

Police display property stolen winter break

Police believe as many as 200 people may have had items swiped in string of burglaries

By Gerrit Koeppling
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The spoils of crime were displayed Friday morning at the Eugene public works department.

On three long tables in a classroom lay property recovered from an Alder Street apartment. Eugene police believe that some of the recovered property was stolen from Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi fraternities during winter break.

The exact number of victims is unknown, but could reach as high as 200, police said. So far only 60 people have reported property stolen. Efforts will begin this week to return the property to its rightful owners.

Police have arrested five people in connection with the burglaries.

More than 1,000 compact discs, two VCRs, 38 checkbooks and a number of stereos were among the property recovered. It is feared some of the stolen property was sold before police could recover it.

During the 12 hours it took to catalog the property found at the apartment, five or six people arrived to buy the stolen property, EPD Sgt. Bob Wilson said.

"The word was out that they were selling stuff," Wilson said.

Despite the value of the stolen property, the damage to the fraternities themselves was far greater, said Campus Security officer Roger Tanquary.

"We've got four fraternities, with about 25



Photo by Chris Nelson

Some of the stolen goods displayed by Eugene police at the Eugene public works department Friday. Police believe some of the property they recovered was ripped off in a string of burglaries during winter break.

rooms in each that had the doorknobs twisted off and the doors pried open," resulting in some expensive repairs, Tanquary said.

Tanquary said that perhaps this string of burglaries will make students more cautious.

"Most students come from protected environments and they don't consider that there are people out there that are predators who take advantage of students," he said.

Also found in the apartment were assorted drugs, a triple-beam scale, syringes, and books on how to grow or produce various drugs.

Almost all of the people arrested had previous drug- and property-crime convictions, Wilson said.

"I can't remember when we've arrested somebody for a property crime when they haven't been involved in drugs," Wilson said.



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Mary Hudzikiewicz, University assistant director of Student Development, looks over the recovered property at the Eugene public works department Friday.

Theorist Stephen Hawking to give lecture in Eugene

Physicist, author to speak on theories about universe, space and time

By Christopher Blair
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The questions have perplexed humanity since before recorded history, and may never be answered: How did the universe begin, and how will it end?

Among the most intriguing



Stephen W. Hawking

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Federal aid to be workshop topic

USSA representative to speak on importance of lobbying on student loan bills in Congress

A representative from the United States Student Association, the country's largest student lobbying group, will be at the University Tuesday to encourage students to take an active role in federal financial-aid decisions.

Depak Pateyra will be part of an ASUO-sponsored workshop on grass-roots organizing and the importance of student input in a year when Congress will set new financial-aid policies through the annual five-year reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

USSA made several recommendations last year the House of Representatives incorporated into a bill.

They include making Pell Grants an entitlement every eligible student could receive, with a maximum of \$4,500 instead of the present \$2,400; and establishing a system in which schools

would directly loan to students, cutting the costs and bureaucracy of going through banks.

However, the Senate has proposed its own bill that USSA does not support. The Senate version would authorize less funding than the House bill for the Pell Grant program, and would maintain graduate fellowship aid at the current level without adjusting for inflation.

A decision on which bill will become law is expected by May at the latest, said Matt Cox, ASUO state affairs coordinator.

Pateyra's visit is part of the ASUO's letter writing campaign on behalf of House Bill 3553. The ASUO will have tables near the EMU Fishbowl Tuesday and Thursday where students can sign letters to be sent to Oregon's congressional delegation, encouraging them to support the House bill.

Pateyra will be on campus Tuesday at 3 p.m. in a location to be determined. Contact the ASUO for room information or see Tuesday's Et Als column.



WHOA!

The Ducks' 78-57 loss to Stanford brought their Pac-10 mark to 1-1.

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JUST A REMINDER...

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INVESTIGATION

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