

# Dorms begin recycling food

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Students dumped biscuits, salads and meat onto the floor of the Carson Hall cafeteria Wednesday as part of Food Waste Awareness Day.

This was part of a University food services effort to get students to "think before you take" food, said Glenn White, food services supervisor at Carson.

Instead of dumping their food into a conventional food disposal system, students deposited more than 250 pounds of lunch leftovers into a pile to illustrate how much food is being wasted.

In response to the wasting of food, and more specifically, unserved dorm food, the University has implemented a new food recycling program.

The new program has been initiated at the Carson, University Inn and Hamilton Complex cafeterias to give unserved, cooked food to the needy of Lane County.

"We were already heavily involved in recycling our packaging waste," White said. "We wanted to go all the way and recycle our food if we could."

Jim Desmond of Food Rescue Express set up a program with the University to get unserved food to the needy.

"I have area restaurants working with the program, and I wanted to expand it if I could," Desmond said. "The University seemed like a great opportunity."

Desmond asked White to participate in the program, which picks up donated food and distributes it.

"We were held back in the past by state law, which forbade giving away food due to liability concerns," White said. "The laws have now been changed to allow institutions to donate their unused food."

And the food is needed.

More than 60,000 Lane County residents, including families, live substantially below the poverty line, and more than 32,000 Lane County children experience hunger on a daily basis, according to Food Rescue Express.

Food Rescue Express works by giving the University special containers to hold cooked, unserved food.

At the end of each day, a refrigerated truck picks up the

containers and transports them to a facility in Eugene, where the food is quick-frozen and saved until it is distributed.

All food goods are handled, processed and stored in accordance with strict food preparation, health and safety standards.

Most of the food is given to the elderly, infants and children, as well as homeless soup kitchens.

The program is funded through grants from Food for Lane County, United Way, and various corporate sponsors.

"We hope the program will be permanent," White said.

There are at least 80 such programs throughout the United States, mostly in large cities such as New York and Los Angeles. This is the first of its kind in the Lane County area.

The coordinators of the program said they expect to save and distribute more than 200,000 pounds of food this year at the University alone, and more than two million pounds are expected from all participating institutions.

Food Rescue Express estimated that more than 300,000 pounds of food are wasted by area institutions every year.

# Panel: Sexual assault prevention needs focus

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Several students and administrators who spoke Wednesday night at a panel on issues relating to rape, sexual harassment and assault said the University is one of the leading schools in rape prevention education, although improvements are still needed.

Following a film about the subtle relationship between the portrayal of women on MTV and violence against women, a panel of seven representatives from Sexual Assault and Support Services, Saferide, Men Against Rape, Greeks Against Rape, the University Counseling Center, the Dean of Students and Womenspace discussed issues relating to unwanted sexual behaviors.

The panel first responded to the current environment of rape around the country and at the University.

Robin Holmes, a psychologist at the University's counseling center said people who come in for counseling are asked to check a box that asks if they have ever experienced any unwanted sexual acts. Holmes said one out of three women check that box, with most citing date rape.

Kate Barkley, community educator for Womenspace, a shelter for battered women, said the shelter is "always filled to capacity." She noted that in 36 states "it's legal for a man to rape his wife because she is considered his property."

Men Against Rape director, Sean Foxley said, on a more positive note, that the University has the only education program that deals with rape.

"We are pretty much a forefront in the nation as far as rape education on college campuses," he said.

Saferide volunteer coordinator Shoshanah Oppenheim said she was sadly surprised when she learned that very few campuses around the nation have services similar to Saferide or task forces against sexual crimes like the Unwanted Sexual Behavior Task Force.

After discussing the current state of unwanted sexual behavior on campus and in the nation, the panel discussed what could be done to address unwanted sexual behavior.

Cindy Veldhuis, SASS volunteer, said legal problems are responsible for some of the difficulties women must face when they come out and say they've been raped.

"Our legal system is screwed and it needs to be changed," Veldhuis said.

Veldhuis said that women are subjected to the traumatic experience of telling every detail of the rape experience and are often not believed. She added that women are put through a dehumanizing physical examination after they have been raped.

"It's a victimizing and horrendous process," she said.

# School seeks economic expert

The University's economics department has opened the search for a nationally recognized scholar to fill the Hamacher Chair in Economics, a position made possible by a \$1 million endowment from a University alumnus.

The department is looking for an expert in microeconomics, international economics and/or macroeconomics, said Economics Department Head Jo Anna Gray. The new chair will help the economics department become nationally recognized in one of these areas, Gray said.

But the department is looking for more than a big name, she said. The search committee wants a top-notch instructor undergraduate students

could benefit directly from and someone interested in developing the economics faculty to its fullest potential.

The Hamacher Chair will attract other excellent students and faculty, Gray said.

"The trickle-down effect is very substantial," she said. "High-quality faculty and GTF's mean high-quality undergraduate education."

Interest from the endowment will pay for the costs of the new position. The chair will be paid \$70-90,000 a year, Gray estimated. In addition, the endowment will furnish insurance benefits, travel and research expenses and other related costs.

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