

CRIME WATCH

Thefts and recoveries

The Department of Public Safety received seven reports of bike theft: two from Walton Complex, one from the Fine Arts Studio north site, one from East 13th Avenue, one from Chapman Hall, one from an off-campus location and one from Hamilton Complex. DPS also received one report of burglary, eight found-property reports, three reports of larceny and one report of a stolen vehicle.

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 9:38 p.m.: DPS received a report of a stolen vacuum cleaner from Clark Hall in the Walton complex.

Monday, Nov. 24, 10:33 a.m.: DPS received a report of criminal mischief, including unlawful entry and criminal intent, in Hayward Field.

Disorderly conduct

DPS received four reports of disorderly conduct, 15 reports of Eugene municipal code violations, three reports of arrests, one report of criminal

trespassing, four reports of suspicious conditions, two reports of suspicious subjects and two reports of vandalism.

Friday, Nov. 21, 3:40 p.m.: DPS received a report of a broken window at the College of Education.

Saturday, Nov. 22, 12:12 a.m.: DPS received a report of a fight in progress at Hamilton Complex.

Alcohol and drugs

DPS received six reports of drug law violations and four reports of liquor

law violations.

Sunday, Nov. 23, 1:46 a.m.: DPS received a report of an officer with nine minors in possession of alcohol.

Miscellaneous

DPS received one miscellaneous report, six emergency call reports, seven alarm reports and one report of an odor.

Thursday, Nov. 20, 2:33 a.m.: An officer reported observing a vehicle hit a tree on the corner of Franklin and Onyx.

CAMPUS BUZZ

Monday

World AIDS Day observance, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., EMU. Campus events and activities include an art exhibit in the Aperture Gallery on the EMU Concourse; a featured film, "Pandemic," showing at 6 p.m. in the Taylor Lounge; and various guest speakers and a musical performance in the Amphitheater. The EMU will close today at 5 p.m. for the Thanksgiving holiday and remain closed until 7 a.m. Monday.

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them, with his friend Desmond Crooks taking a close second.

She added that they have a way of cheering people up because they're so outgoing.

"It rubs off on them, whether they want it to or not," she said.

Crooks said his strategy is simple: He

just tries to smile and "be a dork" like he always is, he said.

Most of the time the Subway employees manage to cheer up their customers, but occasionally they step on a few toes with their antics.

"Most of the time we just joke around with each other and get people back in the mood," Weiss said. "Some people have a different sense of humor, but we all get along. You just say that you're sorry and they smile."

Crooks said that most of the younger students can joke along, but the professors and teachers aren't always appreciative of their humor.

"Snooty old ladies that work in the building don't take it well," he said.

But Weiss said the Subway crew have learned to take the good with the bad — they love their jobs, even during the chaos of a lunch rush.

"It's really easy (dealing with hec-

tic times)," he said. "You just have to have a good crew around you. It's a really laid-back atmosphere. We usually listen to music and talk about other people's personal lives. We laugh about what's going on in the world, what's in sports, George W. Bush, all that stuff. It's like a friendship; it's like a family. We all get along very well with one another."

Weiss said he thinks of himself as a figurative massage for school-aff-

flicted students, but he also gets a great deal of pleasure out of working at Subway.

"I love talking to people," he said. "And I always have a smile on my face while I'm at work ... it's relaxing for me. It's better than sitting at home watching TV all day long and doing nothing."

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this year's flu season, Harbert said. In years past, people generally get hit the hardest directly after the holiday break.

Lane County Health and Human Services Nursing Supervisor Betsy Meredith also noticed the early start of flu season.

"The bottom line is that the flu is here," she said.

Meredith also recommended getting a flu shot, especially since the CDC has identified the flu strain that has been traveling across the country,

and the flu vaccination protects against a similar strain.

Something to remember about flu shots, though, is that they may not always be 100 percent effective, Harbert said. She advised students to keep healthy by using good hygiene methods, getting enough sleep, eating healthy and relaxing.

"The way to keep the immune system strong is to keep our life in balance," Harbert said.

University freshman Charles Taylor said one reason he isn't getting a flu shot is because of his concern about possible side effects.

According to the CDC Web site, the

most common side effect is a sore arm. But Harbert pointed out that no students have complained about flu shot after-effects this year.

"Nobody to my knowledge has had a bad reaction," Harbert said.

Meredith said that when a person gets a flu shot for the first time ever, he or she may feel slightly ill for a couple of days, but a flu shot can't infect anyone with the flu.

"You cannot catch the flu from a flu shot," she said.

It's not too late for people to get vaccinated. The University Health Center is offering flu shots to students for \$10, which can be billed to

a student account. Students can go to the health center Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. University faculty and staff can get flu shots Wednesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. for \$18.50.

Lane County Health and Human Services is also offering flu shots Wednesday mornings between 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. for \$17.

For more information on the flu, visit the CDC Web site at <http://www.cdc.gov>.

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EVALUATION

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schools, so it ends up being pretty important," he said.

Lougee said he pays attention to students' comments.

"Sometimes students disagree with my political perspective, so they tube my evaluation," he said. "If it is a constructive criticism about my teaching methodology, then I take it into account very heavily. If it is a complaint about my political perspective, I just take it in stride."

Lougee said the content of the Political Sociology class he taught made it difficult to keep his opinions out of the course.

Chen said that he has viewed his

professors' ratings online.

"For the most part, I think they're pretty accurate," he said. "The teachers I know that I think are good teachers generally have high ratings."

Chen said the ratings can help students decide which classes to take.

"(The system is) something that helps inform your decision," he said. "But I think in the final analysis that you should e-mail the professor or talk to them."

Several people in various academic departments and a University administrator disagreed about whether students can see written comments from course evaluations.

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Jack Rice said it is up to each department to determine the availability of

the comments written on evaluations.

Responses to inquiries regarding availability varied.

The political science and mathematics departments said that written comments are not available for students to look at.

"In general, we don't open up the file drawer and let people peruse them," said Erica Whitty, the undergraduate secretary of mathematics, adding that specific concerns might warrant looking at the files.

Other departments weren't sure what they would do if approached by a student asking to see the written comments.

"We would follow the University policy, whatever it was," said Georgetown Winther, the graduate secretary of economics. "I don't know if any-

body has ever asked to do that."

"I don't think it's ever come up," agreed Zara Logue, the office specialist for multimedia design.

Professor Scott Pratt, head of the philosophy department, said release of written comments would seem to require both faculty consideration and consent from each of the students who wrote and signed the evaluations.

Regardless of the availability of written comments, students and faculty agreed that course evaluations help the University work better.

"You can never stop a student from having an opinion," Chen said.

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