

Outbreak of car stereo thefts endangers parking lot safety

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Photo Editor

Several expensive car stereos were taken from vehicles in parking lots here on campus last week.

On May 13, three stereos were taken within an hour and a half and two were taken last Friday.

Public Safety Officer Lieutenant Dexheimer said "It's hard to say if it's a gang or just one person. They're going after quality stereos, like Clarion and Blaupunkt, they're not taking junk. The wires aren't cut, they're unplugged. It's very professionally done."

"They've been going after pickups mostly. Smash out a window and take the stereo unit. Added up, over \$2,700 worth (have been) taken in four break-

ins alone," he said.

Dexheimer mentioned one student had around a \$1300-\$1400 unit mounted in a box behind the seat. They simply removed the entire box after smashing the window.

"They're brazen as hell. It's a busy time of day on a Monday when a lot of students are around. Smashing a window makes a lot of noise. They're either brazen or nuts," he said.

According to Dexheimer, a call came in last Friday about 2:15 p.m. concerning another break-in in the front parking lot by the Community Center. This time rather than smash a window, the lock had been taken off the door. An Alpine stereo unit worth about \$400 was taken from the 1984 Corolla belonging to Student

Ryan Andersen. The component had a detachable face, but the face was left on.

The detachable face, which is designed to deter theft, was left on most of the units taken. These types of units also have identification numbers which helps in retrieving lost or stolen equipment. Most of the students did not know the identification number for their stolen stereo.

"Someone pays \$300 to \$400 for a unit, it's taken and sold for \$50 to \$75, probably to a pawn shop or to a friend," he said.

Dexheimer keeps in touch with the Portland Police Crime Unit that checks out various pawn shops. If they see something that looks suspicious, they can check the i.d. number. "Without a number though, it's virtually gone,"

he added.

"Some of the students' mothers are mad and have called and complained, saying we're not doing our job. It's kind of frustrating. With one person you can't be everywhere at once. You can't stop and check out every person that's sitting in a car. Some students are studying or sleeping or socializing with friends. If I checked out every car with someone in it, I'd spend a lot of time in just one parking lot," said Dexheimer.

Stereos with detachable faces should be removed and taken with the owner or locked in the trunk. Record the stereo's identification number and keep it some place where it will be handy in case there is a theft.

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ 'Mini grants' allow for creation of programs

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The Clackamas Community College Foundation awarded 11 "mini-grants" to CCC staff for projects in 1996-97. The total amount awarded through the grants was \$23,097.

The "mini-grants" lend financial support to innovative projects for which traditional college resources are not available.

The following projects were funded for 1996-97:

Music Department, for "Just Jazz with Ed Beach."

Communications and Theatre Arts, Tom McCall Forensics Tournament.

Athletic Department, Hall of Fame construction.

Art Department, Outdoor sculpture show.

Drafting Department, developing a 3D-rendered animation on interactive CD-ROM's.

Math Department, producing a model for tracking student progress.

Drafting Department, establishing World Wide Web access for development of a comprehensive electronic distance learning program.

Engineering and Life & Physical Science, equipment for cooperative multimedia production and presentation to enhance delivery of complex instructional materials

Continuing Education, purchasing an "assistive listening system" for the hearing impaired.

Manufacturing Department, purchasing materials and supplies for construction of backhoe and sprayer.

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PTK holds recognition, awards banquet

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The Alpha Xi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa held its recognition and awards banquet on Monday evening.

Family and friends gathered to celebrate the achievements of chapter members during the past year.

Outgoing President Rosemary Jane shared the club's awards earned at the International conference held in Washington, D.C. last month, as well as those awarded during the Regional conference earlier this month in the Dalles, Ore.

Several members were recognized for their help with the club's "fun-raising" efforts and for volunteer work and service to the community.

See next week's *Print* for a feature article on the newly installed Phi Theta Kappa officers.



Photo by Laney Fouse

Denise Monte accepts the Personal Hallmark Award from Club President Rosemary Jane.

Positive feedback encourages change

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to work on things," said Keyser. "The recommendations will help us become a better college."

Keyser gave specific comment regarding Clackamas' plan to address each of the following recommendations.

Standard III - Physical Plant, Materials and Equipment

"Clackamas Community College has an updated and well formulated Facilities Master Plan which identifies future projects, beyond the timeframe of priority projects. It is recommended that Clackamas Community College consider ways and means to implement those future projects which concern programs currently in serious need of adequate and appropriate physical facilities and space, such as art and music."

The college has already been working on a plan for this.

"That's the high priority in our faculties master plan. We know we need to address that and we'll be addressing it over the next couple of years," said Keyser.

Standard IV - Library and Information Resources

"The Library, in collaboration with the teaching faculty, is encouraged to develop and implement a plan to increase student utilization of its print and electronic resources."

This is another area that could benefit from some attention.

"I think that's a very good recommendation. There are a variety of thoughts that are being considered for achieving that purpose," said Keyser.

Standard V - Educational Program and Its Effectiveness - Policy 25 - Educational Assessment

"The college should continue to participate actively in outcomes assessment, locally and at the state level, to improve the quality of follow-up data available through baccalaureate grade records and employment records."

"The college should continue its ongoing efforts to increase the relevance and congruence of assessment information gathered at the individual program-level and at the institutional research level in an effort to better determine the effects of educational programs upon students."

Keyser agrees that this is an area that could benefit from some improvement.

"We can do a better job in terms of tracking our students after they graduate," said Keyser.

Standard XII - Instructional Staff - Policy 26 - Faculty Evaluation

"It is recommended that the College review the faculty evaluation process and develop criteria that specifically address the effectiveness of faculty as teachers; also, that establish guidelines

that are more explicit about the required frequency of student evaluations."

This is a recommendation that is being considered. Right now the college is in compliance of this standard, but Keyser agrees that it is an area that could use some improvement.

Standard VIII - Administration

"It is recommended that CCC start thinking strategically about dealing with staff turnover, especially in light of predictions from the Director of Human Resources that 45% of faculty and administration are or will be eligible to retire within the next five years. Replacement strategies should maintain the momentum and culture of the institution, while meeting affirmative action goals."

It is realized that there will be high turnover of faculty and administration in the next five years and the college is working on finding the best ways to solve the situation.

Standard IX - Students

"The faculty advising program needs to receive special attention. The once successful advising committee should be re-established with accountability for progress, training for participants, and coordination with student services."

This is an issue the college recognizes and is working on improving.

"We had already re-estab-

lished an advising committee so they are already working on that," said Keyser.

The draft report also included a rare closing statement.

"A closing statement is a little unusual. They usually don't do this, but I think they felt that it was such a positive college environment that they wanted to make special note of that in a closing statement," said Keyser.

One particularly impressive comment included in the closing statement is, "Members of the Evaluation committee agree that Clackamas Community College comes as close as we have ever found to modeling this ideal definition of the community college as a community of learners."

"I think it (closing statement) shows that there are so many people that are trying to make a better college. It's been a great team effort to put it together and this shows the great team effort has gone into making the college what it is," said Keyser.

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