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Security screener Don Dove sits at his checkpoint waiting for the afternoon rush at the Eugene Airport.

Airport security runs smoothly

■ The Eugene Airport had only occasional bottlenecks at security, even though new legislation took effect

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Eugene's airport appeared to run without problems over the weekend, in spite of employing new security measures designed to keep airplanes from being bombed.

"Airlines and our security company have had to react and put on additional manpower," Eugene Airport operations director Mike Coontz said.

Congress passed the Aviation and Transportation Security Act on Nov. 19 in response to the events of Sept. 11, mandating new security measures that, at the time, even Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta publicly said would be hard to meet.

But the Eugene Airport saw no significant delays this weekend, apart from the occasional bottleneck at security.

"The line goes from real short to real long, real fast," Horizon Air employee David Wilcoxon said.

Employees such as Wilcoxon are responsible for checking passenger identification and requesting help from airport security screeners so they can randomly check bags for bombs. While he doesn't personally take part in any of the security screenings, Wilcoxon has memorized the rules already.

"If you don't get on the plane, your bag doesn't go," he stated.

Don Dove, an airport security screener hired three months ago, said security has followed stricter procedures for some time.

"It's no different than yesterday," Dove said Friday morning. He doesn't search every bag, but when he does, he rummages through it, taking out all the clothing and looking for illegal and banned materials.

"This airport ain't that big," Dove said. Right now, he only examines bags when the airline computer tells him to.

Passengers were aware of the new regulations Friday and already had started packing differently.

"My packing doesn't get quite as personal," traveler Marian Hill said. Several minutes after checking her baggage, Hill walked

through security and waited at least five minutes while officials went through her purse, examining her wallet and taking everything out before letting her proceed.

"It's not that the regulations aren't necessary, I just don't know how effective they'll be," she said.

Margaret Murphy, a Monday morning passenger on her way to California to look for a job, had seen security screeners go much further.

In California, "they made me take off my tennis shoes and checked the soles for gunpowder," Murphy said. She isn't packing any differently, but she said that new regulations have made her aware how important it is to examine what's taken on a plane.

Screeners at the Eugene Airport weren't examining any shoes, and Coontz stressed that the airport is trying to make the transition as easy as possible.

"Even though there's more security required, we want to make it an easy experience going through the airport," Coontz said.

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CRIME WATCH

Arrests and Citations

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 12:20 a.m.: Department of Public Safety officers arrested a man with outstanding warrants near campus.

Thursday, Jan. 17, 9:24 a.m.: A stalking complaint resulted in DPS citing someone for trespassing at an undisclosed location.

Sunday, Jan. 20, 12:49 a.m.: A DPS officer cited a man for criminal trespassing near Hamilton Complex, one night after residents saw the man wandering through the area late at night.

Drugs and Alcohol

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 11:52 a.m.: DPS cited a person for drinking outside H.P. Barnhart.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 1:19 a.m.: DPS cited four people outside Cloran Hall for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 1:53 a.m.: DPS cited six people outside Cloran Hall for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 1:56 a.m.: DPS cited one person for drinking in public outside H.P. Barnhart.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 10:10 a.m.: A DPS officer cited a person for drinking in an undisclosed public place.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 9:36 p.m.: DPS cited a group of undisclosed size for open alcoholic containers outside Robbins Hall.

Sunday, Jan. 20, 1:47 a.m.: A DPS officer cited six people near Collier House for drinking in public.

Disorderly Conduct and Vandalism

Monday, Jan. 14, 8:32 a.m.: A person in Knight Law Center reported telephone harassment.

Monday, Jan. 14, 9:20 a.m.: A person in Chapman Hall reported telephone harassment.

Monday, Jan. 14, 1:15 p.m.: A University staff member reported damage to Qwest Communications property in Bean Hall.

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Tuesday, Jan. 15, 10:38 a.m.: A student reported someone vandalizing his vehicle in the Bean Hall parking lot.

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 1:15 a.m.: DPS issued a citation for disorderly conduct at Riley Hall.

Friday, Jan. 18, 9:56 p.m.: DPS cited a man for publicly exposing himself near the EMU.

Miscellaneous

Monday, Jan. 14, 5:38 p.m.: Several males on motorcycles assaulted a University professor outside the

Science Library, resulting in minor scrapes and bruises.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 2:31 p.m.: Staff called DPS after a student pinched his/her hand in equipment at the Student Recreation Center and experienced difficulty breathing as a result.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 4:12 p.m.: DPS officers chased away an aggressive panhandler at the intersection of 13th Avenue and Kincaid Street.

Thefts and Recoveries

Monday, Jan. 14, 11:01 a.m.: A student reported a bike stolen from Bean Hall.

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 5:37 p.m.: A student reported a stolen backpack from Gerlinger Annex.

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 9:03 a.m.: A student reported a bicycle theft from Carson Hall.

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 10:46 a.m.: A student reported a backpack stolen from Knight Library.

Friday, Jan. 18, 8:58 a.m.: A man reported a computer theft from Allen Hall.

Friday, Jan. 18, 7:19 p.m.: Someone reported a backpack stolen from the EMU.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 8:17 p.m.: A student reported a bicycle stolen from Bean Hall.

Sunday, Jan. 20, 6:44 p.m.: A man reported someone breaking into his car in the Bean Hall parking lot.

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