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Local man arrested in library theft case

Douglas Collver faces first degree theft charges after EPD's investigation of stolen Knight Library property

By Lisa Catto
News Reporter

The Eugene Police Department is charging a Eugene resident for stealing books from the Knight Library and then selling them on eBay, according to EPD Detective Steve Williams.



Collver

Williams said Douglas Collver allegedly sold about 250 "fairly obscure" books on the popular Internet auction site, most of which cost less than \$100 although many were 75 to 150 years old.

The books were not part of a special collection.

The library filed a report of stolen books with EPD on March 4, Williams said. He said a man from Los Angeles bought a book on eBay and took it to a local book dealer, who noticed a faint University library seal on it. The man contacted the library and sent the book for examination. When the library looked up the book on its computer system, it indicated the book had not been checked out, and the library then contacted EPD, Williams said.

EPD used information provided by the Los Angeles man and the library to find the suspect, Williams said. The detective created an e-mail address and bid on a book for sale from the same person who sold the University's book to the California man.

Williams gave the seller the address to the Corvallis police station, and upon winning the auction found the payment was directed to an apartment on 7th Avenue in Eugene.

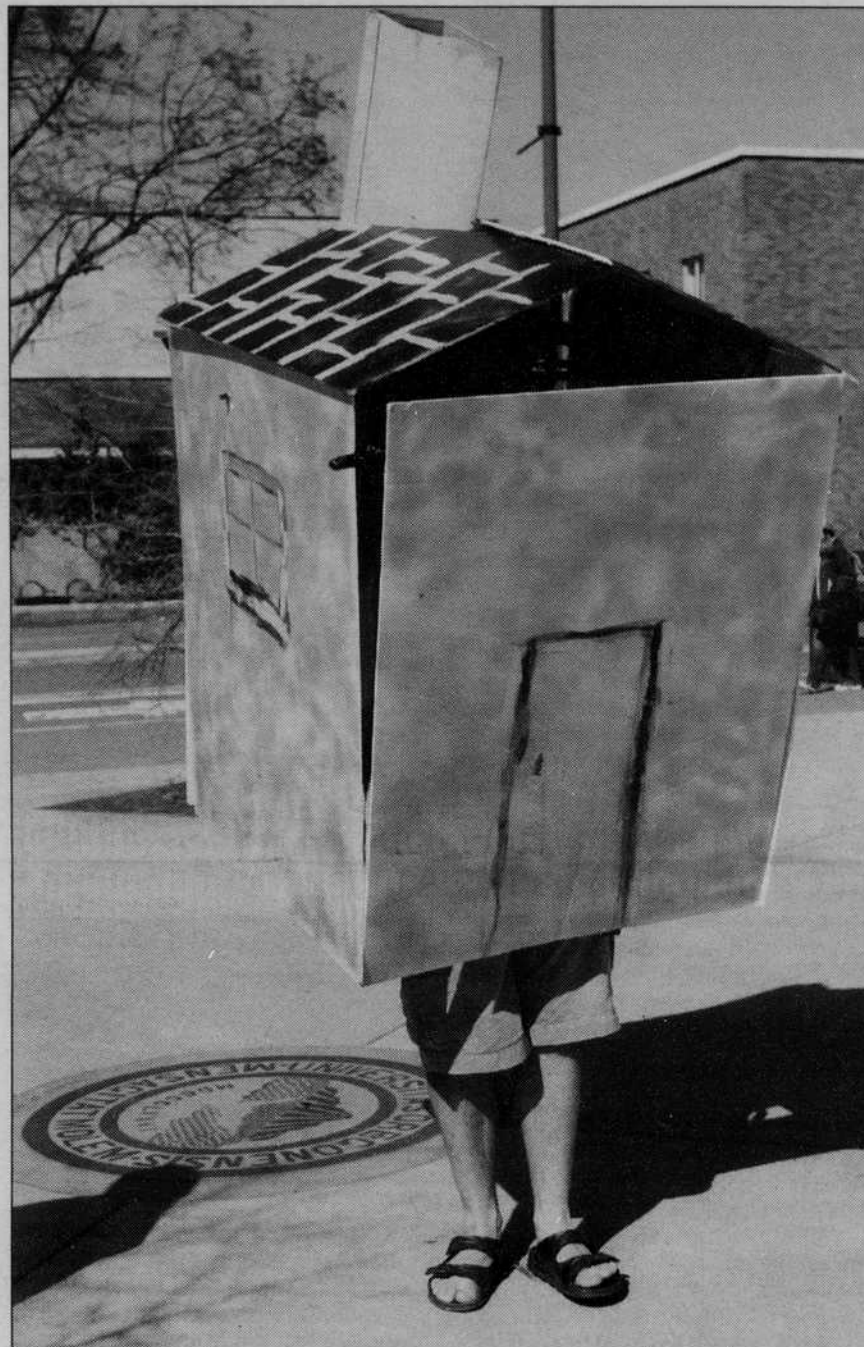
Williams said EPD officers obtained a search warrant on March 12 to search the apartment, which Collver shares with his girlfriend and child.

