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Car break-ins cause concern at Clackamas



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Seven car break-ins have been reported at Clackamas in the month of November, five of them in Barlow parking lot. The increasing number of break-ins calls for tighter security measures.

Most of the break-ins that occur on campus involve broken windows, stolen CD players and CDs. One of Clackamas' students was able to catch a thief in the act ear-

lier this month. Apparently, the student, who was headed towards his station wagon parked in Barlow parking lot, saw someone jumping out of the driver's door of his car.

"The student asked him what he was doing in his car and that's when the guy took off running. He was knocked down by another student who just happened to walk across the parking lot," said Larry Dexheimer, chief of public safety. "We arrested him and took him to jail."

Other incidents involved College President Joe Johnson's car being damaged on Nov. 19, and a student claiming that someone had cut out a corner of her license plate and taken off the tag.

"President Johnson wasn't sure though whether his car was damaged here on campus or somewhere else," explained Dexheimer.

A few break-ins have been reported at the Harmony Center, mostly involving broken windows and theft.

When a crime occurs, there are several steps that are taken after the incident.

"We inspect the vehicle and look at what kind of damage there is," said Dexheimer. "Our reports go to the Sheriff's office and we get a case number, which we give to the victim."

To date, there are three commissioned police officers on campus and, in order to increase public safety activity, the college is looking into hiring one or two more officers.

"We are trying to get two more people on day shift, to be more visible," stated Dexheimer.

By watching the campus during their day shift and making sure that everything is all right, Public Safety of-

ficers have been able to prevent or at least stop car break-ins many times in the past.

"One time, we had two guys who had broken into a pick-up truck. We just happened to drive by and we saw them, way back in the corner, throwing a whole bunch of stuff under the vehicle they had just broken into," said Dexheimer. "They had taken out the stereo and CDs and tried

to hide them under the car. We arrested both of them and took them to jail."

It is not known whether certain groups of people are committing the crimes or whether it is individuals who are responsible for the incidents. It is a fact though, that some of the thieves are not affiliated with the college at all.

"We had one incident where I saw this car in the parking lot, out there where the trailers park, and it had piles of stuff in there. So, I ran a check on the plate and it came back stolen out of Hood

River," said Dexheimer. "While I was standing there, doing the paper work, this guy walked up to me and asked me what was going on with his car. We arrested him. He was a guy from Seattle and he had no ties

to the college at all. He was just here to use our facilities."

Although Barlow parking lot seems to be the scene of many car break-ins,

Dexheimer still believes it to be a safe place for students to park their car.

"I think it's a safe place to park because it's a traffic lot. You know that there's a lot of traffic and people out there," said Dexheimer. "We are trying to be there and to be present."

There are several things you can do to decrease the risk of getting your car broken into, such as not leaving anything visible in your vehicle including CDs. In case you own a stereo with a removable face plate, make sure to remove it before leaving your car.

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Speech team speaks out, brings home the bronze

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Clackamas' Speech and Debate team said it loud and proud on Nov. 16-17 at Butte Community College in California and took home 14 individual awards and third place in the Sweepstakes Overall Competition.

Clackamas competes within the Northwestern region and on several occasions has been invited to compete in other regions.

"We have been invited to go out of region several times due to our national rankings," said Kelly Brennan, director of forensics.

There are 16 people on the team, and unfortunately the budget is enough to send only a certain number of com-

petitors, which is why they are constantly doing fundraisers. The Speech and Debate team is currently selling tickets for the Nov. 30 showing of "Communicating Doors." All proceeds for that night's showing will go to the Speech and Debate team.

"We have 16 individuals and we have a budget for only so many," said Brennan.

Auditions were held for all the members of the team for the chance to go to the Butte competition, but in the end only six prevailed. Representing Clackamas at Butte College was Samantha Griffin, Kerrie Baker-Hughes, Dan Graves, Jenifer Gile, Amy Perin and Shawna Ford.

"These students have really worked hard," said Brennan.

There were 24 schools competing at the tournament at Butte College. Clackamas took home 15 awards. Samantha Griffin placed third in Open Communication Analysis and was a Semi-Finalist for Open Debate. Kerrie Baker marked her words placing first in Open Program Oral Interpretation, first in Open Prose and second in Open Poetry. She continued to delight the crowd by placing first in the Overall Speaker category as well as sixth in Speaker Open Debate, and was a Semi-Finalist for Open Debate. Jenifer Gile was a Finalist in Open Program Oral Interpretation, Open Communication Analysis and Open Extemporaneous. Amy Perin took home second in the Novice Persuasion category while Shawna Ford placed third in Novice In-



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Clackamas was able to earn 15 awards while at Butte College on Nov. 16-17. Back Row: left to right: An unidentified student, Dan Graves, Kelly Brennan and Brian Everest show their pride in hitting number one in several categories. Front: Paul Southwick and Samantha Griffin show their skills at debating.

formative. "For six people to take home 15 awards is phenomenal," said Brennan.

"We had three teams there and they all had winning

records," said Brian Everest, assistant director of forensics.

Clackamas was stacked against many larger teams and was still able to place in sev-

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