past 20 years, said Muriel K. Jackson, assistant vice president of administration.

"The University has a policeoriented approach for reporting and collecting" crime data, she said.

The University has a close working relationship with the Eugene Police Department, Jackson said. And through a contract with the EPD, the University has six police personnel working on campus, she said.

The House bill, called the Student Right to Know Act, also includes provisions to release student-athlete graduation statistics, broken down by sport and gender. Another portion of the bill calls for crime awareness and campus security provisions.

Because a Senate version of the bill deals strictly with graduation statistics, final wording of the legislation must be worked out by the full Congress.

Jackson said the University "already has safety and reporting systems" in place, and any extra added costs in time, money, or extra staff would be minimal. The bill would encourage the development of security policies and procedures on all campuses, and would mandate uniformity and consistency in the reporting of crimes on campuses.

Only 352 out of 8,000 postsecondary institutions participating in federal student aid programs voluntarily provide crime statistics to the FBI, according to the House bill.

Campus crime reports can be recognized in the EPD files by the signature of the campus police officers, but whether the University provides these statistics to the FBI separately was unavailable at press time.

Crime statistics are posted monthly in the Campus Security Office and are open to the public.

Kultura Pilipinas to meet

MEETINGS

The Society of Professional Journalists is holding an informational meeting for all journalism majors and pre-majors Friday at 4:30 p.m. in Room 214 Allen Hall. For information call Helen Phan at 346-3581.

Kulture Pilipinas, the Philippines student organization, will hold its first meeting Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Koinonia Center on the corner of 14th and Kincaid streets. Any interested parties are welcome, and free refreshments will be provided. For more information call Leonardo Lozano at 346-4386 or 343-8566.

MISCELLANEOUS

The International Student Association is holding an international coffee hour Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. in the EMU International Lounge. For more information call 346-4387.

The Wesley Center is sponsoring a communion liturgy at noon on Friday. The Center is located at 1236 Kincaid St. For more information call 346-4694.

The Korean Christian Fellowship is holding its first meeting of the year Friday at 4 p.m. at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid St. For information call 746-4209.

The Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St., is hosting a spaghetti dinner Friday at 6 p.m. for all interested students. Catholic Mass will be celebrated Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. For information call 343-7021.

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