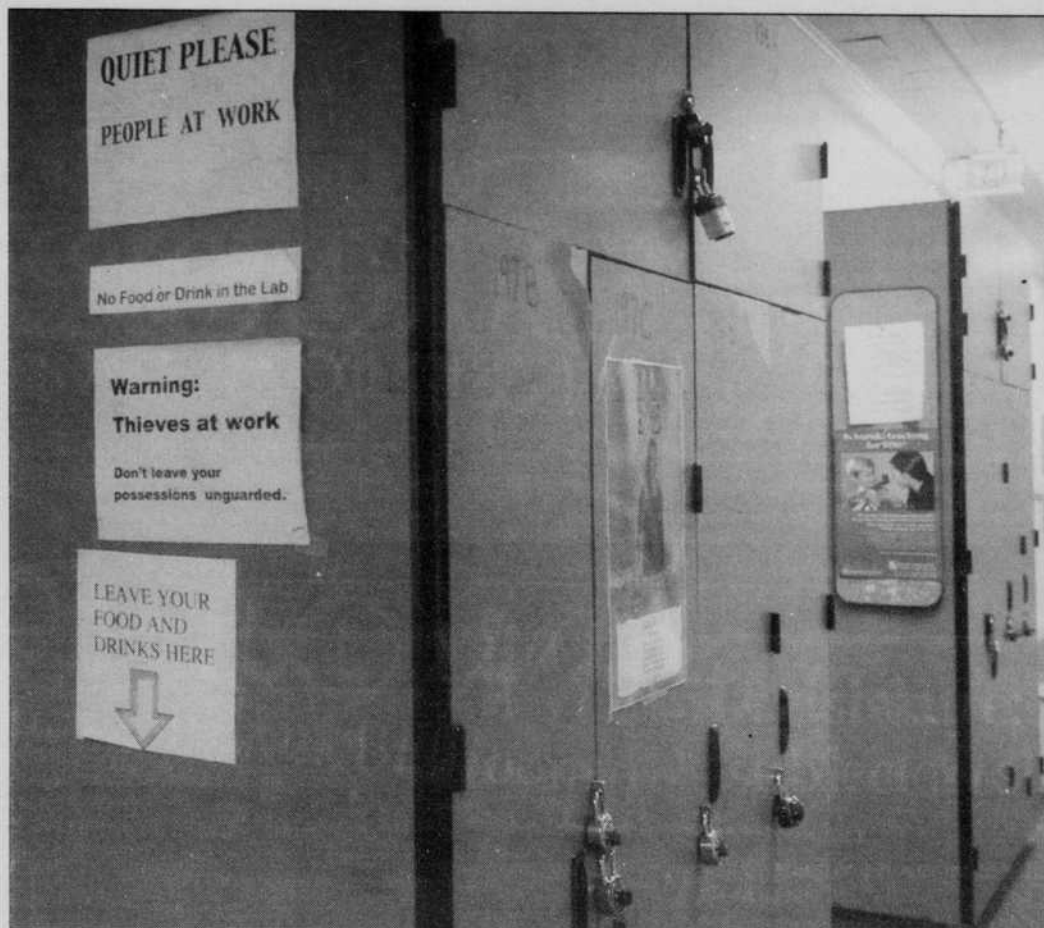




A \$20,000 cello and a \$5,500 horn were stolen out of student lockers in the School of Music on Wednesday.

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Music: Video surveillance among suggestions

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e-mail to the Emerald. "These instruments cost thousands of dollars and the school should be helping to keep our possessions secure and our minds at ease."

Music school GTF Cody Forcier said after students continued to receive little help from the SOM, he went to the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation to "get advice and discuss the burglary and (Toben's) heroic efforts." One of the union's suggestions was to write a formal letter to the dean.

Forcier, Toben, two other music school GTFs and the victims of last week's burglary have signed and sent a letter that suggests security improvements. Those suggestions include: video surveillance in areas with lockers, large permanent signs warning of the cameras, having a security presence in the building after the building is closed at 5 p.m. and

including plans for a room with a security keypad that houses secured lockers in the new SOM building plans. The letter also suggests more Eugene Police Department presence in the neighborhood surrounding the music school and parking lot at all hours, increased University Department of Public Safety presence in the parking lots at all hours and having officers walk through the school during and after business hours. They also requested the registration of student instruments, including insurance policy numbers and estimated value.

"Once, a locker was broken into that was directly above a locker that had been broken into the week before," Forcier said.

Toben said since he came to the SOM two years ago there have been about five break-ins resulting in 15 stolen instruments.

DPS is scheduled to meet with the SOM administration this week to discuss possible solutions. DPS Interim

Director Tom Hicks said having officers patrol the SOM in the morning and afternoon is a problem because "the bulk of our day is spent responding from call to call." He also said that at any given time there are only two or three officers on duty, sometimes fewer.

"I would encourage students to be careful about the property they store there," Hicks said. "They're not real durable lockers."

Hicks also suggests students do not leave their property unattended and report to DPS when they see something suspicious.

Hicks said if DPS and SOM officials decide to change building hours, the change will be implemented quickly. If they decide to use security cameras or fund more Community Service Officers to patrol the building, it could take until July.

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