



Jonathan House Emerald

Starting Friday, airline passengers could face a longer wait as new federal screening procedures go into effect. As part of the mandate, all luggage will have to be screened for explosives under the supervision of federal officials.

Security

continued from page 1

the newly formed TSA, an offshoot of the Department of Transportation, that Congress created after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Coontz believes that federal officials haven't called Eugene because there are 174 domestic airports larger than Eugene.

The TSA released preliminary rules to the public. Regardless of whether Eugene officials are in the know, regulations that outline how bags can be searched have already been drawn up.

There are four ways to check a bag before it goes on the airplane, according to Cheryl Temple, spokeswoman for Horizon Air, one of the three carriers that depart from Eugene. Bags can be manually searched, sniffed for explosives by canine teams, put through an explosive detection device or matched one by one to the passengers boarding each plane.

For security reasons, Temple declined to say which method Eugene's airport security will use. But there are no canine teams in Eugene at this time, and the \$1 million, Cadillac-sized bomb screening machines have only been installed at a few airports. Eugene's isn't one of them.

This could mean delays for Eugene's 750,000 annual passengers.

Airports begin new safety procedures Friday

A congressional committee will follow the progress of the new security procedures that go into effect Friday at the nation's 450 airports.

The Transportation and Aviation Security Act, passed by Congress on Nov. 19, requires airports to screen checked bags before passengers are allowed to board planes.

The Transportation Aviation Subcommittee will meet Jan. 23 to discuss whether airports have met the new deadline. The meeting will be the first Congressional oversight of the newly formed Transportation Security Administration, which is responsible for enforcing the aviation law and keeping

America's airport's safe.

By 2003, there will be a federal security director and a \$1 million bomb-detection machine at every airport. But meeting deadlines this year for security-taxed airports might prove difficult; in the absence of machines or bomb-sniffing dogs, every bag must be checked by hand.

If airports can't get systems in place by Friday, the hearing might be used to penalize those not in compliance. But Kristie Greco, spokeswoman for Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Eugene, said the committee has yet to decide whether to punish any offenders.

— Brook Reinhard

Every bag will have to be manually searched, which could mean long lines. Or bags will be matched to all passengers as they board their flights, to prevent terrorists from loading bombs indiscriminately onto airplanes. However, there are also problems with this approach.

Airlines "would have to extract the passenger's bags from the belly of the plane," Coontz said. The process could cause considerable delays if a passenger doesn't show up. And even if all bags are matched to passengers, the screening method doesn't foil suicide bombers.

Bag matching "enhances securi-

ty, no doubt," Temple said. "But to what degree?"

Jan. 18 is the latest deadline mandated by the Aviation and Transportation Security Act passed by Congress on Nov. 19 to make airports safer.

The act requires that bomb screening devices be in every airport by 2003 and that every airport have a federal security director who ensures each facility is in compliance with the Transportation Security Administration.

E-mail community reporter Brook Reinhard at brookreinhard@dailyemerald.com.

News briefs

ASUO encourages students to 'Meet the Senators'

Students curious about the ASUO Student Senate can chat and snack with their elected representatives from 6-7 p.m. tonight in the International Lounge.

Tonight's event, "Meet the Senators," is intended to let students know more about who the senators are and what the senate does, Sen. Nadia Hasan said. Light refreshments will be served.

Senators also hope to encourage students to run for a senate seat in the ASUO 2002 General Election, held Feb. 27-March 1, Hasan said.

The ASUO Student Senate is responsible for distributing more than \$8 million in student incidental fees each year through the ASUO Programs Finance Committee, the Athletic Department Finance Committee and the EMU.

By becoming involved with student government, students can influence how their fee money is spent, Hasan said.

"Obviously if students go to school here, they pay \$170 (in student incidental fees each term), and they should have a say in where that money goes," she said.

Open senate positions for 2002-2003 include six finance seats on the Programs Finance Committee, the EMU Board and the Athletic Department Finance Committee, as well as seven academic seats.

The election filing deadline for all positions and ballot measures is 5 p.m. Jan. 30. An informational meeting about the election will be held 5 p.m. Jan. 23 in a to-be-announced location. ASUO Elections Coordinator Courtney Hight said candidates must attend one of two meetings at 4:30 and 6 p.m. Jan. 30 in the EMU Walnut Room.

Elections packets are available in the ASUO office in Suite 4 of the EMU. For more information, call the ASUO office at 346-3724.

— Kara Cogswell

University employee caught in Web sting

A spokesman for the U.S. Customs Service confirmed that a University employee was among those targeted in the Dec. 11 sting against the "DrinkOrDie" Web piracy ring, but he declined to comment further because the search warrants are sealed.

University General Counsel Melinda Grier could not be reached for comment at press time, but Cus-

toms Service spokesman Kevin Bell said federal agents executed nearly 50 search warrants in cities across the United States, including Eugene. The sting targeted employees and students suspected of involvement in the group and agents seized nearly 200 computers.

The raid was part of "Operation Buccaneer," the first phase in a larger crackdown on Web piracy rings. Bell said investigators targeted "DrinkOrDie" because it is one of the oldest and best known Internet piracy groups. The group was founded in Moscow in 1993, and it uses the Internet to steal software, games, movies and music.

"Whatever is out there that can be copied, these guys will do it," Bell said.

Bell said groups such as "DrinkOrDie" care about their reputations for pirating copyrighted music over their profiteering. But they steal an estimated \$12 billion per year. Between \$1 and \$5 billion can be attributed to the groups that will be targeted by "Operation Buccaneer," Bell said.

The Customs Service is currently evaluating evidence collected in the sting, and Bell said they anticipate further stings at locations on the East Coast in the near future.

— Leon Tovey

RENTALS!

Downhill (new shaped skis) & Cross Country..... \$10
Snowboards & Boots..... \$25
Back Country & Telemark Pkgs..... \$20
Snow Shoes..... \$5

Berg's Ski Shop

13th & Lawrence • 683-1300 • www.bergsskishop.com

PHOTO SPECIALS

JANUARY 7-20

2ND SET FREE!

3 x 5 prints:

12 exp \$2.25

24 exp \$4.25

36 exp \$6.25

4 x 6 prints:

12 exp \$3.25

24 exp \$6.25

36 exp \$9.25

From 35mm C-41 full frame color film. (Parasite, hill frame, and negatives excluded.) Next day service.

20% OFF APS PROCESSING:

25 exp. (one set/two set)

\$6.66 / \$9.96

40 exp. (one set/two set)

\$9.40 / \$14.20

Allow 1-2 days for APS processing. Glossy or matte finish.

FUJICOLOR
PROCESSING

UNIVERSITY of OREGON
BOOKSTORE
www.uobookstore.com

• Burton
• Ride
• Rossignol
• Salomon
• K2

YOUR SNOWBOARDING HEADQUARTERS
www.bergssnowboardshop.com

Berg's Snowboard Shop
13th & Lawrence • Eugene • 683-1300

yelo
1249 alder street
eugene, or 97401

appetizers • burgers • sandwiches • wraps • soups • salads • specialties

specialties

sour cream chicken enchiladas

Green chiles, white onion, monterey, cheddar cheeses wrapped in corn tortillas served with salsa and mixed greens.

meatloaf

With garlic mashed potatoes and side mixed greens.

fried chicken in a basket

With french fries and our homemade biscuits.

macaroni & cheese

Our own special recipe served with french fries or side mixed greens.

Look for our student specials!
541.344.1960

great people. great fun. great experience.

Don't miss out.
Work for your college paper.

For more information on how to freelance for the Oregon Daily Emerald, call 346-5511.