

# New shuttle service operating

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Friday night will mark the maiden voyage, so to speak, for the University's designated driver shuttle. Really, it's the old Saferide van with a fresh coat of white paint.

The program is designed to serve as an alternative to drinking and driving. The van is to be used as a last resort for University students who need a ride home from a licensed drinking establishment.

The van will operate from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights for the rest of the term. The van will pick students up at bars and deliver them to their doorsteps within a 10 mile radius of campus.

Rides are available to both men and women.

Students must present a valid University identification card to use the service.

"We don't encourage excessive drinking and we really want to encourage responsibility," said Bill Washburn, project coordinator of the designated driver program.

The project includes an educational component to advocate the responsible consumption of alcohol.

The van is only half of the project. Washburn said the project will also include workshops in the residence halls and the greek system on drinking responsibly.

Funds for the designated driver



The University's designated driver shuttle will make its maiden voyage Friday night. The bus will run from Friday and Saturday nights.

shuttle were provided by a special request of more than \$3,000 from the Student Senate, a \$500 contribution from the Lane County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving and a commitment from the University administration to pay for the cost of advertisements and posters. The van was donated by Saferide and the Office of Public Safety paid \$500 to paint the van.

"I feel like the one place where men had a legitimate beef with Saferide was when they were drunk, so Saferide felt like it was a great thing to support a program," said Jen Reed, interim director of the Designated Driver Shuttle and

former co-director of Saferide.

There will be a driver and a navigator in the van at all times. The positions pay \$6.50 an hour and shifts are six hours long. The van is connected via radio to a dispatcher at all times. Dispatch positions pay \$4.75 an hour.

Reed said students in the van are paid more because they will have to deal with drunk people and they have to be prepared.

If students are interested in driving or dispatching for the designated driver shuttle they can contact Reed or Washburn. The designated driver shuttle service can be reached at 346-3888.

# Basket found near coast indicates prior earthquake

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You could say they dug up some evidence.

For the past 10 years or so, scientists have been digging around the coastal areas of Oregon for evidence of past earthquakes in this region.

They finally hit the jackpot at Nehalem Bay.

Geologists from the U.S. Geological Services found a 300 year-old basket left in the area of the Tillamook Indians, which provided further proof of earthquakes in Oregon's history.

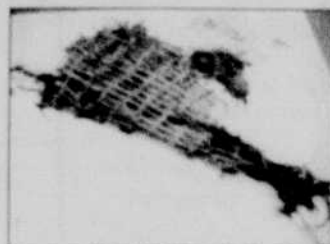
Because the basket was found submerged in so much water, it suggested an earthquake had occurred. The sea level has been rising for thousands of years now, and discovering a basket intact indicates a tsunami caused the sea level to rise abruptly.

Although it's obviously not in perfect condition, the basket is still a significant find.

"Things like this are just never preserved at sites in western Oregon," said Thomas Connolly, chief archaeologist at the University's Museum of Natural History.

The basket was able to be preserved because it was submerged below the water line.

"It adds to the body of evidence we have for the earthquakes, but it is also interest-



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Geologists think this basket is proof of a large earthquake.

ing because it inserts the human element [into the earthquakes]," Connolly said.

After the conifer-made basket was found, Connolly and Rick Minor, an archaeologist, examined it.

"The weaving technique and materials were very typical of a basket from the area [around Nehalem Bay]," Connolly said.

"Basketry is a pretty sensitive cultural artifact," he said.

The basket's find by geologists was part of the work the U.S. Geological Services is doing along the coast.

They have been finding repetitive layers of peat marsh, mud and sand in their earth samples. This pattern, explained Connolly, shows how earthquakes have created new layers of sand from the ocean.

The basket is currently on display at the University's Museum of Natural History.



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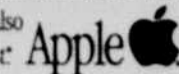
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