

# Dining halls provide food for hungry

Leftover food from the University dining halls will be distributed to the hungry in Eugene

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An open door at the Carson Dining Hall loading dock awaits a refrigerated vehicle with the slogan "Taking the bite out of hunger." Three occupants of the van jump out and quickly transfer plastic containers filled with gallons of food into the van, with the hope that a few more families will be able to eat.

University Housing residents' leftovers, which would otherwise be thrown out, are shipped six nights a week from University Catering and the Carson, Hamilton and University Inn dining halls to 60 agencies in Lane County. These agencies include food banks, soup kitchens and shelters sponsored by FOOD for Lane County's Food Rescue program.

Fred Babcock, director of food services for the residence halls, said the University's contribution ends up totaling anywhere from 150 to 200 servings a night of such perishable items as vegetables, potatoes and gravy for the Food Rescue program.

"Once they even wrapped up four marshmallows in cello-



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Amanda Dour, a kitchen helper in Carson Hall, boxes up food left over from the day's meals. Anyone wishing to volunteer for Food for Lane County can call 343-4481.

phane," said Food Rescue Express driver Sue Harper. Harper and two others work to collect the 1,300 to 2,200 pounds of food a night from the 33 contributing Lane County restaurants and the University.

"[The University] is a great supporter," Harper said. "I think the workers in all the kitchens are so happy to see that the food doesn't get thrown away."

The Food Rescue Express van transports the food to Sheldon

High School, where it is packaged for a family of four and handed out to various distributors.

FOOD for Lane County approached Babcock nearly five years ago with the idea of collecting the leftover food.

"I think it's a worthwhile program," Babcock said. "It helps a person who needs food. It doesn't make sense to throw it away."

Cheryl Crumbley, communications director for FOOD for Lane County, now hopes for the expansion of Food Rescue by educating the public on the significance of the hungry today.

One way is by recognizing today as "World Food Day," and this week as "National Food Bank Week."

In support, Mayor Jim Torrey officially proclaimed Oct. 16 as World Food Day for the city of Eugene.

Oasis Fine Food stores will be matching every "dollar coupon" donation that is scanned in by their customers at the check-out stand.

Crumbley said she would like to see more attention drawn to food, dollar and volunteer donations because of the increase in need.

I don't know what [the hungry] are going to do. Without food, they can't accomplish anything."

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will make our problems go away," Frohnmayer said. "Instead, we're looking for a palette of ideas. We want ideas that can work in the real world and that respond to issues as best we understand them."

Frohnmayer also highlighted some of the University's accomplishments from last year — being named one of the "best buys" in higher education in the nation and receiving full accreditation for being, as the accreditation committee report stated, "at the leading edge of implementing new technologies" and for "creative and entrepreneurial response to state budget reductions."

For such success, Frohnmayer applauded the University as a whole.

"All of us in this room — faculty, student and staff alike — understand the tremendous and transforming experience that comes only from person-to-person, face-to-face teaching and counseling, mentorship and intellectual engagement in the context of real, human social interaction," he said.

Frohnmayer reiterated support for the Governor's Task Force on Higher Education and the Economy in an effort to decentralize the current tuition distribution system. He said universities would be encouraged to attract and serve their students if they could keep their own tuition dollars. Currently, all Oregon public universities share tuition dollars, and the University receives the smallest amount per student out of all the state universities.

And as the University steps into the next century, Frohnmayer said he has a vision: "A vision in which we can offer our teaching and research as widely as possible, not simply to traditional students, but to meet the growing needs of non-traditional students in our state, region and even the world."

## Assaults: Many services available to rape victims

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Saferide, the Designated Driver Shuttle and the new tandem taxi service. She said these programs offer reliable transportation for students before and after dark.

Although one of the attempted rapes occurred while one woman was in her car, Whipple said a vehicle is usually a person's "best defense" against assault.

She added that students with

vehicles should lock their doors even when driving and that they should always make sure no one is approaching when they enter or exit a vehicle.

Whipple suggested that students vary their routes if they go to the same locations frequently.

But she warned that there are no definite measures a person can take to prevent rape or sexual assault.

"Sexual assault is different than robbery," she said. "You can give up possessions when you are being robbed, but you are forced to give up your sexuality when you're raped."

Victims of sexual assault have an option when it comes to dealing with their emotional and physical pain.

Sexual Assault Support Services, located at 630 Lincoln St.,

helps survivors by offering a variety of programs.

SASS has a 24-hour crisis line for survivors and a 24-hour crisis advocacy system. The system provides a person to accompany the survivor to the hospital or to help file a police report.

The crisis line has three available telephone numbers: 484-9795, 485-6700 and 1-800-788-4727.

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