

Car trouble forces Saferide to turn riders away

Transportation: All three cars damaged Monday night, two by accident and one by vandalism

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Saferide was forced to turn away 40 riders Monday after one of its vehicles was hit by another car and its on-campus van blew a tire.

A third vehicle was vandalized later that night. Three men jumped on the car and pounded on the windows, denting the group's remaining operating vehicle,

said Leyla Farah, a Saferide dispatcher.

Farah said Saferide wants to apologize to all riders who were turned away, especially to 12 women the group wasn't able to reach after the accidents occurred.

"We lost them. We have no idea what happened to them," Farah said.

Jen Reed, co-director of Saferide, said dispatchers tried to contact people whom Saferide wasn't able to pick up, but were unsuccessful in some cases.

"We tried desperately to get ahold of everyone," Reed said.

Two additional dispatchers were called

in to notify riders of problems.

Farah said one of the group's off-campus vehicles was hit at a stop sign at 19th Avenue and University Street at about 7 p.m. Monday. The car had to be towed, and two of its four passengers were taken to Sacred Heart General Hospital for minor injuries.

An hour later, the Saferide van was forced out of commission because of a flat tire. The group's third car was vandalized at 11 p.m., but was still in operating condition.

Saferide was able to give only 25 women rides Monday. The van and van-

dalized car were repaired Tuesday, but more than \$2,000 damage was done to the car involved in the accident. Both cars were just purchased by Saferide this year and are 1992 models.

Reed said Saferide should be operating at a normal pace this week because the group is renting a car until the third vehicle is fixed.

"It was a crazy night, but it was not an atypical night," Farah said.

Saferide has been the victim of harassment and vandalism throughout the year. Reed said 21 cases of harassment were reported by Saferide drivers this year.



Louise Shimmel, director of the Cascades Raptor Care Center, holds Burwell, a great horned owl. Shimmel and some of the birds she cares for will be in the EMU courtyard today from 12-3, weather permitting. In case of rain they will be in the Fir Room.

Center rehabilitates injured birds of prey

Wildlife: Director hopes to turn place into combined care and nature facility

By Meg Dedolph
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If a wire cage is a bird's idea of Motel 6, then Louise Shimmel's home could be the Hilton.

Shimmel is the director of Cascades Raptor Care Center, which rehabilitates and releases sick, injured or orphaned raptors, which are birds of prey like hawks, eagles and owls.

When she got her wildlife rehabilitator's license in 1985, she nearly asked that she not work with raptors because she was a vegetarian and didn't think she could work well with the predatory birds. But something changed.

"I fell in love," Shimmel said. "I love birds in general, but there's something about the raptors I find appealing. There's something in their mere presence."

Her front yard is filled with tall cages made from wire mesh and wood that house permanently disabled birds that could not survive if released into the wild.

Instead of a garden shed or a garage, she has a small building in which she raises rats and mice for the raptors to eat. Another building houses the infirmary for birds that are recovering from injury or illness and that will eventually be released.

The birds under her care eat rodents, both mice and rats, chicks and occasional mealworms. Live prey is

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Committee to reconsider budget for student union

MEChA: Member's motion passes 5-1-1, says program "bullied" its way into more money

By Amy Columbo
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The Incidental Fee Committee voted Tuesday night to reconsider the budget it approved for MEChA last week.

"I wanted to get those people out of here so I could breathe. I'll admit to that," Incidental Fee Committee member Kris Cornwell said of last Thursday's IFC budget meeting with MEChA. "I really feel that we had no control over this meeting, that the program bullied their way into getting what they wanted."

During the IFC meeting Tues-

day, Cornwell presented the motion to reconsider MEChA's budget. She said the committee should not feel intimidated or pushed around when discussing budgets.

The motion passed with a 5-1-1 vote.

"I am really bothered right now by this whole conversation," said IFC member Shannon Wall, who voted against the motion to reconsider. "I don't feel like there was a whole bunch of people in here growling down our necks."

Committee member Jack Orozco also questioned the justifications to reconsider the budget, but by the end of the discussion, Orozco voted in favor of the motion to reconsider.

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Senator says tax reform necessary

Education: State congressman discusses financial dilemmas

By Eric Buckhalter
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Unless Oregonians want to see higher tuitions, increased student fees or the privatization of their state's educational institutions, then tax reform is necessary, state Sen. Peter Sorenson told Univer-

sity faculty Tuesday.

"Either reform in the state Legislature itself or through ballot initiatives, we have to reform Oregon's tax structure in order to preserve and promote educational opportunities," Sorenson said.

Sorenson, who represents the Eugene area in District 20, is a known advocate for education and a member of the Senate Committee on Education. He appeared at the School of Architecture and

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GOOD MORNING

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Ice skater Nancy Kerrigan signed a contract with the Walt Disney Co. that includes a television story of her life, a children's book and appearances at Disney theme parks, the company said Tuesday.

The deal's worth was not disclosed. It was not contingent on Kerrigan's winning a medal at the 1994 Winter Olympics, said



Greg Taylor, a spokesman for Walt Disney Television.

"Absolutely not," he said. "Nancy Kerrigan has been involved in Disney in the past

with ice specials that we've done. She's been a wonderful asset to our lineup of talent here. We were anxious to make some sort of overall deal with her."

The agreement was signed Friday after Olympic officials gave their approval, allowing Kerrigan to retain her amateur standing to compete in the games, Taylor said.