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Food: System used 'dumpster diving' audits

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despite the availability of paper plates for to-go food.

"Five thousand dollars worth, or about half, of the plates were taken," Driscoll said. "We are working with custodial staff, food staff, and we also set up a tent in the beginning of the year for students to learn to save plates."

But some students say they do return the plates.

"For the most part, I don't notice that students take the plates," Shawn Molden, a freshman custodial worker at the Hamilton dining hall, said. "Some students might take the plates to their room for the night, but (they) usually bring them back."

After finishing a meal at Common Grounds Cafe, freshman Erin O'Brien and her friend said they have not taken any plates to their dorm room.

"We have enough of our own dishes," O'Brien said, laughing.

Despite theft, the program is still effective. Normally, the University spends 4.5 cents on every paper plate. In 2002, before the use of plastic plates, the department spent \$23,000 on paper goods. It now spends \$10,000 on paper and plastic plates each, with the price of every reusable plate at \$1. Additionally, it saves the maintenance price of one dumpster.

Driscoll said if every plastic plate is used 35 times, it becomes cost-effective.

The department also purchased an Earth Tub, which is a composting machine that manages food waste in the dining hall, Driscoll said. The Earth Tub project is a partnership with the Environmental Studies Service Learning Program. In the program, Coordinator Steve Mital supervises groups of University

students to tackle conservation issues.

One of the program's projects studied how the EMU could better conserve its waste.

"Two years ago, we did a food waste audit at the EMU — which means we dumpster dived — and created a pie chart that showed what portion of food was recyclable, how much of the waste was Subway and other factors," Mital said. He added that the Service Learning Program is in its fourth year working with conservation matters that apply to the community as well as to the University, such as transportation alternatives and energy management.

In the short run, the Earth Tub would reduce dumpster costs, but in the long run, the savings are incalculable, Mital said.

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Profiling: Anecdotal evidence not used in study

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number of vehicle stops per 1,000 residents, was 133.8 to 299.9 more stops for black residents aged 18 to 29 compared to white residents of the same age. Gumbhir called this difference "statistically significant," which means that it was not due to random chance.

Additionally, black and Latino residents were more likely to be arrested than white residents, another result that Gumbhir called "statistically significant." The study also showed that officers performed discretionary searches more frequently on black and Latino drivers as compared to white drivers. For example, black residents were searched in 11.9 percent of vehicle stops and Latinos in 16.9 percent of vehicle stops, whereas white residents were searched in 7.2 percent of vehicle stops.

While Gumbhir said this data provides evidence of differential treatment for Asians, Latinos and blacks from whites, it does not necessarily mean that racial profiling is occurring.

"These differences in people's experiences may or may not be the result of racial profiling," he said.

One controversial sociological theory that explains differential treatment is differential offending. The theory contends that members of certain races commit certain crimes at higher rates than members of another race. An important finding in Gumbhir's study contradicted this theory by showing that the search success rate, or the portion of searches that yielded contraband, was about equal for all races.

"It doesn't prove the theory wrong, but it provides evidence against the theory," he said.

While Gumbhir's study could not prove that racial profiling occurs in the EPD, anecdotal evidence suggests otherwise.

Two months ago, 25-year-old Cortez Jordan filed a complaint accusing an officer of detaining and questioning him because of his race.

Jordan was walking down Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard with four white friends when he was detained and questioned by a police officer. The officer said he suspected Jordan was carrying a weapon because of his baggy pants and the way he was walking, according to The Register-Guard.

Jordan, who had helped the EPD

with racial diversity training, said the event was "insulting, more than anything."

Gumbhir said he did not analyze anecdotal information, such as Jordan's case, but that such evidence is important.

"I believe it is vital that we look at the anecdotal information and the empirical information in my study together," he said. "It adds to the overall study."

EPD Chief Robert Lehner said Gumbhir's study should be used as a foundation for further inquiry.

"Studies (like this) really raise a lot of issues that require further study and further understanding," he said.

Gumbhir said he hoped the study would lead to further discussion in the community.

"I encourage the Eugene community to take these results and use them as a shared starting point for moving forward in additional examination of racial profiles issues, in terms of policy building and in terms of community relations," he said.

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