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Theft: Students are required to register bikes

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report was down \$44 from the previous year. Some of the bikes were valued at only \$1.

Susan Kelley, owner of Blue Heron Bicycles on East 13th Avenue, said she saw more customers coming into her store to replace stolen bikes and bike parts during May than she has in the past. She added that it always seems to go up in the spring and again in the fall when students return, but she sees cut cable locks "everywhere."

EPD Detective Sgt. Pete Deshpande said he speculates the stolen bikes are often traded for drugs or sold for drug money, with the victim never seeing his or her property again. The methamphetamine problem in Eugene and Springfield is largely responsible for the towns' high rates of property theft. He said his department employs a couple of full-time detectives who continuously compare the descriptions and serial numbers of stolen bikes

with the information on pawn slips, but most police reports don't have adequate information, and most of the bikes don't end up in pawn shops.

The majority of bike thefts reported to the Department of Public Safety are stolen from areas near the residence halls, DPS officer Chris Fosnight said. He recommends using two locks instead of one: a cable lock through the frame, seat and tires to make the bike a single unit and a U-lock to attach the bike to the bike rack. It takes more time for a thief to get through both, but if a student wants to use only one lock, he or she should use a U-lock because it's easier for bike thieves to cut through cables than it is for them to pick locks.

Students are required to register with DPS any bike they ride or park at the University, or they face the possibility of a \$15 to \$20 fine. Only half the bikes reported as stolen to DPS from September to March were registered.

DPS holds recovered bikes until someone can prove ownership. Fosnight said every student should know his or her bike's serial number, which is usually located under the crank next to the pedals but varies from brand to brand. If the bike is not claimed after 90 days, it goes to auction.

The total number of bikes stolen throughout Eugene last year was just less than 1,000, Deshpande said. He said the number of bikes stolen this year will most likely be more than 1,000, as it was in 2003.

Fosnight said his department "feel(s) like there has been an increase" in University-area thefts as well, especially in bikes worth less than \$750. He added that the number of bikes reported stolen is lower than the actual number and that people don't usually report the theft of a seat or wheel.

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Senators: Watson calls for U.S. Senate rules

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passed its rules.

"A lot of time and effort went into revising those rules, and it was unfortunate we couldn't get enough people there to pass them," she said.

She also said there were "a lot of difficulties in the budgets this year, and that's going to affect a lot of programs and groups."

"Unfortunately, we weren't able to come to a better overall solution when it came to our end of the table, but we'll see how it works out next year," she said.

Stoll said she agreed with University President Dave Frohnmayer's idea that the amount of stipends should be examined but said it needs to be reduced in a "step-wise fashion so groups aren't hindered by it but rather have time to adjust to it."

"There should be a better way to go about that," she said.

Stoll said she's applying to teach science in Africa with the Peace Corps and may go to medical school.

Michael Watson, Seat 17

Watson wrote in an e-mail that the Senate's "most critical decision, or lack thereof, was not voting to reverse the so-called decision" by the

Constitution Court to remove three PFC members from the committee. He called the decision "unconstitutional in any free system of government," saying "Senate leaders misconstrued Senate rules to deny Senators the right to vote" on two resolutions about the matter.

"I have never witnessed a group so devoted to the proposition that they are powerless to say anything," he wrote. "(The court decision) was done because the three removed senators, two being the only elected latino students in the government, dared speak their minds freely in a legislative hearing. Having examined the oft-cited US Supreme Court Case called Southworth v. University of Wisconsin, I can assure you that Mr. Derrick's decision illustrates a gross deviation from legal and equitable principles, and rests on a complete misunderstanding of the Southworth decision. ... The fact that a rule is written neither guarantees it is interpreted correctly nor legitimate. (The) ASUO is currently a tyranny of 5 judges."

He said the case is also a sign about "how little the Administration seems to care about assisting students in learning from practicing government how principles of Separation

of Powers work."

"A Political Science or Law professor should be at every meeting helping students learn from this process," he wrote. "Student legislators should insist they are real legislators, elected and operating under color of state law at a public university."

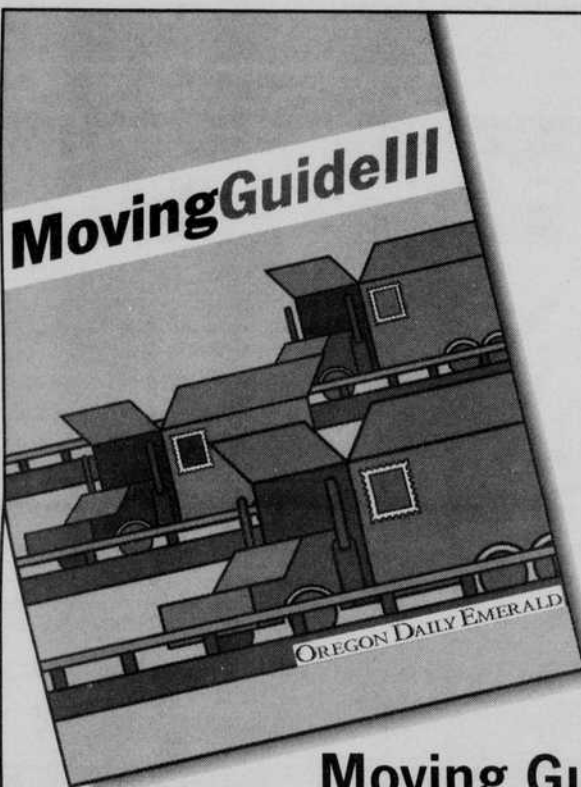
He added that senators should repeal the Green Tape Notebook rules and replace them with the U.S. Senate's Rules of Procedure or Robert's Rules of Order.

"Life never has to be this ridiculous," he wrote. "The current set-up leads to a slavish devotion to rules that violate Separation of Powers principles at every turn. And nobody understands them, making them worthless. The U.S. Senate rules are 100% simpler to learn, and don't lead to roll-call votes on how many cheese-sticks a group is wanting to buy at a bowling alley!"

Watson said he will continue studying law at the University and will be an exchange student at the University of Adelaide in Australia.

Former Senators Khanh Le and Ben Hovland could not be reached for comment.

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