

# CRIME WATCH

(Reported from Dec. 29 to Jan. 2)  
 Dec. 29, Criminal Mischief, 1000 block of East 13th Avenue, Esslinger: graffiti on the building.  
 Dec. 29, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, East 14th Avenue and Patterson Street.  
 Jan. 1, Unauthorized Use of Vehicle, 700 block of 16th Avenue.  
 Jan. 1, Criminal Mischief II, 800 East 13th Avenue, Espresso Roma: glass window broken.

Jan. 1, Criminal Mischief II, 800 block of East 14th Avenue, Delta Sigma: window broken.  
 Jan. 1, Criminal Mischief II, 2100 block of Franklin Boulevard, Quality Inn: window broken.  
 Jan. 1, Burglary II, 2300 block of Agate Street, New Frontier East Market: items stolen.  
 Jan. 2, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, Franklin Boulevard and Alder Street.  
 Jan. 2, Assault IV, 300 block of Marche Chase.  
 Jan. 2, Possession of a Destructive Device, 1700 block of Polk Street: student in possession of small explosive.

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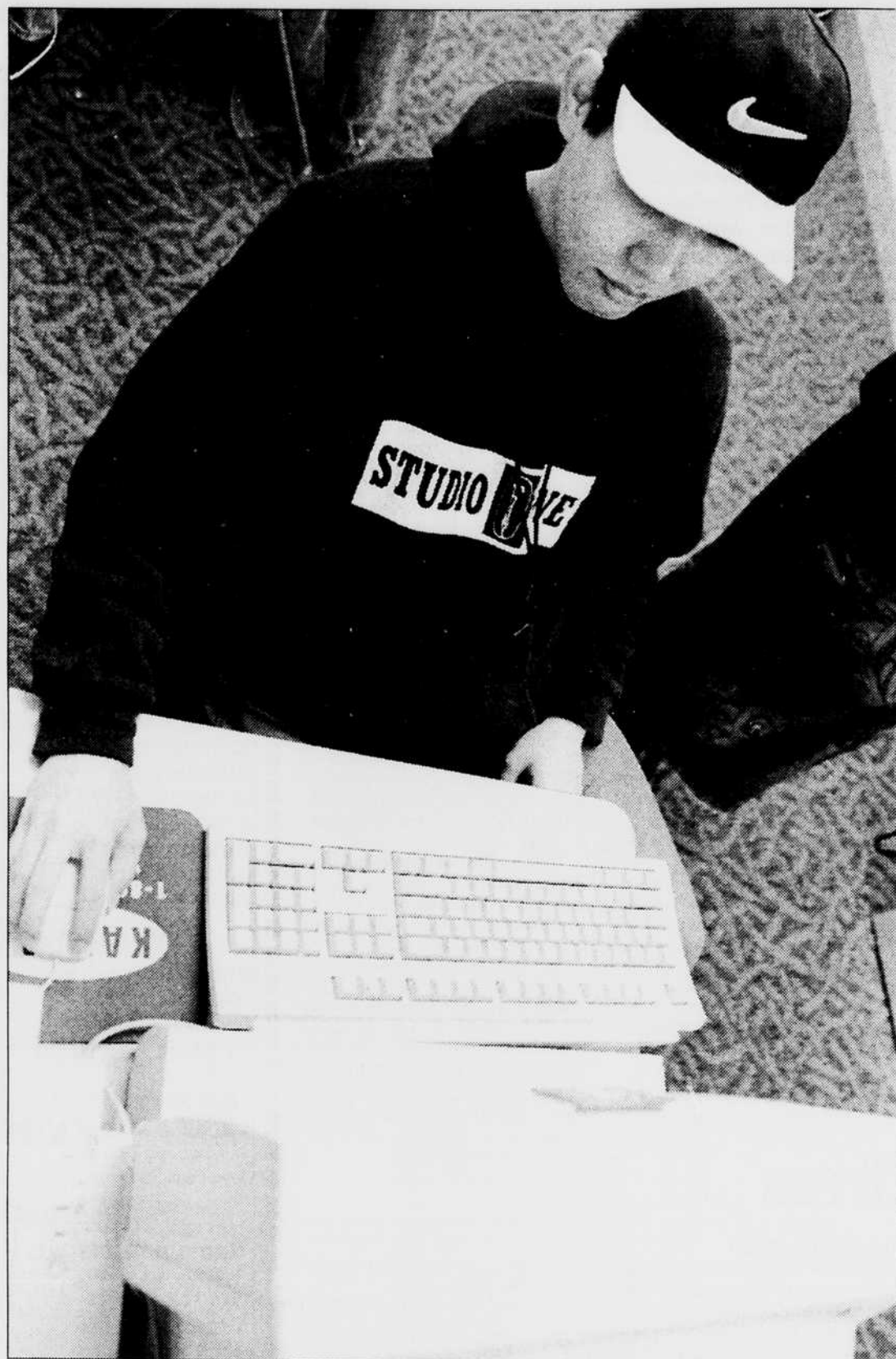
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Daichi Motono tests his English skills by taking the TOEFL exam at the Kaplan test preparation center at 13th Avenue and Hilyard Street.

## Testing centers

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in one room," Stritzke said. "Sometimes you'd plug in your headphones to watch a video and the sound would bother the other people."

Stritzke said Kaplan helped him prepare for his LSAT exam to get into law school.

"The first practice test, they put me in the 40th percentile," he said. "Now I'm more at the 70th percentile."

Kaplan guarantees students will achieve gains in their test performance. The promised gains are different for each type of test.

For example, for the GRE Kaplan promises a 220-point change on the test's point scale of 200-800 points.

Kaplan can only provide practice exams for students. Morse

said Kaplan will launch its biannual test-drive on Feb. 27 and Feb. 28, where students can take the practice test of their choice for free.

To take official tests for official scores, students have to go to designated test-taking sites, such as the Sylvan Learning Center and the UO Testing Center.

Susan Lesyk, director of Academic Learning Services, said the UO Testing Center provides students with a lower-cost alternative to the Kaplan center. Its prices range from \$125 to \$300.

Lesyk said there are other advantages.

"We actually use our own faculty for chemistry and physics," she said.

In addition, Lesyk said the center purchases all its study materi-

als from the organizations that make the tests, whereas Kaplan manufactures its own materials.

"If you're in it for the profit, it's really expensive to purchase the [official] materials," she said.

Lesyk said students only work with practice problems, not full-length timed practice tests.

"Everything leads up to a full-length test," she said.

Also unlike Kaplan, Lesyk said, the UO Testing Center provides no assurances about students' test performance.

"We don't guarantee a certain increase in score," she said. "There's too many variables that are outside of the workshop itself."

Students can contact Kaplan at 345-4420 or the UO Testing Center at 346-3226.

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