

## BOOK SCAM

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thefts and book selling occur too often and continue to get worse.

He said it isn't a big problem for the University Bookstore, but he hopes to curb the crime before it gets out of control.

Smith Family Bookstore Manager Nancy Smith said this has been an increasing problem for her business as well.

She estimates that the bookstore reports a new suspected book stealer to EPD every week. She added that Smith Family Bookstore staff has to call other Eugene-area bookstores on a daily basis to inquire about missing books.

Ellis said the majority of stolen books are medical and science textbooks because they are generally worth more money when sold back.

He added that perpetrators usually approach students outside of bookstores. Fortunately, he said, several security officers within the University Bookstore have noticed and reported repeat offenders.

Stealing textbooks and selling

them back hurts more people than just the bookstore, Ellis said, because bookstores sometimes have to take drastic measures to recoup the loss in revenue.

"When textbooks get stolen, it forces the price of textbooks up," Ellis said. "It hurts everybody."

Ellis said a student caught selling a stolen book could be charged with the felony of selling stolen property if the student suspected the book was stolen.

"Most students want to help people," Ellis said. "That's why they give money to panhandlers. They trust people because they know they wouldn't do that themselves."

Ellis said students should watch out for this scam, especially because spring term book buy-back is approaching.

So far, the number of thefts and book selling instances have required the University Bookstore to pay more attention to customer behavior, and the staff may look into stronger measures to prevent theft, Williams said.

He added that if the problem continues to worsen, staff may have to

consider closing the textbook area during non-book buying times and requiring staff assistance.

Smith said the staff at Smith Family Bookstore has not decided to make any changes to their security or methods, but the staff does use several methods to determine if someone is selling a stolen book.

She said one safety net they have is they require either a University student ID or an Oregon driver's license to sell back a book. She also said the staff talks to the book seller to see if they can speak "a college-level sentence," as well as inquiring about the class and instructor the book was for.

She added that if staff members are suspicious about someone selling a textbook, he or she may ask if the books belong to that person and explain that selling stolen books is a crime.

"(Smith Family Bookstore) and the University Bookstore are very fair to people who are honest," Smith said.

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## TOWN HALL

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members conducted a survey of 161 instructional faculty members and found that many were unaware of issues concerning salary, raises and how their salaries compared to others.

"Many nontenure-track instructional faculty don't have basic information," McLaughlan said.

The recommendations call for a University-wide process for informing these faculty members and their departments.

Committee members also noted the importance of implementing written policies governing hiring and employment practices that ensure these faculty members receive teaching assignments and contract renewals in a timely manner. Out of 41 departments surveyed about NTTIF policies, 31 reported having no written policies.

McLaughlan discussed the need for a systematic performance review process that would lead to opportunities for NTTIF to achieve step increases, merit pay and seniority status.

"We feel that it's perfectly reasonable for departments and units to develop paths for NTTIF," he said.

Another recommendation calls for

more compensation equity compared to peer institutions and tenure-track faculty. The average salary of University instructors working at or near full time in winter term 2003 was \$37,100, which is 55 percent of the average salary of all tenured ranks, according to the survey.

The final recommendations focus on creating a culture of inclusion and respect for these faculty members throughout the University community. The committee recommends that departments develop policies that allow NTTIF to participate in decision making and to include these faculty members in the "departmental culture."

However, political science Assistant Adjunct Professor Joel Bloom expressed concern about placing constraints on departments by implementing promotion policies.

"Adding more layers of bureaucracy seems to be a bad idea to me," he said. "We just have to keep in mind the law of unintended consequences."

Others noted that the committee also needs to address the discrepancy in pay during the summer session and the need for their workload to remain consistent with their work hours.

Committee co-chairwoman Kassia

Dellabough of the Career Center reminded audience members that the recommendations are in a draft stage and that input is required to ensure all needs are being addressed.

"This is not written in stone," she said. "This is the beginning of the process."

Vice President for Academic Affairs Lorraine Davis, who also attended the meeting, said the issues addressed are more complex than many realize and that it is not realistic for all of the recommendations to come to fruition.

"Does that mean we don't want it to work?" she said. "No."

After the meeting, Davis said the administration has always been concerned about these issues, and she agreed nontenure-track faculty deserve to be better informed about their employment.

The next step for the committee is to revise the draft of recommendations for submission to the Faculty Senate and the administration for endorsement in the fall.

"I'm hoping that we can keep this momentum moving forward," McLaughlan said.

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## CAMPUS BUZZ

Tuesday

Blood Drive, EMU Taylor Lounge, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Officers of Administration Brown Bag entitled "Working with Staff Morale During Difficult Times," EMU Ben Linder Room, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Jeremiah Lecture featuring Martin Colclutt from history and East Asian studies at Princeton University, entitled "Chinese Threads in the Tapestry of Medieval Japanese Zen Buddhism," Browsing Room, Knight Library, 7 p.m.

Community Conversations - Dating Practices, Dunn Hall Lounge, Hamilton Complex, 7:30-9 p.m.  
100th Monkey Ensemble, Beall Concert Hall, 8 p.m.

## CORRECTION

In "Stolen Goods," which ran in the Moving Guide supplement on May 21, the following errors were discovered in the story:

- The Emerald repeatedly referred to the crime of robbery when it intended to say burglary. To summarize, a robbery occurs when an individual threatens to use or uses force to aid in or commit a crime against another individual. Burglary is the attempt or actual act of unlawful entry with the intent to commit a crime. Full definitions can be found at <http://landru.leg.state.or.us/ors/>.

- The story stated that about 200 University student homes are broken into each year. What it should have said is that, during the past two years, on average, about 200 houses and businesses were broken into each year in the South University, West University and University areas.

- There were 180 reported burglaries in 2003, 29 fewer reports than in 2002. The story stated that 181 reports were filed, which was 31 fewer.

- The story stated that 8 percent of the stolen property was recovered and returned. Eight percent of the property was recovered; that does not necessarily mean the Eugene Police Department was able to return all the property to the rightful owners.

- The story stated that 20 of the reported crimes were solved. That number is, in fact, 19.

- The story stated that more than \$6 million worth of property was stolen for reasons of robbery, burglary or theft. That number does not include car thefts, which typically are placed in the category of theft.

The Emerald thanks EPD for pointing out these discrepancies, and the paper regrets the errors.

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