

Thieves heist fake 300-lb meteorite; campus security tricked by dummy diversion

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Thieves made off with the University's 300-pound imitation meteor last Tuesday, using a dummy to distract security officials.

The meteor has been a landmark in front of the Science building for the last five years, and was an imitation of a real meteor found near Oregon City many years ago.

The model was plaster of Paris, according to Edwin Ebbighausen, Prof. of physics and astronomy. It is a life-size replica of the real thing which is now kept in the American Museum of Natural History, in New York City.

The model was 8 feet long, 5 feet wide, 3 feet thick and weighed about 300 pounds.

The thieves used a decoy to steal the meteorite, according to campus security.

About Tuesday of last week - Campus Security doesn't have the exact date - a strangling man appeared hanging from a window of PLC. Campus security went to investigate only to discover the man was in fact a balloon, a shirt and some pants.

Meanwhile the thieves were stealing the meteorite. Eb-

bighausen says the thieves must have used a truck to haul it away, although he didn't speculate on how they picked it up.

Campus security refuses to comment on the incident. However, the balloon dummy has been seen floating around the security office, according to one officer.

Friday the terrorists left a note with the EMU grievance center claiming credit for the theft, it read as follows:

"There once was a dummy named Ted,

Hanging from PLC looking quite dead,

Security was attracted
So they got themselves distracted

As we took the meteorite and fled—

Meteorite Cleaning Service"
The note was written on brown paper.

A similar incident occurred in spring of 1977 when vandals took a bust from the art museum courtyard. The thieves in this case left a note deriding campus security for its poor work. The bust was later returned.

Ebbighausen says the meteor

was kept in storage for several years before being placed in front of the science building. He estimates the value at nothing.

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total number of runaways in Lane County in 1977 was 1,008, according to the Lane County Juvenile Dept. A significant number of these are criminal offenders from out of state.

"There's a need for positive youth development, a need to get kids involved in a positive manner — then they'll be less interested in

getting involved in criminal activities," says Forbes.

Forbes says he is pleased that the neighborhood is becoming an entity, community resources are being utilized, and youth find what they need in their neighborhood.

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