

POLICE BEAT

The following incidents were reported to the University Office of Public Safety and the Eugene police department Dec. 1 to Jan. 5.

- A harassment case was reported at Knight Library Dec. 1. According to police reports, two male students shouted words toward each other after one had provoked the other to fight.

- Animal abuse was reported to the police Dec. 3. According to police reports, two men had been found in possession of two nutria near the Eugene Millrace. One of the nutria was dead and the other was seriously wounded. The men were contacted, but both denied that they were responsible for the abuse.

- A \$4,800 car was reported stolen on the 1600 block of East 15th Avenue Dec. 4.

- A 23-year-old male student was arrested for drunken driving on the 1900 block of High Street Dec. 5.

- A \$300 bicycle was reported stolen on the 1300 block of East 19th Avenue Dec. 6.

- A student reported her wallet stolen from Lawrence Hall Dec. 6. According to police reports, someone took the wallet from her bag. The loss amounted

to \$15.

- Criminal mischief was reported at Delta Gamma sorority Dec. 9. According to police reports, plants and flowers had been ripped out, eggs had been thrown against the wall, and potatoes had been put into the tailpipes of the cars that were parked outside. The damage amounted to \$200.

- A student reported a burglary on the 1500 block of East 15th Avenue Dec. 9. According to police reports, a \$1,000 computer was stolen from the unlocked apartment.

- A student reported a theft from a vehicle on the 1100 block of Ferry Street Dec. 10. According to police reports, \$500 worth of clothing, cassettes and calculators were stolen from the car.

- An \$85 artificial plant was stolen from Carson Hall Dec. 10. According to police reports, the plant was more than three feet tall.

- Animal abuse was reported to the police Dec. 11. According to police reports, 10 dead ducks were found in a garbage can near the 1500 block of Hilyard Street. The ducks were all cut open, with the breast meat taken out.

- A 33-year-old transient was arrested for disorderly conduct

on the 1300 block of Ferry Street Dec. 14. According to police reports, the suspect was aggressively panhandling and was hostile to people who refused to give him money. On several occasions he screamed "Fuck off" and started following people who did not donate money.

- A \$200 amplifier was reported stolen from the 1700 block of East 15th Avenue Dec. 16.

- Telephone harassment was reported to the police Dec. 17. According to police reports, a University faculty member had been receiving blank messages on his voice mail since the beginning of November. The messages were left at work and later at his home.

- A 50-year-old female reported a theft from a motel on the 1800 block of Franklin Boulevard Dec. 17. According to police reports, \$569 worth of property was stolen including cash, credit cards and three rings.

- A male student reported his compact disc player stolen from his car on the 1200 block of East 18th Avenue Dec. 20. According to police reports, the victim was loading his car and was inside of his resident during the crime. The loss amounted to \$550.

- A 37-year-old male transient was arrested for drunken driving on the 1300 block of Alder Street Dec. 20.

- Found contraband was turned over to the police Dec. 21. According to police reports, an OPS officer found a bag of marijuana on the 1500 block of Agate Street.

- A 34-year-old male was issued a citation for trespassing outside of the Science Library Dec. 21.

- A criminal mischief was reported at the Science Library Dec. 23. According to police reports, a \$400 glass plate of a coffee machine was broken.

- A 23-year-old male was observed walking around with a knife at West University Park Dec. 28. According to police reports, the man was wearing clothing with phrases such as

"government sucks" and "anarchy."

- A 23-year-old male reported a burglary at the 1600 block of Alder Street Dec. 31. According to police reports, the victim had been away and returned to find several items missing from his apartment, including a compact disc player, a computer, a wall clock and a turntable. The lost items amounted to \$700.

- An 18-year-old male was issued several traffic citations at the 1300 block of University Street Jan. 1. According to police reports, the male was violating various rules including not wearing a helmet, driving without a license and not having insurance. The police seized the scooter the suspect was driving in order to determine its ownership.

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Curb Your Car II offers incentives

By Meg Dedolph
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Lane Transit District is beginning the second phase of a federally funded program to encourage people to use alternative transportation to and from work.

Curb Your Car II is aimed at state employees and is designed to decrease the number of single-passenger cars by offering information and incentives for bicycling, walking, carpooling or taking the bus.

The yearlong program will include presentations at 18 area state offices, as well as group bus passes and incentives, and is designed to induce employees to leave their cars at home.

Paul Zvonkovic, a transit planner for LTD, said he believes the program, especially the bus passes, will increase the number of people using alternative transportation.

"We've had a lot of success with the group pass for University employees and students," he said.

Since bus passes were first given to University staff and students in 1988, LTD ridership has increased nearly 250 percent, Zvonkovic said.

Other incentives planned include drawings for commuter bicycles in the spring. Employees can enter the drawing based on the number of times they use alternative modes of transportation.

In July, LTD is planning a "guaranteed ride home" program in conjunction with a taxi company, which Andy Vobora said should address a common concern people have when deciding to leave their car at home.

"The biggest deterrent is when people say, 'I don't have my car at work and there might be an emergency when I need it,'" said Vobora, an LTD

customer service representative.

"If you think about it, that sort of emergency comes along once every 20 years," he said.

The program's success will be measured by surveys taken after the introduction of each new incentive to determine which are the most effective at increasing alternative transportation.

LTD will also study each workplace's facilities for people using alternative transportation.

These might include the workplace's proximity to bus stops, parking areas for both bikes and cars, and showers for those who bike or walk to work.

Although there are few immediate reasons for employers to promote alternative transportation, Vobora said the state of Oregon is making an effort to reduce the miles driven by single-passenger cars.

There are currently no state mandates requiring employees to address transportation issues, Vobora said, adding that if people voluntarily use alternative transportation now mandates may not be necessary.

He said the benefits to employees who decide not to drive to work include exercise from bicycling or walking and less money spent on gas and parking.

If people take the bus to work, Vobora said, "you don't have to worry about driving. You can read the paper or just relax. You don't have to worry about getting hit by another car."

The costs of the program are being offset by a \$53,000 Federal Highway Administration grant awarded to LTD to pay for the free bus passes and planned surveys.

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