

University Commons sees crime increase

Some tenants are troubled by the dangers of living in an apartment complex that has increasing crime problems

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News Reporter

University sophomore and pre-journalism major Leanne Miller doesn't feel safe living at the University Commons apartment complex. She keeps a wooden dowel in her window to prevent burglary, and she plans to install her own lock on the outside door of her apartment to prevent theft from the porch.

And Miller isn't alone in feeling the University Commons has an unusually high crime rate. Several students and University Commons tenants also have expressed concerns.

"They are nice buildings, but I have

definitely felt safer living in other locations," Miller said. "Most people think of Duck's Village apartments as the party complex, but I think that maybe that's the safe party complex and (the University Commons) has the parties that turn into violent fights."

Eugene Police Department spokeswoman Kerry Delf said the apartment complex "has been flagged as having an unusually high number of calls."

"We do get significantly more calls from the University Commons than other apartment complexes in the area," she said.

According to EPD reports, the University Commons has experienced almost as much crime in the past five months as it experienced during a 10-month period of the 2002-03 school year.

The report listed all police calls from September 2002 through June 2003 and September 2003 through January 2004.

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NEWS BRIEF

New vice provost to meet with campus community

The University's new Vice Provost for Institutional Equity and Diversity will meet with students, staff and faculty to learn more about diversity issues on campus, according to a University news release.

Gregory Vincent will host the first of four open forums today from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the EMU Gumwood Room where people can talk about general issues regarding equity. On Thursday, Vincent will host a session centered mainly on issues related to students of color, also from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and at the same location.

Another session on general issues is

scheduled for next Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., while those with concerns about issues facing faculty and staff of color can have their say on March 31 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.. These meetings will also be in the EMU Gumwood Room.

The new vice provost said he was interested in hearing what faculty, staff and students have to say on issues of equity and diversity, according to the release.

"These sessions will be helpful in understanding more deeply the challenges and opportunities for our university in these areas, so I'm looking forward to them," Vincent said.

Vincent took up the new position in January. The position was created to address the University's goals concerning campus multiculturalism and equality.

— Ayisha Yahya

CRIME WATCH

• February 27, 2004 through March 8, 2004

Thefts and recoveries

The Department of Public Safety received one report of burglary from Westmoreland Apartments, seven found property reports, one report of a bike impound, five reports of bike theft and seven reports of larceny.

Disorderly conduct

DPS received seven reports of disorderly conduct, two reports of skateboard stunting, two reports of arrests and two reports of reckless burning. DPS also received one report of a dispute, four reports of suspicious conditions, 14 reports of suspicious subjects and five reports of vandalism.

Saturday, Feb. 28, 2:41 a.m.: DPS received a report of a loud party in the East Campus Graduate Village.

Sunday, Feb. 29, 12:48 a.m.: DPS received a report of a male subject throwing an object through the restroom window of Boynton Hall in Hamilton Complex.

Tuesday, March 2, 11:33 a.m.: DPS received a report of a "peeping tom" at Bean Complex.

Sunday, March 7, 1:33 p.m.: DPS received a report of male subjects around Johnson Hall hitting the windows with flying discs.

Monday, March 8, 3:33 a.m.: DPS received a report of an unusual noise

coming from Deschutes Hall.

Alcohol and drugs

DPS received four reports of liquor law violations, two reports of public drinking, one report of possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana and 14 reports of minors in possession of alcohol.

Sunday, Feb. 29, 1:20 a.m.: DPS received a report of a subject with an open container urinating in public at the intersection of Onyx Street and East 15th Avenue.

Miscellaneous

DPS received nine emergency call reports, six alarm reports, one report of an odor, three miscellaneous reports, nine reports of criminal trespassing and one report of unlawful entry of a motor vehicle. DPS also received 26 tow requests: five from the visitor's parking lot, four from the Prince Lucien Campbell Hall parking lot, one from the East 11th Avenue parking lot, seven from the Hayward Field parking lot, one from the Quonset parking lot next to the Riverfront Research Park, two from the Klamath Hall parking lot, two from the University Annex parking lot, one from University Street, two from the Gerlinger Hall turnaround and one from the Emerald Street parking lot.

Thursday, March 6, 11:27 p.m.: DPS received a report of an intoxicated subject who entered Hamilton Complex uninvited and would not leave.

Wednesday

Listening session with Gregory Vincent, the University's new vice provost for institutional equity and diversity, Gumwood Room, EMU, 9:30-11 a.m.

Officers of Administration Council, Umpqua Room, EMU, 1-2 p.m.

Trotter Lecture featuring Clifford Madsen from Florida State University entitled "Establishing Intensity: Rehearsals That Matter," Room 198, Music Building, 1 p.m.

University Senate meeting, Room 100, Willamette Hall, 3-5:30 p.m.

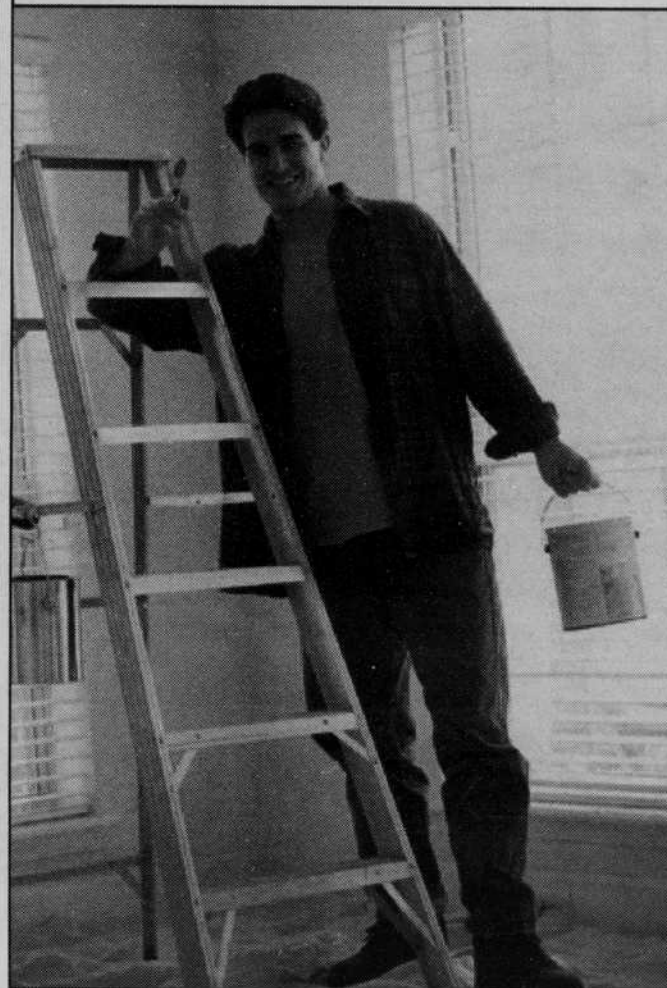
Dance Quarterly, an event featuring dance works-in-progress by students in choreography, dance repertory and improvisation classes, Dougherty Dance Theatre, Gerlinger Annex, 7 p.m.

UO Ensemble Concert, Beall Concert Hall, 8 p.m.

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