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#### Thefts and recoveries

The Department of Public Safety received five stolen bike reports: one from Lawrence Hall, one from the EMU, one from the Hamilton Complex, one from the Onyx Street Bridge and one from off-campus. DPS also received two bike impound reports, 12 larceny reports, four found-property reports and one burglary report.

**Thursday, Oct. 2, 2:21 p.m.:** DPS received a report of a wallet found at the intersection of East 15th Avenue and University Street.

**Sunday, Oct. 5, 4:23 p.m.:** DPS received a report of subjects breaking

#### Disorderly conduct

DPS received 13 reports of suspicious subjects, four disorderly conduct reports, four Eugene municipal code reports, one arrest report, two criminal trespass reports and one vandalism report.

**Wednesday, Oct. 1, 1:26 p.m.:** DPS received a sexual harassment report from a female in the Straub Hall parking lot.

**Friday, Oct. 3, 11:06 p.m.:** DPS received a report for an arrest of a person selling bong.

**Sunday, Oct. 5, 1:18 p.m.:** DPS received a request for officers to respond

into vending machines at the EMU.

#### Alcohol and drugs

DPS received 10 drug law reports and three liquor law reports.

**Friday, Oct. 3, 2:26 a.m.:** DPS received a report from an officer of two minors in possession of alcohol.

**Sunday, Oct. 5, 12:37 a.m.:** DPS received a report of marijuana in H.P. Barnhart.

#### Miscellaneous

DPS received six reports of emergency phone calls.

## CRIME WATCH

## CAMPUS BUZZ

**Thursday**  
Chamber of music series (36th season), 8 p.m.,

Beall Concert Hall. Chamber Music Series opened by award-winning Swiss ensemble "The

Amati String Quartet." Music includes works by Schubert, Beethoven and Janacek.

## POLITICS

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"I'm very aware of (my opinions) and they always come out," she said. "I'll make my stance clear, but I'll present the opposing view," she said, adding that with all controversial topics she encourages debate and respect for diverse perspectives. She said there will always be people who are offended by those who don't agree with them, but most students are eager to learn different things.

Professor Robert O'Brien, head of the sociology department, also believes trying to introduce more stringent rules would be an "infringement of academic freedoms."

"My personal bent would be that I wouldn't want to say things that stifle discussion," O'Brien said. However, certain expressions such as hate speech are forbidden in his department, he added.

Associate Professor Gerald Berk, head of the political science department, said his department doesn't have written guidelines that he knows about, but faculty know they have to be careful not to silence opposing standpoints.

"I think we as political scientists are aware that all of the issues we discuss are highly debatable and I think we all want to cultivate debate," he said. Berk added that he expresses some of his own views, and he tries

to create an atmosphere where people can disagree and his views are not seen as the final point. He said he is always concerned not only about what he says but also about what students say to each other.

Due to their positions, professors can say what they want, and students may wonder whether they can challenge a professor without facing ridicule or a low grade.

"Eighteen-year-olds are going to look up to (professors) and they don't have the rhetorical skills to respond," Rani Sampson, a second-year law student, said. She said students may not only be too afraid to say anything, but also the discussion of politics, especially in non-related fields, may deter the class from the fundamental lessons.

O'Brien said he can understand students' worries, but he would still encourage them to seek recourse if they have a problem. Students who do not agree with teachers may see the department head or file grievances.

"I know it takes nerve," he said. "And I know if there's one student, there may be others who didn't come forward." He said even if a student has "loudly and vociferously" discussed a contentious issue with a professor, this shouldn't form the basis for a grade.

"I hope everyone who is teaching would separate that by three miles from the student grade," he said.

As department head, O'Brien said he has received complaints from students who didn't appreciate a professor's comments or misinterpreted their meaning.

"Most times the complaint will be about the tone and how it's said rather than the substance," he said. He concluded that there were many different ways to say the same thing.

Since he became department head last January, Berk said he has received only two complaints.

"One student was complaining that their professor was too liberal and the other student complained that the professor was too conservative," he said.

International studies graduate student Holly LeMasurier said there should definitely be more space for student dialogue.

"I would hope to find the opportunity to counter what professors say," she said.

While there are cases of overly vocal teachers, LeMasurier said she believes professors should not be afraid to state their opinions.

"I think it's good for students to see models of people who believe in something and are passionate and take a stand, and there isn't enough of that in academia," she said. "I guess it's frustrating when teachers don't take a stand."

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