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showing of the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" on Halloween night.

"[Police are] encouraging students to enjoy the Halloween weekend, to celebrate, to have a good time, but to do it lawfully," EPD Patrol Capt. Becky Hanson said.

The police will increase their presence on Halloween night and will respond more severely to riotous behavior, police spokesman Brian Terrett said before the meeting.

"In the past, our focus used to be on dispersement," Terrett said. "This year we're going to start arresting people."

Terrett said that police officers are prepared to arrest everybody who refuses to obey police orders to disperse.

Also, police are prepared to use non-lethal weapons, including "bean-bag rounds," to subdue anyone poised to throw a rock or a bot-

tle, Terrett said.

"Getting hit with a bean-bag is similar to being hit with a fast-ball," Terrett said.

Police are distributing pamphlets about keeping parties under control and the consequences for hosting and attending parties where minors are served alcohol or where noise levels prompt complaints.

The police are also discussing the legality of parties at community meetings and at the University.

The ASUO will be conducting a communication campaign aimed at informing students of their rights and the law regarding drinking and parties.

"While there is a lot of room for improvement in student behavior, the EPD has to realize that there is room for improvement on their part as well," ASUO Vice President Mitra Anoushiravani said. "[The EPD] needs to understand that they're not going to alleviate under-aged drinking."

reasonable to walk, bike or take the bus," Friends of Eugene President Rob Zako said.

Lane County Planning Commissioner Steve Moe said he respects Friends of Eugene, but believes they wish to modify TransPlan to fit their own agenda.

"I have no problem with them having input," Moe said. "My problem is that they want to take TransPlan and reproduce it with just their input after only six months of work."

Jan Spencer, a member of Citizens for Public Accountability who participated in the protest march, said he felt the CPR Alternative is better than the current version of TransPlan, regardless of how long it took to make.

"The amount of time spent on a plan doesn't guarantee that it's a worthwhile plan," Spencer said.

Students foot bill for thefts

■ Increased incidents of shoplifting at campus bookstores leave students paying the price

By Taylore Lehman
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Shoplifting, while not a growing problem at the University, is often a symptom of increased drug use, as was illustrated in recent thefts from local bookstores. And store officials said students, more than businesses, are paying the price.

According to the Eugene Police Department, four cases of shoplifting were reported last week at the University and Smith Family bookstores. The incidents could result in increased prices for students.

"The student is the one really being hurt. Theft raises the price of books," said M. Wilkinson, a loss prevention agent at the University Bookstore.

Eugene Police Officer Randy Ellis, who has patrolled the

University for about nine years, said that of the four cases last week, two were tied to heroin use.

Ellis added that the case at Smith Family Bookstore involved a couple addicted to heroin, and a woman arrested at the Bookstore on charges of stealing a candy bar was also a heroin addict.

"Most theft in this area tracks back to drug use," he said.

The Eugene police arrested 116 people for shoplifting at the Bookstore last year, but only 43 were University students. Arrests were fairly evenly distributed by age, race and gender, Wilkinson said.

He noted that the common stereotype of sticky-fingered students doesn't stand up to the facts.

The Bookstore has an elaborate security system designed to deter and catch shoplifters, Wilkinson said. The store has about 29 cameras, and there is "no spot on the floor that is not covered by cameras," he said. "Eventually, everybody gets caught."

And when shoplifters are caught, they will be prosecuted. The Bookstore prosecutes nearly 100 percent of its cases, Wilkinson said, and the conse-

quences can be severe.

Even though shoplifting is classified as a misdemeanor crime, the city will issue a fine of \$500 to \$750, the Bookstore will pursue additional civil penalties and convicted thieves will be permanently banned from the store, he said.

The philosophy at Smith Family Bookstore is similar, according to owner Nancy Smith.

She noted that shoplifting can easily escalate to a felony crime. Stealing a book is a misdemeanor, but selling a stolen book is a felony that could lead to jail time and a large fine.

Fighting the problem is expensive, too. She is considering installing a magnetic strip system to deter would-be thieves, but is wary of the initial \$10,000 to \$20,000 cost.

Smith said shoplifting is a significant problem, with some businesses losing up to 10 percent of their gross income to theft.

If a shoplifter is caught, "we prosecute," she said.



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million to bike way maintenance and construction.

Tom Schwetz, Transportation Program Manager for Lane Council of Governments, has worked on TransPlan for the last seven years.

"We carried out surveys to get a sense of what the community wants," Schwetz said. "I think the plan represents what the community as a whole is looking for."

While Schwetz predicted there will be many more revisions to TransPlan before it is officially adopted, he also said negative feedback from groups like Friends of Eugene is not representative of the whole community.

For six months, Friends of Eugene has worked to create the CPR Alternative.

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