

CRIME WATCH

Theft

Friday, Nov. 9, 11:48 a.m.: DPS received a report of items stolen from a vehicle at the Spencer View Apartment Complex.

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 1:00 p.m.: DPS received a report of a car battery stolen from a vehicle near the Rainier Building.

Vandalism

Tuesday, Nov. 6, 12:55 a.m.: DPS received a report of students putting soap in a water fountain at the SRC.

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2:49 a.m.: DPS received a report of a damaged card

reader at the south entrance to H.P. Barnhart Hall.

Substance Abuse

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2:38 p.m.: DPS received a report of a possible drug manufacturing facility in Hamilton Complex.

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 8:56 p.m.: DPS received a report of three students possibly smoking marijuana in Walton Complex.

Miscellaneous

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2:49 a.m.: DPS officer dispatched in response to a report of a person urinating in public near Hamilton Complex.

Friday, Nov. 9, 10:10 p.m.: DPS received a report of a missing person who was last seen on the first floor of Prince Lucien Campbell Hall.

Election

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The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last year that groups at public universities cannot receive incidental fees by ballot funding. Because of this ruling, University groups that previously went to the ballot for funds plan to take their budget requests to PFC this year, which would greatly increase the PFC's budget growth.

Programs and services will benefit from the exemption because it will allow PFC to continue funding them without the significant cuts that would have been needed to stay

within the 7 percent growth limit, Madden said.

"The winners in this whole thing are going to be student services and programs," she said.

Both measures affect the Clark Document, a section of the ASUO Constitution that governs student incidental fees.

Just 422 students — less than 3 percent of students enrolled at the University — voted in the special election.

ASUO Elections Coordinator Courtney Hight said she holds herself and other members of the ASUO Elections Board partially responsible for the low turnout, because the election was not widely publicized.

"We definitely recognize that there were things we could have done differently," she said.

The measures on the ballot may not have interested students because they were complicated, and students might not have seen how the measures would affect them, she said. Technical difficulties on DuckWeb also may have contributed to the low numbers, she added.

Hight said she is focusing on increasing voter turnout for the winter ASUO election, when students will elect ASUO executives and senators for the 2002-03 academic year.

Through increased publicity efforts, she said she plans "to inundate the campus with the election." Her goal is to raise voter turnout to 20 percent, she said.

ASUO President Nilda Brooklyn said the election was difficult because ASUO sponsored the measures and had to remain neutral.

"I think it was a hard election simply because you couldn't campaign for it," she said. "But I'm glad students did vote, and I'm glad the measures passed."

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Travel

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sponses to increasing security measures since the Sept. 11 attacks.

While neither Amtrak nor Greyhound examine passenger baggage, the train service has increased security by placing more police officers at stations and on trains, said Sarah Swain, public information director for Amtrak.

"Riders also need to know that to purchase a ticket and to board the train they must have a valid photo ID," she said. "The company is also having aerial monitoring done of its train tracks."

Swain said University IDs are a

valid form of ID for buying tickets on Amtrak, but if students ride the trains into Canada, they must carry additional identification.

Greyhound is testing some security measures at 30 of its stations, although none are on the West Coast.

"The tests include checking people's photo IDs and wand — which are handheld electronic scans of people" to search for weapons, Greyhound spokeswoman Jamelle Braunsfield said.

Instead of requiring reservations, Kristin Parsley, Greyhound's external communications director, said the company increases bus service as needed, depending on the number of riders.

"We're different than Amtrak and the airlines," she said. "We can manage business in real-time, not on projections. We simply add buses to accommodate additional travelers."

Amtrak will also add some cars to their trains for holiday travel, specifically over Thanksgiving.

"That is our biggest holiday, ridership-wise, and the plan does show more cars being added in the Pacific Northwest corridor," said Swain. Whatever option University students choose to use for going somewhere during break, travel agents advise to allow more time for getting there — especially by air.

"For road warriors — business people — who travel all the time, the changes since (Sept. 11) are nothing new," Norris said. "But people who only travel at the holidays need to recognize all the changes that have taken place and allow for that."

Norris said she recommends travelers take something extra with them on board.

"I tell them 'Pack their patience, the holidays are stressful,'" she said.

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