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News brief

EPD receives fewer complaints

The Eugene Police Department patrolled the West University neighborhood, Commons Street and Kinross Road this Friday and Saturday, handing out 22 citations.

EPD hasn't released data about partying in the campus area for the past two weekends, but it reported that this weekend the department received fewer party complaints and saw less people walking around than in the past.

EPD cited 15 people as minors in possession of alcohol and four people received open container violations. Two people received noise disturbance violations and one person received a citation for driving under the influence of alcohol.

—Danielle Gillespie



Danielle Hickey Emerald
Indonesian exchange students Meilani Lazuardi, right, and Tjhin Siska Natalia, left, put together a Thanksgiving gift basket for a family who will host Thanksgiving dinner for them on Wednesday.

Holiday

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country," Lazuardi said.

Natalia added that as a former student in Singapore, she's used to being away from her family.

"Usually, in our home, the only time we get together is Christmas or New Year," Natalia said.

Natalia and Lazuardi said they take more interest in American holidays than many of their peers. Natalia added that most international students don't take the opportunity to get involved and celebrate Thanksgiving.

"I think they don't really care about the meaning of Thanksgiving; it's just nice to have a four-day weekend," Natalia said. "I know most of them go on trips, hang out at someone's house, or watch movies. ... And of course they'll go to the after-Thanksgiving sale."

Because the two students aren't worried about being brought down by severe feelings of homesickness, they're focused on getting as much enjoyment out of Thanksgiving as possible. For them, the holiday and the traditions that surround it are still fresh and mysterious, so they don't take anything for granted. Natalia and Lazuardi said eating a turkey dinner is the thing they are most looking forward to experiencing.

"It was amazing — so big, when I saw it in the supermarket," Natalia said excitedly.

Florian Goosmann, a University student from Bonn, Germany, said he's also in awe of the traditional holiday meal. The international student said he and his host family are going to spend Thanksgiving at the coast and have made plans to rent a couple of cabins.

Gabriela Serrano, a sociology

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major from El Salvador and another participant in the OIP Thanksgiving exchange program, said most of her international friends don't indulge in celebrating the American holiday. However, she said foreign students are wasting an important cultural opportunity by only viewing the four-day weekend as a chance to get out of the city or hang out with friends.

"I think, being an international student, it's good to try to absorb and know the traditions and customs of where you're at," Serrano said.

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are not going well for the state financially," she said.

University Senior Vice President and Provost John Moseley said the University's ability to make up for the lost funding depends largely on whether voters approve Measure 28 in January. The measure, if passed, will temporarily raise income taxes

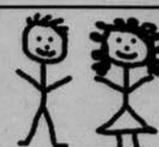
to close gaps in the state budget.

"It won't be known until February or March whether we will be able to do that," he said.

Currently, Moseley said, the University plans to commit \$500,000 in financial aid for low-income students.

"We can do that only in the context of not taking further budget cuts," he said.

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