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POLICE BEAT

The following incidents were reported to the Office of Public Safety and the Eugene police department May 11-17.

- A female employee reported a \$180 microwave oven stolen from the basement of Hamilton complex May 11.
- A male was cited for drinking in public on the 1100 block of Hilyard Street May 12.
- A reckless driving complaint was reported at University Street and Johnson Lane May 12. According to police reports, an Office of Public Safety officer was issuing parking tickets, and a male student was angry for receiving one. The student asked the officer to take the ticket away, something the officer denied to do. The student then drove away in his car, after almost running down the officer in anger.
- A male student reported \$400 stolen from the 1400 block of East 13th Avenue May 12. According to police reports, somebody took the victim's mail, which included an envelope with \$400 in cash.
- Two male students were cited for criminal mischief II on the 1400 block of Alder Street May 13. According to police reports, they bent a tree over and damaged it.
- A male student reported that he had been robbed on the 1400 block of Johnson Lane May 8. According to police reports, three suspects knocked the student down, took his backpack and then drove off. The victim received a bloody nose, and scratches to his forehead. The loss of the backpack amounted to \$360.
- Two 18-year-old males were arrested for the robbery and assault that occurred on Johnson Lane May 8. They were arrested on May 14.
- A male student reported a computer component stolen from his apartment on the 1000 block of Alder Street May 9. According to police reports,

the door to the apartment was unlocked, and the loss amounted to \$1860.

- A female student reported that someone had slashed the window of her car on the 1800 block of Fairmont Street May 11. According to police reports, the damage amounted to \$220.
- Another female student reported all her car windows broken on the 1800 block of Fairmont Street May 11. According to police reports, the damage amounted to \$2100.
- A male transient was cited for aggravated noise disturbance and criminal mischief II on the 1400 block of Hilyard Street May 14. According to police reports, the suspect was running around with a sound system, causing people to complain about the noise. The suspect became very hostile when the police approached him, and he gave his wrong name and then kicked one of the patrol cars.
- A male student was cited for drinking in public on the 1300 block of Kincaid Street May 14.
- A male was cited for assault IV on the 1400 block of Alder Street May 14. According to police reports, the suspect was intoxicated and started a fight with a male student. The victim was kicked and broke a finger in the incident.
- A male student was cited for assault III on the 1400 block of Kincaid Street May 16. According to police reports, the suspect assaulted a University adviser, hitting the victim with his fist and holding him by the throat. The suspect was sent to Lane County Psychiatric Clinic for a mental evaluation.
- A female student was taken into Sacred Heart Hospital for a mental check-up May 16. According to police reports, the student was dangerous to others.

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DISTANCE

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with their reviews of music videos and famous monotone laughs.

"Why do you watch the show?" Stavitsky asked the class. "It's stupid and that's pretty much it," Jane Filippenko said. "There's nothing to laugh at on the news."

Stavitsky questioned the harmful effects of the show on society. He cited cases of three different children who were caught burning a house, blowing up an animal, and dropping a bowling ball off of an overpass which resulted in a death. These are examples of activities that Beavis and Butthead have demonstrated during their show.

"Is there any danger of putting this program on the air?" Stavitsky asked.

Students in both the IMC audience and the classroom were able to interact with Stavitsky by microphone. They responded to his questions, but not without coaxing.

"This is one of the things that we wanted to get a feel for," Stavitsky said, referring to student intimidation to get up and speak on a microphone.

"This is indeed quite experimental," Stavitsky said. "It was a great learning experience for me, to get a feel for the setting and to get a feel for the experience," he said of the distance education demonstration.

"I think it's got potential," Dan Sweet said of the demonstration. "I think it's going to make it a lot easier to skip class."

Sweet was not the only one who had reservations about the effects of distance education in the University classroom.

"If (the lecture) is something like the book and if they don't take attendance, I'd never show up," Jason Primuth said.

"That's a major issue with distance education," Stavitsky said. "It's a very different and in many ways an unnatural learning environment."

But he said it would benefit students by exposing them to a new way of learning, a new tech-

nology and more diverse voices in the class.

Wednesday's demonstration is an example of how the journalism school is using a \$12,000 distance education planning grant, received in December from the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

"We're proposing that we teach some of the lower division courses via television," Stavitsky said.

Distance education would allow University journalism courses to be broadcast to students in other colleges and universities across the state. This would allow students to have access to journalism courses not traditionally offered at their school.

Transfer students would have the opportunity of taking required core journalism courses before coming to the University and establishing relationships with professors.

"They'll be a part of the school earlier," Stavitsky said.

During the planning process Stavitsky said, "What we've discovered is that there is interest for the program."

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