

Students often fail to report crimes, even when they are overt.

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Registration: prime crime time

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If current statistics are accurate, the average student who spends four years at the University will be hit by crime at least once, according to Sgt. Rick Allison, Eugene city police officer assigned to the campus.

"The theory 'It always happens o the other guy' doesn't hold true at the University," Allison says.

Rape, attempted rape, theft, burglary, harassment and vandalism are among crimes committed that victimize students at the University every year.

Registration time is prime time for thefts, Allison says, because students have "a bit more money than usual."

Students cannot be too careful in guarding against purse thefts from cars, money stolen from locker rooms, dorms, fraternities and sororities. Allison says students are "too trusting."

"Once they're victimized, they tend to be educated immediately," he says.

Allison and Sgt. Darwin Dragt, also assigned to campus security by the Eugene city police depart-

ment, give several safety tips to students.

Students' valuable personal property should be engraved with their Oregon drivers license numbers. Engravers can be borrowed from the campus security office. Some dormitories have purchased engravers for resident's use.

Bicycles should be registered with campus security, engraved and securely locked. During the 1981 school year, \$283,000 in stolen bikes was reported to campus security.

"Invest in locks for on-campus lockers," Allison says. "It only takes a second for someone to get into an unlocked locker, feel around for a wallet, grab it and run," he says.

"Don't ever keep code numbers with bank cards, for God's sake!" Allison says. "Don't laugh...we receive monthly reports of this happening."

Allison and Dragt are also concerned about students' personal safety.

"The problem is that there is always a single female to be found on campus — 24 hours a day. The

University has been a prime target for cons in the pen for rape," Allison says.

He suggests females walk with confidence and with a companion, be level-headed if accosted and yell "Fire!" if there is a threat of harassment.

"'Fire!' tends to get the best response from bystanders."

Students should also become familiar with the campus emergency phone locations. The phones, which are old surplus ship communication devices, provide a direct line to the campus security dispatch office.

"These seem to be effective; unfortunately, we have 100 false alarms for every real case," Allison says.

Campus security officers offer personal protection seminars or talks for groups of four or more. Interested student groups should contact campus security.

Campus security and Project Be-Safe, the campus neighborhood watch volunteer group, are trying to organize an efficient escort service. Contact campus security for more information.

Transients are a constant pro-

blem in the University area, according to Allison and Dragt.

"There are some very fine transients around this area, but there are also some causing problems," Allison says.

Allison receives almost daily reports of transients harassing students, sleeping in unlocked cars and stealing student property.

"It surprises me how trusting students are of the transients. They (transients) are often here for more than to see the sights," Dragt says.

Students' cooperation in reporting all crimes, no matter how minor, is appreciated by the security officers.

Campus security is completely supported by University dollars from housing, parking, student government and security funds. The security office can be reached at 686-5444, or at the 24-hour emergency number, 686-3333.

"I think those students who have dealt with our officers come away pleased," Allison says. "We want the phone calls. We want to be bothered. That's why we're here."



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