

Center attempts to curb theft

Resource center will register bikes and show students how to lock up against theft

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You know the feeling. You walk outside, ready to unlock your bike and head to class. Except in place of your bike, all you find is a lone wheel locked tightly to the post.

Bike theft on campus is a "tremendous problem," said Robert Guse, Office of Public Safety officer. Since Sept. 21, Guse said OPS has had at least 25 reports of stolen bikes.

In order to curb this problem, today and next week, campus bicycle coordinator David Niles will have a resource center in front of Gilbert Hall on 13th Avenue registering bikes and showing students how to lock their bikes properly.

In conjunction with bike registration, students can also park their bikes in an attended bike parking area next to the resource center. These areas will be open until Oct. 9. "The bikes that are locked here probably won't be tampered

with," Niles said.

According to Guse, in 1995 Eugene was third in the nation for bike theft, with 302 bikes reported stolen. Last year, OPS had a significant rise from 1996 with 281 bikes reported stolen.

Both Guse and Niles said the biggest mistake students make in locking their bikes is using a cable lock and locking just one wheel or another detachable part of their bike instead of the frame.

Guse said OPS does not recommend using cables to secure any part of the bike apart from the components, such as the seat and wheels.

"No cable is good enough," Guse said. He recommends students use the Bike Club Ultra Junior or a small U-lock that fastens on the bottom or side.

Niles' resource center focuses on teaching students where to lock a bike and what size of lock should be used. The center also gives students a chance to register their bikes with OPS.

According to Guse, one in 10 stolen bikes are recovered. "Registering your bike with OPS allows

us to be able to return bikes when they are returned," he said.

University staff aren't the only ones concerned about bike theft. Senior Sam Sears hopes to start a campaign to inform students about theft on campus.

"Bike theft seems to be something that needs to be addressed," Sears said. "If you ask anyone who's been around here for a long time, they would know someone who's had a bike stolen or have had one stolen themselves.

"I want to let people know what Eugene is like concerning bike theft. My main objective is to curb the problem."

Sears' campaign is just in the beginning stages but said he hopes to get the ASUO involved.

Both Niles and Guse emphasized that it is better to have a lock that leaves very little extra room on the sides. "All a thief needs is two inches of space in order to jack a lock," Guse said. "And all it takes is two turns and the lock snaps.

"Hopefully we can get rid of this reputation as being an easy place to steal bikes."

Exhibit unveiling to honor alumnus

An art exhibit and resource center will be dedicated to a former Emerald editor

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A photo and art exhibit will be unveiled and dedicated to Willis S. Duniway today in the resource center in Allen Hall.

At 10:30 a.m., the Allen Hall exhibit will reveal a photo of Duniway and a photo illustration of Duniway's photo combined with the image of a 1932 Oregon Daily Emerald front page, created by journalism Professor Tom Bivins.

Duniway was a 1932 University alumnus and former Emerald editor who went on to a career as an award-winning wire service bureau chief.

Bivins said he designed a series of nine computer-generated posters illustrating the history of

the School of Journalism and Communication and related to each specific sequence, such as news editorial, public relations and advertising.

The journalism school will also launch construction of the Willis S. Duniway Journalism Resource Center as part of the second phase of the \$6 million Allen Hall renovation project.

"The Duniway Journalism Resource Center is the centerpiece of the east wing renovation of Allen Hall," journalism school Dean Tim Gleason said in a news release.

The second phase of renovation was made possible by a \$400,000 gift from Dorothy Duniway to honor her late husband and will include work on the main floor of Allen Hall, the resource center and the Hall of Fame.

The second phase will be completed by the beginning of spring term, Gleason said.

Gleason said the resource center will house computer terminals, study tables, meeting facilities and specialized research materials.

"It will be a fully wired facility," Gleason said.

The Duniways have a history of media-related work that spans four generations.

Their legacy began about 150 years ago with Abigail Scott Duniway, an abolitionist and a pioneer of the alternative press. Her brother was Harvey Scott, a long-time editor of The Oregonian.

Gleason said the dedication is a small event to honor Willis S. Duniway.

"We just wanted to do something to commemorate him," Gleason said.

News Brief

Woman puts brakes on runaway car

EUGENE — Stephanie Farrell heard the cries from her desk.

"Help! Help! My baby!"

She looked out her office window to see a runaway brown station wagon veering into oncoming traffic Wednesday morning, a terrified boy chasing it.

Farrell, 32, didn't stop to think. She darted out a side door, sprinted toward the car and grabbed the driver's door which was wide open. With her feet dragging the ground, Farrell managed to grab the steering wheel and jump in.

That's when she saw the calm infant girl buckled into a car seat.

"She looked at me like, 'Who are you? Where's my mom?'" Farrell said.

To the baby's mother and oldest brother, Farrell's actions were nothing short of a miracle.

"I told her, 'Thank you. You saved my life, because my baby is my life,'" Noemi Zarate said.

The car got away from Zarate, 38, after it stalled and she was attempting to push it off the road. Jose, 11, was pushing from behind when his mother lost her grip on the driver's side door.

After jumping in, Farrell pumped the car's brakes and managed to pull it off the road a half-block from her office.

"She was like an angel coming down from the sky," Jose said.

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