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book has been reported stolen.

The warning notes any special markings the book has. Standish said students should mark their books either subtly, such as placing an extra period at the end of a certain paragraph, or obviously, such as writing their name across the ends of the book.

Markings enable the store employee to determine if the book being sold and the book reported stolen are the same. If so, an employee will call security, Standish said.

More often, the book is sold long before it's reported stolen, Standish said. In those cases, the victim looks through the books the store has purchased to see if one of them is the stolen book.

If the victim makes a positive identification, the bookstore can trace the seller using the transaction number on the inside cover. If appropriate, the bookstore will then notify police, Standish said.

The University Bookstore and Smith Family Bookstore share information about books reported stolen, said Smith Family Bookstore Manager Nancy Smith.

But many students don't even report their books stolen, Standish said. The bookstore usually receives one or two reports a week, he said. During Dead Week and Finals Week — when students spend more time in the library and consequently leave more books there — the store gets about four reports a week, he said.

"It's like a lot of other crimes," Standish said. "What we see is only the tip of what really happens."

Standish said even if students suspect they've just lost their books, they should report them stolen.

"I'd much rather put it in the computer and have the book turn up than not put it in and have someone sell it back and get away," he said.

At the University Bookstore, time is on the thief's side, Standish said. If the student waits more than a couple of weeks to report a stolen book, he said, the bookstore may have already shipped it to a wholesaler.

If the thief decides to sell the books elsewhere in the state, such as Oregon State University, the books are virtually untraceable, Standish said. However, he said, those cases are rare.

"If you're talking about a casual thief — a student who needs a little extra money or a person just wandering through campus — those are catchable," Standish said.

Probably the biggest advantage thieves have is the victims' soft-heartedness, Smith said.

Selling stolen property is a Class C felony, punishable by up to five years in jail. Most students who've had their books stolen don't want to prosecute, she said.

"They treat the suspect like they're a victim," Smith said.

POLICE BEAT

The following incidents were reported to the University Office of Public Safety and the Eugene police department Feb. 7-14.

• The EMU Recreation Center reported a theft of services Feb. 9. According to police reports, five people bowled one game at the recreation center without paying. The five people returned their rented shoes and left without paying the \$1.25 each of them owed for the game.

• A University student reported an assault at the EMU on the afternoon of Feb. 10. The victim got into an argument with another student over a woman they both knew. The argument led to a fistfight. According to police reports, the suspect admitted to "popping" the victim a couple of times.

• A 35-year-old transient was arrested for criminal trespass and providing police with false information Feb. 12. When police contacted the man in the Hamilton Complex cafeteria, he told them his name was Ozzy Osbourne. The man had no identification on him, and police said he fit the description of a man who was reportedly grabbing women on campus the night before. The man told police that he was on campus the night before and that, "There were a lot of women who turned me on."

Police found release papers from the Coos County Jail that said the man was scheduled to appear in court in Coos County Feb. 12. Police also said the man was carrying explicit pornographic magazines at the time of his arrest.

• A University student was cited for minor falsely representing age Feb. 12. The student was cited after a follow-up investigation of a minor trying to purchase a six-pack of beer at the Circle K store on the 200 block of East 13th Avenue Feb. 5. An employee of the store confiscated the student's identification card, which he believed to be fake, and gave it to police. Police contacted the student and said he admitted to taking a driver's license and changing the year of the date of birth from 1975 to 1970.

• A University student reported a case of sexual abuse on the 100 block of East 19th Avenue Feb. 14. The student was walking to a car early in the morning when a man came up to her and fondled her. She pushed him away and escaped into a house. The man was described as 6-foot-2, with a heavy build. The victim didn't see what color the man's hair and eyes were. She said he was wearing a red and blue flannel shirt with dark blue jeans.

• A University student was cited for possession of prohibitive fireworks Feb. 14. According to police reports, the student was shooting off bottle rockets in the University parking lot on the 1500 block of Moss Street.

• A 17-year-old was arrested for shoplifting and minor in possession by consumption on Feb. 15. The suspect allegedly took a fanny pack from the University Bookstore valued at \$3.19. According to police reports, the officer said he could smell alcohol on the suspect's breath.

CODE

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penalty of one year in jail and a \$1,500 fine. Pendexter will be tried on both charges in Lane County District Court April 15, said Floyd Prozanski, assistant district attorney for the county.

In the meantime, University officials will try to determine whether to charge Pendexter with violating the section of the student conduct code that bars "harassment on University property or at University-sponsored or supervised activities because of another person's ... sexual orientation."

However, questions remain as to whether the code applies because the alleged crime happened off campus and the alleged victim, Laliberty, is not a University student.

Under the code's statement of purpose, the University can discipline a student when he or she

"violates local, state, or federal laws and, at the same time, violates the student conduct code." Furthermore, the code requires the University to sanction a student when his or her conduct materially interferes with the University's responsibility to ensure an opportunity for all students to get an education.

Consequently, the student conduct code could apply in cases involving off-campus incidents between University students, said Peter Swan, legal counsel to University President Myles Brand.

In Pendexter's case, the alleged victim, Laliberty, is not a University student. However, Laliberty's report to the Eugene police department said his companion, a student, was also a victim.

"We've been told there's another victim," said assistant district attorney Prozanski. "But we've not yet seen that person come in."

The district attorney's office can-

not file any charges on behalf of the alleged student victim until that person signs a formal complaint, Prozanski said.

The absence of an alleged student victim could hurt the University's case if it decides to initiate disciplinary proceedings against Pendexter. While saying he was not familiar with the specific facts of the Pendexter case, Swan said it appears there is "very, very little chance (the code) would apply" without a student victim.

Green, the University's student conduct coordinator, said she could not comment on whether the alleged student victim has filed a complaint with her office because federal law forbids disclosing this type of student information.

Furthermore, federal law also prevents University officials from disclosing the results of any disciplinary action taken against students, Green said.

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