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TODAY

David Kleiner will read from his novel "Where River Turns To Sky" at 7:30 p.m. in the Knight Library Browsing Room.



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Station aids in crime decrease

■ **CONCERNS:** A year after the station's construction, community members are happy with its effects

By Jean Bond
Community Reporter

Stabbings, fights and drug deals were a regular part of the West University neighborhood before the West University Public Safety Station opened, said officer Bev Mason. But in the year since the station opened, crime in the area has rapidly dropped.

The station opened last November in response to local business and resident concerns about chronic loitering, panhandling and drug problems, Mason said.

Local businesses, the University and Sacred Heart Medical Center asked the city to create the station to give the area better police service. In turn, the businesses have helped pay for supplies and the officers' salaries, she said.

"We needed to solve the problems here before they got completely out of hand," said Bob Lee, owner of Face the Music. "This is an ongoing, pro-active partnership between Sacred Heart, the University, the small businesses and the city of Eugene."

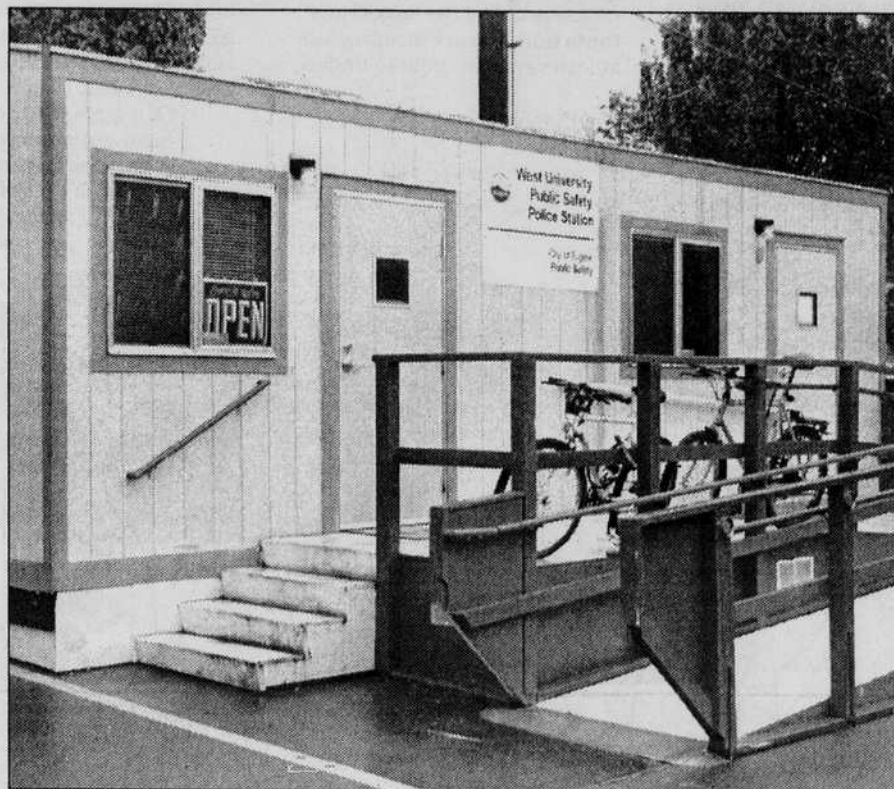
The station — Eugene's second neighborhood safety station — is part of Eugene's "community policing" program. The idea behind the program is that problems can be solved with a partnership between police, businesses and citizens. The first neighborhood safety station opened in the Whiteaker neighborhood in 1990.

"It's a different kind of policing," she said. "We are working with the people causing problems and with the victims, trying to come up with more long-term solutions."

Some of the steps police have taken include police sweeps of the area and enforcing a local ban on dogs and skateboards.

In community policing, police have a chance to get to know an area well, Mason said.

"We assign officers to a certain area



The West University Public Safety Station has been a factor in the decrease in crime in the West University neighborhood since it opened last November.

and they get a sense of when something's not right, not usual in the area," she said.

Officers Ken Saxon and Roger Tanquary work out of the station with Mason. Saxon walks a regular police beat, getting to know area businesses and residents.

Tanquary is the station's community response team officer. While Saxon takes care of immediate problems, Tanquary's job is to work on long-term solutions.

