

New recycling bill may change garbage collectors practices

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Garland Burback, owner of Cottage Grove Garbage Service, recently bought two new recycling trucks, hired two drivers, converted an older garbage truck into a plastics hauler and paid \$11,000 for blue curbside recycling crates.

And he's losing \$3,000 a month on recycling.

The Cottage Grove Garbage Service is one of several local garbage collectors that is changing the way it does business because of recent recycling legislation.

This 1991 piece of Oregon legislation is Senate Bill 66, which mandates that garbage haulers provide same-day recycling collection to their residential customers in addition to their normal services. It also requires the state and county governments to meet recycling quotas. Lane County must recycle 30 percent of its waste by the end of 1995 and 40 percent by the year 2000.

As a state agency, the University is also required to meet county goals. As of April 1, it was recycling 39 percent of its waste, said Karyn Kaplan, campus recycling coordinator.

"The legislation has helped plant the seed for recycling," Kaplan said. "Without it, recycling wouldn't be moving ahead so smoothly."

However, she does sympathize with the garbage collectors. She suggests that the collectors lobby the legislators for business incentives and tax breaks for recycling.

The garbage collection business has changed forever because of this legislation, said Gary Schafer, owner of south Eugene's ACME Disposal Service. It is no longer solely trash-oriented. Trash disposal and recycling now go hand-in-hand.

Lane County has between 15 and 20 garbage collectors. They range from the largest collector, Sanipac, to the smaller, family-owned types such as Countryside Disposal. But whatever their size, they are all making adjustments.

For example, Sanipac, which serves all of Eugene and Springfield, bought 13 recycling trucks for \$40,000 each, hired additional drivers and relief drivers and bought 40,000 curbside recycling crates for \$6 each. The company just ordered two more recycling trucks for \$88,000 each.

Schafer said recycling is half of his busi-

ness. Although he said he loses money on recycling, he sees it as a cost of doing business, ranking his garbage service as the third largest in the county.

Countryside Disposal, based in Veneta, is a small garbage service that serves 800 customers and is owned by Lori and Jason Lovewell. Mrs. Lovewell does the paperwork and sorts the recycling while her husband drives the truck. She said they can't afford to hire an extra person at minimal wage.

The Senate Bill 66 has a "terrific financial impact because we are not compensated," Mrs. Lovewell said. "The idea of recycling is wonderful, but to put the burden on the haulers without compensating them is difficult. We are a small hauler, so we feel that more than the bigger haulers."

However, the county does provide some assistance. It pays the collectors \$68 for every ton of plastic, glass or tin they collect. Nevertheless, smaller collectors still feel the financial drain.

"Legislation favors the big companies," said Kathryn Cox, sales representative at Sanipac. "Little businesses are driven out because of legislation that requires free recycling."

But Cox added that Sanipac is not in danger of being pushed out because it has not pinned its economic future on recycling. Trash is still a moneymaker.

In addition, Brian Fuller, acting general manager at Begin Recycling in Neighborhood Groups (BRING), said that because of the abundance of recyclable materials, prices go down and the buyers pay the collectors less.

County officials recognize that the bill has disrupted traditional market dynamics. "When collection is mandated and supply is assured, it removes the incentive for end-users (buyers) to be competitive," Sandusky said. "They lower the prices that they will pay collectors."

On the other hand, he said, the legislation is beneficial because it encourages businesses to enter the recycling market because of the assured supply of materials. For example, Weyerhaeuser expanded its paper mill in Springfield last year to process junk mail because it knew it would have a guaranteed supply, Sandusky said.

Additionally, several local businesses

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Guilt, denial may deter victims from reporting acquaintance rape

By Regina Brown
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It was in the summer before her freshman year of college when Melissa Adams set out for what should have been a good time.

After spending a day at the Oregon Country Fair, she and her boyfriend decided to camp near Cougar hot springs. It should have been a day to relax and to enjoy the company of some seemingly friendly people who offered to share their food, beer and campfire songs. It should have been fun, but it wasn't. It turned out to be a nightmare Adams will never forget.

Sometime during the wee hours of the morning, intoxicated and exhausted from all the merrymaking, Adams curled up under a tree and passed out. About an hour later Adams awoke to find her clothing around her knees and a man's body thrust against hers. The man, whom Adams had met that evening, was raping her.

Men who rape can be boyfriends, friends, study partners or any other man a woman knows. Acquaintance

rape makes up 80 to 85 percent of all rapes, and at least 95 percent of rapes are committed by men against women, said local organizations that deal with rape.

Campus and community groups that work with rape victims say acquaintance rape is grossly under-reported among students. Nationally, only one out of every 10 rapes is reported, according to FBI statistics. Sexual Assault Support Services of Lane County said it received 1,449 documented calls from University students in 1993. Many more cases went undocumented, center officials said.

Despite this high number, the University's Unwanted Sexual Assault Task Force received only six unofficial reports of date and acquaintance rape, and the Dean of Students Office received between three and six. The low level of reports has been attributed to many reasons, including difficult grievance processes, unfounded feelings of guilt on the part of the victim and even denial that rape has occurred.

Officials from Womenspace, the University Women's Center, and SASS said bringing charges against an attack-

er through the Eugene police department and through the University is slow and painful.

"My understanding (of the University process) is that it is a cumbersome and burdensome process that makes victims feel as if they have not been heard," said Julie Johnson, the program coordinator for SASS. "The victim often feels as if she is the one on trial."

Chris Scott of Men and Women Against Rape said the court system draws a fine line when it comes to rape within intimate relationships. If a woman has willingly had sex with her attacker in the past, police may doubt that rape occurred, he said.

The first question police ask rape victims is whether or not they have had sexual relationships with the attacker in the past, said Michelle Parks, coordinator of the Women's Center. Past sexual relationships with the attacker have no bearing on whether rape has occurred, she said. This question sends a message to victims that they will

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Police receive 60 phone calls from students approached by suspect asking directions

By Susanne Steffens
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In response to an article in the May 26 edition of the *Emerald*, where Eugene police warned female students about a suspicious suspect on campus, the police received more than 60 telephone calls from students who had been approached by the suspect within a short period.

The police appreciate the overwhelming response from the public, which made them identify the suspect.

According to sergeant Dennis Baker, the police contacted the suspect, but he was not charged, as no report is filed against him.

The suspect has been asking women for directions to the University Inn, and then very insistently asked them to get into the car with him to show the way. None of the women have pressed charges, as they have not been harmed by the suspect, but the police believe the man to possibly be dangerous, and still advise women to be careful.

The suspect is about 5-foot-7, has brown hair and brown eyes, and a Spanish accent. On several occasions, he has been wearing a white T-shirt with writing on it, and a pair of blue sweat pants. He has been observed in a red full size pickup truck, but may be driving another vehicle.

The police asks women who have been approached by the suspect, to call campus police at 346-2904 as soon as possible.

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EMU Craft Center will begin registration for its summer workshops and classes on Wednesday at 10 a.m. The center offers workshops in jewelry, ceramics, woodworking, photography, calligraphy, weaving, stained glass, bike repair, drawing, painting and more. For more information, call 346-4361.

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