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Monday-Friday: 5:10 p.m. evening prayer followed by Mass.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
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cles. Although decreasing in number, bike thefts are increasing in value because of the relatively expensive mountain bikes many students now ride.

Theft was reported as the number one campus crime at Oregon State, Portland State and UCLA last year. In 1989, OSU, which has an enrollment of about 15,600 students, reported 464 thefts. OSU has employed state police for campus security since November 1989.

PSU, with an enrollment of about 17,000 and campus security similar to the University's, reported 564 thefts. UCLA, with approximately 43,000 students and a state police force of 70 officers, reported 676 thefts, which accounted for just under 55 percent of all crimes committed on that campus.

While illegal alcohol consumption continues to stump University officials, theft can be prevented by simple common sense. OPS has recently produced a video to promote that very idea.

Called "Gone In Thirty Seconds," the video will be shown in the dorms during registration week. OPS believes this promotion of awareness is necessary because students often inadvertently sacrifice their belongings for the sake of convenience. Whether going down the hall to visit a neighbor or dashing into the EMU for a cup of coffee, students are advised to secure their belongings.

Aside from common carelessness, widespread belief in the "bushy-haired stranger" myth also puts students themselves at risk of becoming victims of campus crime. According to OPS officers, the person who steals from or assaults a student is not likely to be a "bushyhaired stranger" but another student, possibly even an acquaintance.

One crime that is not accurately reflected in campus crime statistics is date rape. Hunter said she believes date



Photo by Mark Yen

OPS officer Otis Scarborough checks bicycles parked at campus bike racks to see if they have identification stickers and are properly locked.

rape is by far the most underreported crime.

"Women are not going to come forward and say, 'I went to a party with this guy I've been dating for a couple of weeks and we had a little too much to drink and he forced me into having sex,'" she said.

A woman who is raped may take a while to realize that she has in fact been raped. Once she does realize it, "we're going to be the last ones to hear about it," Hunter said. She said she is "willing to bet that one out of a hundred date rapes is reported."

The legal definition of rape is forced intercourse, but rape takes many forms, few of which involve strangers. "Coercive rape" occurs when the woman does not verbally consent to intercourse. "Date rape" is forced

intercourse by someone with whom the woman has an on-going relationship. "Acquaintance rape" is forced intercourse by someone who the victim knows.

All rapes should be reported as soon as possible after the crime has been committed. To better serve students, OPS would like to be informed of all campus rapes; however, there are confidential services available to rape victims on campus and in the University area. Rapes can be reported confidentially to the dean of students, the Counseling Center, the Student Health Center and the Rape Crisis Network.

Students who find themselves in trouble or in need of assistance can reach OPS at 346-6666 or via emergency telephones located throughout campus.

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