

CAMPUS SECURITY



Photo by Brian Erb

Annette Miller is a member of the newly-formed student patrol, which makes security checks and escorts students around campus.

Student patrol aids in security

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Not all police dress in blue — at the University some officers dress in green.

They are the student patrol, says Sgt. Marjorie Bigelow of the Eugene Police Department. And while not actually composed of police officers, the patrol is a good deterrent to crime, Bigelow says.

"The student patrol is on duty seven days a week from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. and they are there to observe and to report security and safety problems," she says.

The patrol is financed through work study and the housing department, Bigelow says. Its principle patrol area is around the residence halls.

"The student patrol has been very effective for us," she says. "Any time you have extra help in the field it is a deterrent to crime."

Wearing uniforms of green coveralls with a security patch on their upper left arms, the student patrol was formed Oct. 1 to provide many essential security services to aid police and students, Bigelow says.

An important duty of the patrol is the escort service. Any student can call campus security at 686-5444 during patrol hours and get an escort to or from any point within a two-block radius of campus.

The University Inn and all greek houses are

also included in the escort service, she says.

Two students are on duty each night. Aside from accompanying students across campus, the patrol checks for security problems, she says.

"They are our extra eyes in security. They are equipped with radios and can call in any emergency."

A case in point occurred last Wednesday night, she says.

"Two suspects were in the Walton Complex trying to sell a controlled substance door-to-door," says Sgt. Rick Allison of the police department. "Several students called campus security to complain about it."

"The student patrol monitored the call on the radio and moved into the area. When they saw the suspects, they took down their license plate number and called in the information to us."

"With their help the suspects were apprehended much faster," Allison says.

The seven-member patrol, which includes four men and three women, are to report lighting deficiencies, check locked doors and watch for suspicious-looking strangers on campus, Bigelow says.

"But they are not to become involved in any situation where they could be injured," Allison says. "They radio campus security and direct us to the problem areas."

Pro-Irish nationalist to appear tonight

Bernadette Devlin-McAliskey, a principal spokesperson for Irish nationalism and former British Parliament member, will speak at the EMU Ballroom tonight at 8 p.m.

In 1969, Devlin-McAliskey surfaced as a leader in the movement against British control of northern Ireland's six counties. The next year, at age 21, she became the youngest person elected to Parliament. She served a second term, leaving Parliament in March, 1974.

Devlin-McAliskey and her husband survived multiple gunshot wounds in January, 1981, reportedly at the hands of pro-British Protestant extremists. Her children witnessed the attackers, who shot her seven times and left both her and her husband for dead.

While Devlin-McAliskey is primarily known in international circles as an Irish nationalist, she was also prominent in leading pro-choice advocates during Ireland's recent referendum on abortion.

Eugene is one of only five cities she will visit during her 8-day tour of the United States. The others are New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Tucson. Her scheduled Eugene appearance in November, 1982, was cancelled due to the fall of the Dublin government.

This year, McAliskey's entry visa was held up by two months of negotiations with the U.S. State Department.

Her Eugene appearance is sponsored by the ASUO and the Cultural Forum. Admission is \$1.50 for students, and \$2.50 for the general public.

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