

Security monitors bikes, parking and ducks

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Expelling a duck from Mac Court during a basketball game is only one of the Campus Security Patrol's talents.

"We provide the students and faculty of this University with so many different services that I'm sure the average person doesn't realize just how much we do," Dick Tanner, assistant director of campus security, says.

The University security force operates 24 hours a day, constantly patrolling the entire campus. At night the officers make regular rounds of all the buildings to make sure they are locked and safe.

On an average day, the security office answers calls for lost keys, petty thefts, public disturbances and personal injuries. Every member of the security team is trained in first aid.

The department is responsible for 50 fire alarm systems throughout the campus.

Campus Security employs 12 full-time security officers who work in direct cooperation with the Eugene Police

Department. Five members of the Eugene police force are on permanent assignment to the security force.

The incidence of significant crime on campus is very slight, Tanner says. The rumors of frequent rape are just that — rumors, he says.

"Every time a rape is committed within two or three miles of here, the reports come in that it was committed on campus. That's just not true. We have no problem with rape here."

But Tanner says student parking on campus is a problem.

"There has always been a lack of sufficient parking right on campus and this has caused numerous problems, not to mention some lost tempers."

"They have been talking about expanding the parking facilities for years, but I doubt if they ever will. There's just too much involved."

All the money taken in from parking tickets is channeled right back into the parking facilities, Tanner says and it is entirely a non-profit, self-supporting system.

Tanner encourages owners of bicycles



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While writing out tickets is only a small part of the campus security staff's duties, assistant director Dick Tanner says many students don't realize that.

to have them registered with the security office. Registration is free.

"It's next to impossible to recover a stolen bike that has not been registered with our office. It's hard enough to recover one that is," he says. "But the chances for recovery are much better if the bike has been registered."

"Some students get pretty indignant with us when we try to get them to register their bikes. They just don't realize that we are trying to do this for their own good."

The security office has many recovered bikes in storage because it has been unable to get in touch with the owners. Security personnel plan to have an auction in the fall for some of those unclaimed bikes.

The University's security operation is the only one in the state that runs as an entirely independent unit. This freedom allows better and stronger organization, Tanner says. On the rest of Oregon's college campuses, the security departments are just a smaller branch of some other campus organization.

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for the games, if the supply were guaranteed, because they sell strong throughout the year. She says there is no "seasonality" of sales.

Selecting games to sell is no easy task; with over 140 electronic games on the market, each owner chooses 25. Their shared formula is to use a good helping of intuition with a dash of theory. When Agerter attends a toy show, he and his two sons — both in their twenties — look for games that please them, playing their favorites during the cocktail hour. A good game, he says, is one "that challenges the mind."

Linden prefers to purchase "low-end" toys — games which cost less than \$30. Once that qualification is met, "if I like them, I buy them," he says. Kilgore prefers a game that is "sufficiently complicated," but at her Endgames store, price is

no deterrent — she stocks electronic chess games, which cost at least \$300. They're good enough to play a chess master, she claims, but not a grand master — yet.

The industry will soon be cranking out as many simpler games as it has chips for, but they are as far removed from the original calculator as the latest exotic arcade video games are from Pong. The big sellers are expected to be Simon, Merlin and Mattel's sports simulators again, but the "second-generation" hand-helds promise to keep competition lively.

For those who can't get hold of Simon, there will be three look-alike clones: Ideal's "Maniac," Atari's "Touch Me" and Tiger's "Copycat."

Electronic Mastermind and Battleship are on the market, but Agerter doesn't think a trend will develop to convert old

board games to electronics.

"Hangman," the old word game in which a player must find a word by guessing all its letters, will be electronically rendered in "Scrabble Sensor" and Texas Industries' "Mr. Challenger."

Milton Bradley's "Microvision" and Mego's "MiniVid" are two new non-video games, which are miniature versions of the video games plugged into TV sets. They have a small screen made of liquid crystal diodes. The MiniVid will be a collection of one-function hand-helds, while Microvision will have small insertable game cartridges.

What's next in the way of computer games? "If I knew what was coming up," says Agerter, "I would be in research." He sees no limit to their variety. "Is there a limit to computers?" he asks.

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