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## CRIME WATCH

OPS Officer Bob Guse offers the following crime tips of the week for University students:

1. When you leave your car, look at it as a thief would. Is the parking space well-lit? Is there a tempting item in plain view? Are the doors locked?
  2. Before you lock your \$300 bike with a \$2 lock, ask yourself: If I were a thief, how long would it take me to break that lock?
- (Reported Jan. 13 through Jan. 28)
- Jan. 13: Theft I, 1700 block East 15th Avenue, car window smashed, items stolen.
  - Jan. 21: Theft II, 1700 block of Agate Street, wallet stolen from unattended backpack.
  - Jan. 22: Harassment, 1600 block of High Street, dispute among residents.
  - Jan. 22: Unlawful entry into motor vehicle, 1700 block of Cleveland Place, no items stolen.
  - Jan. 27: Shoplift II, 100 block East 18th Avenue, items stolen.
  - Jan. 28: Criminal Trespass II, 800 block East 13th Avenue, soliciting money from passers-by.

# OPS offers crime tips

The Office of Public Safety stresses common sense and precautionary measures to prevent thefts

By Sara Lieberth  
Oregon Daily Emerald

A string of car and bicycle thefts in recent weeks on campus has Eugene police and Office of Public Safety officials stressing to students the time-held belief that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

In support of this, Bob Guse, crime prevention officer with OPS, will provide a series of crime tips that will be published as a regular weekly feature in the Emerald in conjunction with Crimewatch information.

While Guse said he typically feels that crime tips, per se, are less effective than a self-defense class or prevention program for driving home the importance of self-protection, he hopes the consistent reminder to students will be helpful in deterring crimes against them.

"If one person can be saved from being a crime victim, then I will feel like we are a success," he said.

The most common offense in the area is bicycle theft, with Guse referencing an FBI statistic from a few years ago that ranked Eugene as third in the nation for this type of crime.

"There are ways to help alleviate this," he said. "Cable locks

aren't good at all because this is not a cable-friendly campus. U-locks are easily cracked too, but there is a specific way to use them that a lot of people don't know about."

Officer Guse is available and very much interested in meeting with student groups, sororities, fraternities and the like to discuss specific crime prevention issues they might face. He said being informed and empowered are among the most effective tools against being victimized.

"My main goal is to make sure people know we have a program that can be tailored for whatever they need," he said. "The bottom line is that OPS cares, and we're available."



GUSE

In cooperation with the University Office of Student Life, OPS offers a number of credit and non-credit safety training sessions throughout the year, including Self Defense for Women and Creating a Rape-Free Environment, as well as campus safety classes during new student orientation.

Eugene Police Sgt. Rick Gilliam said students would do well to consider personal safety issues more carefully, especially because

a campus community can be viewed as a "ready-made market" for criminals.

He noted that a rash of car thefts and break-ins, as well as stolen bicycles, are an unfortunate reality when students bring high-priced, "status symbols" onto campus. If they choose to bring valuable items, Gilliam suggests taking all the necessary steps to protect them.

In particular, he said Japanese-manufactured vehicles such as Honda, Toyota and Nissan makes from the mid-1990s and before have been targeted by thieves of late.

"I would really encourage employing alternative methods such as 'The Club' or additional security systems to help protect these student vehicles," he said.

University Public Safety Director Tom Fitzpatrick suggests that the best method for crime prevention is often the simplest.

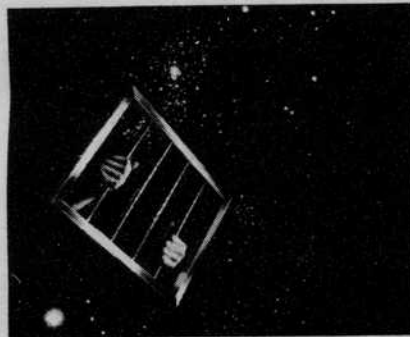
"It's the common-sense things that are important," he said. "Be aware of your surroundings and don't take unnecessary chances that we all recognize as chances."

Fitzpatrick also said he believes this campus is as safe as any other average campus and that it is mainly unfortunate that "criminals will work toward opportunity," seeing college students as targets.

"Being mindful of these circumstances, understanding risks, these will keep you safe more than anything else," he said.

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### Programs Finance Committee

ORGANIZATION	1999-2000	2000-2001	% CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR	\$ CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
Athletic Department Finance Committee	\$104	\$0	-100%	-\$104
Committee for Musical Arts	\$4,655	\$4,625	-0.64%	-\$30
Community Internship Program	\$14,752	\$14,172	-3.93%	-\$580
Philosophy Club	\$1,342	\$1,037	-22.73%	-\$305
YWCA	\$3,981	\$3,924	-1.43%	-\$57
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,834</b>	<b>\$23,758</b>		<b>-\$1,076</b>

## Groups get chance to appeal to PFC

Four budgets were approved Monday night, some because the group missed its first hearing

By Edward Yuen  
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Members from the Programs Finance Committee began hearing budget appeals from some ASUO programs Monday night.

The budgets of five ASUO programs, including the Philosophy Club, Committee for Musical Arts, Community Internship Program, Athletic Department Finance Committee and the YWCA, were reviewed in the hearing.

Members from the PFC approved a budget of \$1,037 for the Philosophy Club with a

22.73 percent decrease from the previous fiscal year. The group was initially unfunded because a representative failed to turn in the budget on time, according to PFC Chairwoman Shantell Rice.

The CMA budget was also finally heard Monday night. PFC members previously accused CMA representatives of not being responsible when they did not attend their earlier scheduled PFC hearing. Jeffrey Radcliffe, president of the organization, said he was unable to attend the hearing due to miscommunication. The committee accepted Radcliffe's explanation and approved a budget of \$4,625.

The CIP was also originally not funded because the representatives of the program failed to attend the hearing on the first

scheduled date. PFC members approved the CIP budget for \$14,172.

The ADFC budget was recalled because PFC members believed the budget should be included in the Athletic Department's budget. PFC members voted not to fund the program after a brief discussion with Jennifer Creighton, an ADFC representative.

The YWCA budget was also heard because the representatives failed to show up on the original day. PFC members approved a budget of \$3,924, with a decrease of 0.9 percent from the budget of the current fiscal year.

In addition, PFC members voted not to fund United Women of Asian Heritage, Whitebird and Sister University Project in Monday's hearing.

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