"Roger looks at whether a certain problem happens a lot in this area and what can be done about it," she said.

Mason focuses on community education, helping residents form Neighborhood Watch groups and teaching classes on crime prevention and sexual assault.

The officers also teach landlords how

to make their apartment buildings safer, visit schools to talk about safety, refer people to public and private assistance programs and fill out police reports.

"We take a lot of police reports here," Mason said. "Date rapes are one of the most common reports we take."

Women who didn't plan to report their acquaintance rapes may come to the West University station because it seems less imposing than the main police station downtown, she said.

Overall, there has been a great deal of positive public reaction to the station, Mason said.

"We get people walking in here to thank us for being here," she said. "We get street people, students and Sacred

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Symposium to open with Mixner talk

■ **INTERSEXIONS:** Among the laws being discussed is the recent federal legislation on same-sex marriages

By Kristin Bailey
Student Activities Editor

When politics, family values and sexual orientation converge, the end result is InterSEXions, a three-day long symposium that kicks off tonight.

Speakers, panelists and politicians will examine and celebrate the diversity of family structures in today's society, said Stephanie Carnahan, who helped organize the conference.

"InterSEXions started as a symposium to help faculty members infuse lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues into their curriculum," she said. "In politics, we need to make sure we're including issues of this population. These issues affect their lives every single day. They're more than ballot measures or a bill signed by the president."

Panelists will also explore welfare reform, how families get defined and who has the power to make those decisions.

"While most discussions will be about LGBT families, there will be many correlations to other family structures, such as single-mother households," Carnahan said. "We're going to look at how society is scapegoating [LGBA families] into becoming the enemy, when in reality we're not."

The conference will deal with recent legislative efforts to limit the rights of same-sex marriages and single-mother families, Carnahan said.

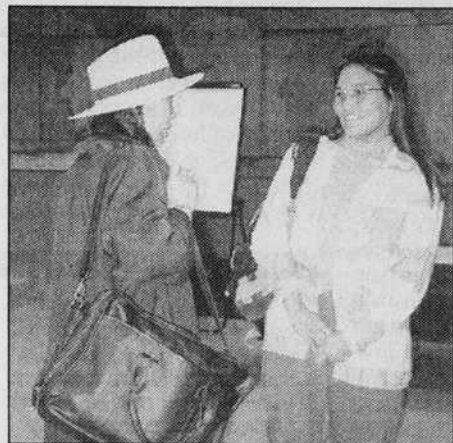
"It's timely and contemporary. We'll be

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MIXNER

University programs help transfer students adjust



Young Foo Suna and Donna Wong chat on Monday at a Women's Center event.

■ **COLLEGE:** The number of students who begin their degree at a two-year school and finish at UO is increasing

By Kristine Sohnrey
Higher Education Editor

Often older and the money-earner for the family, new transfer students don't always fit the 20-year-old undergraduate profile.

As rising higher education costs motivate more students to start at two-year colleges, University departments and the Oregon Board of Education are implementing processes, programs and policies to address transfer students' needs, said Assistant Vice Chancellor Gary Christensen.

This fall alone, the University has approximately 1,500 new transfer students

with community colleges contributing 444 applicants, said Martha Pitts, director of admissions.

"This is a 68.8 percent increase over last year," Pitts said.

Though experienced in the discipline of college studies, transfer students are new to the University campus and its activities, processes and personnel, said Jackie Balzer, director of orientation. Transfer students are often older than many undergraduates, Balzer said. These dissimilarities from freshman students and upper division undergraduates can make their transition bumpy, she said.

"New students get numerous excellent activities during the first week of school

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Politicians protest Measure 40

The historic Applegate Wagon Train hits the Oregon campaign trail this afternoon.

The wagon, sponsored by the Campaign for Oregonians' Rights, will journey through the intersection of Franklin Avenue and Agate Street around 2:30 p.m. in opposition of Measure 40. The wagon is slated to reach its final destination, Skinner Butte Park, between 4 and 5 p.m.

Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust and State Representative Floyd Prozanski will be among the speakers at the event.

Students are invited to run along with the wagon. Casual western attire is optional.

— compiled by Kristin Bailey