EPD officers seized Collver's computer and used it to obtain a list of all the books Collver allegedly offered on eBay. They then showed the list to the library to cross-reference with its stock-on-hand.

University Librarian Deborah Carver

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SEARCHING FOR STANDARDS



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Today / Page 12: ASUO Executive and PFC seat 2 candidates

Wednesday: ASUO Executive, PFC seat 1 and PFC at-large one-year term candidates

Thursday: ASUO Executive and PFC at-large two-year term candidates

Herbie the Housing Standards House kicks off the 2004 ASUO elections campaigns. The primary election will take place April 12 through 14 and the general election will take place April 16 through 19.

NEWS BRIEF

Oregon Commentator has 600 copies stolen

The Oregon Commentator, a conservative journal of opinion on campus, has been a victim of theft during the past few weeks.

More than 600 copies of the March 10 issue were stolen from distribution locations near the University Bookstore and the Knight Library since the beginning of spring break.

Commentator editor in chief Timothy

Dreier said theft of the magazine happens "with astounding regularity."

"It usually happens when we print something the left might find offensive," Dreier said. "They think they're striking one for the revolution."

He said that if someone is offended by the publication's content, that person shouldn't read it.

"It's just frustrating to have this from a bunch of people that claim to be open-minded," he said.

Dreier doesn't anticipate ordering any more copies of the March 10 issue.

— Lisa Catto

College of Ed ranks near top in national poll

In addition to excellent ratings overall, the college's faculty were honored with a ranking as the nation's most productive

By Chelsea Duncan
Senior News Reporter

The University College of Education's graduate program received high rankings for the fifth consecutive year in a recent U.S. News and World Report survey, the University announced last week.

The survey ranked researchers in the program as the nation's most productive, with federal grant-supported research activity generating an average of \$1.5 million per faculty member.

The program is also ranked among the nation's top five public graduate institutions, and the Special Education program is ranked third, according to the release.

"The rankings reflect the expertise and impact of the college's faculty as they help Oregon schools and communities meet the needs of children and families," College of Education Dean Martin Kaufman said, adding that faculty members helped Oregon become one of the first five states to receive Reading First grants totaling about \$50 million.

The Lundquist College of Business's MBA program ranked eighth among all West Coast business schools and was the only program in Oregon ranked in the survey, according to the release. It ranked 58th overall, compared to its No. 70 ranking last year.

Business school Dean Philip Romero credits the ranking to new high-quality faculty members, a higher-quality undergraduate class and "the new facility that's the envy of the industry."

"We have definitely improved our performance substantially," he said.

The news magazine's 2005 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools" uses data including expert opinions from deans, program directors and senior faculty, along with statistical data measuring the quality of students and faculty in each school to produce a ranking, according to its Web site at <http://www.usnews.com>.

While the School of Law ranked among the top 50 schools nationwide in academic reputation, and the Environmental Law Program ranked No. 14, law school representatives indicated that they place little value on these types of surveys.

"Deans of all (American Bar Association) accredited law schools tend to be wary of magazine rankings, because so many important aspects of legal education aren't included," School of Law Dean Laird Kirkpatrick said in a statement on the law school's Web site. "But when it comes to academic reputation, the factor most important to our students, we can't help but be pleased to see that we rank in the top fifty in peer assessment and assessment by lawyers and judges, as we have for years."

According to a report commissioned by the Association of American Law Schools at <http://www.aals.org/validity.html>, the surveying methods leave room for potential bias in the subjective portions of the survey, such as school reputation, and leave out factors such as faculty quality.

Kaufman said there is no way around subjectivity when it comes to such evaluations as academic reputation, but he added that more important portions of the survey are based on factual data.

"The component that is the largest rated component is

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