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City benches new hangout for street kids

■ **CORNER:** The benches at 14th Avenue and Ferry Street have become a popular hangout

By Nicole Kristal
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If you live in Eugene, you've probably seen them: the West University neighborhood street kids. And while their appearance remains consistent, one thing has changed: their location. The street kids have staked out new territory, this time on the benches at the corner of 14th Avenue and Ferry Street.

"We just chill out right here on the corner," said one street kid, "and we bust out the skateboards."

Another street kid said he spends time on the corner with his friends while he's not working at a bike shop. According to this youth, the number of street kids at 14th Avenue and Ferry Street has recently decreased, not because of problems with police, but because many are attending the Phish and Further Tours.

Sally Guyer, University student and resident of the house on the corner, said that even when street kid numbers are at their highest, she's not troubled by their presence in front of her house.

"They're not that bad," said Guyer, who lives alone. "I've been here a month and haven't had many problems."

Guyer only becomes slightly irritable with the congregation on the benches in front of her lawn when someone begins to yell or when dogs begin to bark.

"The only thing that bothers me is the dogs barking when I'm trying to sleep," said Gordon Scholl, a friend of Guyer's. "They keep to themselves. They don't come to the door."

But one morning, a street kid did come to Guyer's door, claiming that police were removing a couch from the corner because of a complaint made by Guyer. She had filed no complaint.

According to Bev Mason, station manager for the West University police station, many residents would rather not get involved in the problems surfacing around the benches.

"Residents have not been too vocal," said Mason, "but they're a bit cranky."

According to Guyer, police have been

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Rusty, one of several people who frequent the benches on the corner of 14th Avenue and Ferry Street, skates into the intersection from the curb Wednesday afternoon.

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AUDIX crash not likely

■ **VOICE MAIL:** No information or old messages were lost during either of the two crashing incidents

By Michael Hines
Oregon Daily Emerald

AUDIX, the voice mail system for all University employees, went off-line last weekend for the second time since its upgrade.

Lucent Technologies upgraded to the "Intuity" AUDIX system July 12. The new system has more disk space for messages, among other new features.

With the new system come new problems, Telecom Services Operations Manager Aaron Tarlton said. The system is monitored from Denver by Lucent, and Saturday the company was unable to fix the problem in Intuity II by computer.

The Office of Public Safety initially called the wrong people to fix the problem, Tarlton said. The problem was finally fixed Monday. OPS was not entirely at fault, Tarlton said. The office now has the correct numbers to call in case AUDIX stops functioning again.

The probability that the system will crash again is minimal.

"I don't foresee it going down again," Tarlton said.

No information was lost either time that AUDIX went down. Voice mail users simply could not reach their messages.

Tarlton said Lucent may force a system reboot, which would take the system off-line again. This would be done to correct some of the remaining problems. If this is done, the reboot will take place during the weekend or late at night when AUDIX is not in high demand.

The AUDIX problems have been minor, Tarlton said, and most people are pleased with the new "Intuity" system.

"I don't foresee it going down again."

Aaron Tarlton
Telecom Services
Operations Manager

Scandinavian Festival a celebration of heritage, values

■ **EVENT:** Coordinators predict that thousands will attend this year's festival

By Carl Yeh
Associate Editor

Downtown Junction City will be transformed into a Scandinavian Village today for the 37th Scandinavian Festival.

Visitors will be treated to food and music from Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway and Iceland, as well as vendors dressed in Scandinavian costume.

In addition to 49 food booths, 122 craft booths will feature American and Scandinavian imported products.

Some of the food that will be served include æbelskivers, a small and round Danish pancake that is served with powdered

sugar or jam, Swedish pancakes, which are very thin and flat and rolled up with jam inside, and several potato dishes.

"The festival celebrates family values," said Taryl Perry, president of the Scandinavian Festival Association. "This is somewhere the whole family can go and enjoy themselves and our unique Scandinavian heritage."

Parry, who is of Danish descent, has been involved with the festival since she was in 7th grade, when she took Scandinavian dance lessons from Dr. Gale Fletchall, founder of the festival.

The annual free event will likely bring

thousands of visitors. Carol Neelson, program coordinator for the festival, said over 100,000 people came to the festival in 1996.

"The Scandinavian Festival will be offering pretty continuous entertainment," Neelson said. One of the biggest features will be the Habbestad family musical band that is coming from Norway for the festival, she said.

The three children in the family band have been featured in Norwegian television and were invited to perform in Oslo in the

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HIGHLIGHTS

■ **WHAT:** A festival celebrating Scandinavian culture with food and dance

■ **WHERE:** Downtown Junction City — Greenwood Street between 4th and 7th Avenues

■ **WHEN:** Aug. 7-10, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

■ **PRICE:** Free

■ **HOW TO GET THERE:** Ride LTD from the River Road Station