

IN BRIEF

Valuable bicycle stolen from Graduate Village

A specialized bicycle valued at more than \$2,000 was stolen from a disabled graduate student earlier this month.

Architecture student Julie Grant, who lost the use of her legs in a car accident eight years ago, noticed on Oct. 21 that her silver Quickie Spirit 470 handcycle was missing. It was the first time she had checked on her bike since Oct. 9.

"I kept trying to tell myself that I left it in Seattle," she said. "Then I saw pieces of the cable, and then I knew for sure that it was gone."

Grant used a chain Kryptonite lock to secure her bicycle. When it was stolen, the bike was parked outside Graduate Village in a secured bicycle area that is only accessible by a resident's key.

Grant filed a report with the Department of Public Safety and the

Eugene Police Department.

She is also checking advertisements on eBay and craigslist to see whether the thief is trying to sell it.

Whoever stole it knew the bike's value, she said. Grant purchased the bike two years ago using a settlement from her car accident. She can't afford to replace it.

She won three half-marathons with the handcycle, but said she won't be able to compete without the bike.

Grant said cardiovascular exercise is very important to her health. Besides riding her handcycle, "There's no other way to get my heart rate up," she said.

Grant said the bike helped her socially, too.

"You can be out doing normal things," she said.

Anyone with information should contact the Department of Public Safety at 346-5444.

—Katy Gagnon



JULIE GRANT, AN ARCHITECTURE MAJOR, NOTICED LAST WEEK THAT HER QUICKIE SPIRIT 470 BIKE WAS STOLEN FROM THE BIKE RACK AT GRADUATE VILLAGE. SHE SAID SHE RELIES ON THE HANDCYCLE FOR EXERCISE.

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The code is slated to sunset in 2008, when the city can decide to renew it, scrap it or change the system. Many residents at the meeting expressed interest in expanding the code to include other areas, such as tenant cleanliness.

Brett Rowlett, who helped craft the code as part of Eugene Citizens for Housing Standards, said its scope is limited right now because of the previous problems of creating a complex housing code.

"In the past they tried to create so complex a code that they couldn't find a compromise," Rowlett said. "We focused on habitability and on the most basic needs of renters."

But Rowlett held open the possibility of expanding the code after the

sunset. Code enforcement inspector Randy Sangder said members of the housing code program will be studying the data that it generates and looking for trends.

"We are in the process of documenting this as well," Sangder said. "The whole program will be reviewed over the next three years."

Rachelle Nicholas, code enforcement supervisor for the Eugene Rental Housing Program, explained to questioners that other ordinances besides the new housing code cover areas such as garbage pick-up.

"These issues can be addressed through other codes," Nicholas said. "There are other means for you to deal with that."

Attendees also discussed what residents can do to control noise viola-

tions and crime in the neighborhood, two problems that many people agreed are not improving.

Gary Kreger, a neighborhood resident and operator of the McGarry House bed and breakfast on 19th Avenue, told stories of marauding groups of students moving from party to party.

"The weekend of the Washington game I called the police all three nights, and I was told the Party Patrol was not available," Kreger said. "That did not feel good."

Eugene police officers Chris White and Dallas Hall told residents that much of the problem has to do with the understaffed police department.

"When we get a call we put them in the order we receive them," White said, "but there are lots of them."

Hall said EPD is distributing fliers on how to party safely and legally to keg distributors, 7-Eleven stores and other places in the community to let people know the consequences.

Extra officers will be out for the Halloween weekend, Hall said.

Walsh said there are many University events planned for the weekend, and the ASUO is distributing literature to try to let people know how to party responsibly.

"We are trying to let them know what the repercussions are and how to be safe," Walsh said.

Residents were also concerned about a perceived increase in crime, especially car thefts. Officers and some other residents were quick to point out that thefts are not usually perpetrated by students.

"Thieves we catch on campus are almost universally drug addicts," White said.

Walsh agreed that students aren't the ones causing the thefts.

"Students will cause noise violations, but a meth addict will steal your things," he said after the meeting.

Walsh believes it's important for the University to reach out to the surrounding communities to solve these problems.

"The University borders these neighborhoods, and if they're having a problem with students, we should be here."

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on other minorities is an attempt to "divide and conquer."

"If you're not black and you've been discriminated against, you know how it feels," she said.

Taylor and Sifuentez emphasized that affirmative action programs are necessary because United States society has not yet achieved equal representation.

Babach Lau, a second-year law student, agreed with his fellow pan-

elists that discrimination still exists and affirmative action programs can be valuable, but he offered a skeptical perspective throughout the evening.

Lau said he was disappointed by the results achieved so far by affirmative action programs, adding that the problem is greater than minority access to employment and college admissions.

"I wish I could see more progress," he said. "I think it is a lot deeper than admissions; many mi-

nority students come from underfunded education."

Penny Daugherty, director of the Office of Affirmative Action, began the evening by attempting to debunk common myths about affirmative action. She informed the audience about affirmative action law and University policy regarding employment.

She said that affirmative action law does not permit quotas. Instead, employers can create goals of minority inclusion.

"A goal is a target that an employer can reach given every good faith effort," she said.

Sharitha McKenzie, a senior who attended the discussion, found Daugherty's explanation of the difference between a goal and quota interesting.

"I liked hearing about the legal basis for affirmative action," she said.

Mai Vang, co-director of the OSCC, was pleased with the panelists but wished more students would have attended.

She added that the program was open to students from all political viewpoints on affirmative action, and the OSCC attempted to find panelists who opposed affirmative action.

"It was an open discussion," she said. "We did attempt to get the other side, but we did attempt to keep things on the positive side for affirmative action."

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