



Photo by Warren Morgan

"People don't have enough respect for security officers around here and the problems they have. They have no more power than any other citizen...A big problem is that a lot of people don't understand what a campus security officer cannot do."

So says Oakley Glenn, chief of Campus Security at the University. Campus Security officers are not police officers. They are unarmed, and they have no formal power of arrest other than a citizen's arrest—which means they cannot legally forcibly detain a suspect, even if they catch him committing a crime.

Then why have a Campus

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Security Office at all? What functions do they actually fulfill? Are they just a bunch of people who drive around campus aimlessly while eating up a big share of the tight University budget?

According to Gerald Bogen, University vice-president for Student Services, late '60s-early '70s campus unrest was "partly" the reason for

creating the office of Campus Security, he explained, the Physical Plant administered campus patrols, but the University did not have "very adequate police coverage."

The campus riots called the State Legislature's attention to the issue. "We had \$100,000 worth of damage and a tremendous amount of publicity on the bombings," Bogen said.

"The Legislature wanted state police on campus."

Three powerful members of the Ways and Means Committee visited campus and met with Pres. Robert Clark and Bogen to settle the question.

Clark and Bogen managed to dissuade them from their plan, and instead the Legislature ended up providing the money to start the present Campus Security Office. Included was a \$47,000 annual allotment to keep a Eugene Police Department (EPD) patrols on campus continuously.

One reason Bogen opposed state police on campus was a potential "jurisdictional problem" with EPD patrols if the Oregon State police ventured off campus. The state police do not ordinarily patrol the city of Eugene—they leave it to the EPD—but Bogen wondered

"What are the campus boundaries?" He noted that jurisdiction would be doubtful in fraternities or Westmoreland student housing.

"We had an excellent relationship with the Eugene police—and why screw that up?" Bogen continued. He asserted that the rapport and spirit of co-operation between the EPD and the campus community is "unique" for such relationships. Those who resent the presence of EPD patrols on campus are misinformed, he said, for "the question of jurisdictions is a false one...the EPD could come on campus anytime they wanted...there never really was a sanctuary in a matter of law...We are not authorized to develop our own campus police force."

Glenn was EPD chief of detectives before becoming campus security chief, and he continued to work for EPD until his official retirement last month. He is a large part of the reason campus and EPD get along so well, Bogen says.

Glenn agrees that a good relationship between city police and campus is important. Otherwise, city police might be "slow to respond" to calls because of "lack of interest."

Another reason for a special security force, Bogen said, was that it could be responsible to the president. He remembers that then-Gov. Tom McCall also favored state police on campus originally, but McCall balked when he learned that calling them on campus in large numbers would be his decision to make. This way, however, Bogen and Clark control campus security, and they can authorize it to do anything legal.

Bogen said he appreciates the flexibility of this "unique" arrangement, too. Under the present system, he says, he can call the entire EPD on campus if necessary—and that has happened in the past, he added.

The University campus security arrangement also provides a buffer between EPD and the campus. If, for instance, a zealous dorm resident assistant call EPD because a dorm resident is caught smoking marijuana, Bogen believes that EPD would call Campus Security and let them handle the matter. He also asserted that, unlike many city police departments,

EPD primarily concerns itself with public nuisances, not trivial offenses like marijuana smoking. Other services Campus Security now provides include:

•Campus keys. The office employs one full-time key clerk and two full-time locksmiths. "We're constantly putting through key changes because keys got lost...more and more all the time. Keys are very time-consuming, one of our main programs," Glenn said.

•The Stop Theft program. This program registers personal valuables, lists them in a nationwide computer network, and helps recover them if they are lost or stolen. Items are listed by serial number. If the item does not have a serial number, Campus Security will provide one and imprint it with electric pencil on the item. Many cities across the country now have a similar program, but Glenn says, "We carry it a lot more extensively than any city could." Campus Security sets up tables in the dormitories, fraternities and sororities, and the College Inn so that students may conveniently register their belongings. Glenn said that students and faculty living off campus may also register. In addition to the computer network, Glenn says that Eugene, Salem and

the dorm areas late at night. They try to make sure dorm doors stay locked overnight, for residents and outsiders often prop them open.

The student patrol also patrols the main parking lots around the dorms. According to Glenn, these parking lots are the only busy ones after dark. "We had a tremendous amount of thefts from motor vehicles" before 1971, when this program began, he pointed out. But the new patrol, together with a "light or two we had installed around the parking lots" and an increased patrol strength on campus because of EPD help, was able to reduce parking lot losses by 85 per cent its first year.

•Campus alarm system. When a dorm alarm goes off, Campus Security must reset it in three different places, and they must also be downstairs to let firemen in if the call comes after the dorm doors are locked for the night. They also maintain alarms in science labs around campus, vending machines in the EMU, the AD buildings and dorms.

Glenn also is planning at least two new programs. One is increased campus lighting. Three years ago he surveyed candlepower all over campus and submitted a detailed plan for new lighting, but the Open

Citizen's arrest only power of Campus Security

Portland police departments check local pawn shops weekly for stolen items. "Hundreds of items are returned to owners in the state every month" because of Stop Theft.

•Bicycle Patrol. This is an extension of the Stop Theft program, Glenn said. The patrol will put a tag on your bike if you haven't locked it properly; it will put a different tag on it if you don't have a bicycle license. The purpose of the license is to provide a serial number, Glenn states. Because two bikes of the same make and model may be impossible to distinguish, a serial number is important.

•Student Patrol. The student patrol operates only in

Space Committee turned it down.

"Lighting dispels fear, and when people can walk across campus without being afraid, you have accomplished a goal. People's peace of mind is most important...Debbie (Debra Corbett, ASUO vice-president, who is working on the lighting problem) has actually talked to students who are afraid to go out at night because of the darkness." Glenn also wants emergency telephones installed all over campus.

Campus Security also maintains parking signs and lines, tickets and bills campus parking violators, and locks and opens all campus doors at night.

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