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# University readies computers for the turn of the century

Campus offices and organizations are upgrading computers and electronics in preparation for 2000

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"Access denied. Your password expired 100 years ago."

That's a message no one wants to see flashing across a computer screen shortly after the year 2000 arrives — especially the University, which is doing its best to head off any local computing problems the new millennium might present.

Because some programmers used two digits instead of four to represent years, many computers are expected to misbehave at the turn of the century by insisting it is 1900, not 2000. The problem, commonly called "Y2K," can heavily affect large databases that are date-dependent, such as payroll or accounting systems.

"The networking infrastructure, to the best of our knowledge, is year-2000-compliant," said Susan

Hilton of University Computing. Hilton is the campus coordinator for the Oregon University System's Y2K committee, which coordinates repair efforts and information-sharing among the state institutions.

The networking infrastructure Hilton referred to includes the large campus servers, such as gladstone and darkwing — used by thousands of students for e-mail — as well as all the routers, hubs and wiring.

According to Hilton, the public computer labs should also see few problems.

"I know they've been keeping everything updated and installing patches for some of the software. Also, the newer desktops are compliant. So, in general, the risk is reduced," Hilton said.

The computer system used extensively in Oregon Hall, however, is receiving extensive attention to ensure it is Y2K-compliant. According to Hilton, the system, which uses software called "SCT BANNER," contains information associated with student records, finance information and accounts receivable.

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## Frequently Asked Questions About the New Student Sexual Misconduct Code

- 1. Do you really need to get written consent to have sex, under the new code?**  
No! The new code does call for "explicit consent," which means "voluntary, non-coercive, and clear communication indicating a willingness to engage in the particular act." Verbal consent must be obtained unless the sexual act is clearly mutually initiated. The best way to give and gain consent, whether the act is mutually initiated or not, is very simple — JUST ASK.
- 2. Is there going to be a permission police that will barge into my bedroom?**  
No! Of course, the university won't create a "permission police." The new code isn't a regulatory measure, but will serve as a guideline for determining whether sexual misconduct has taken place in situations where someone files a complaint.  
In fact, these changes weren't initiated by the university. They were originally created by a group of students after a Take Back the Night March in spring 1995. The students felt that the old code didn't provide a safe environment for survivors.
- 3. Can I have sex with someone who has been drinking?**  
There is not a yes or no to this question. Studies indicate that alcohol is involved in 75-90 percent of all campus sexual assaults. The conduct code states that, if a person is intoxicated, they are unable to give meaningful consent. Since the definition of intoxicated is different for every person, initiating sex with someone who has been drinking is risky.
- 4. Does the Student Conduct Code apply if an assault happens off-campus?**  
Yes, with a few conditions. First, the perpetrator must be a currently enrolled student at the university. In addition, the survivor's grades or performance at the university has to have been adversely affected or the perpetrator must pose a threat to the campus community. The new code extends jurisdiction off campus to reflect the reality of students' lives. Eighty percent of students live off-campus in apartments, fraternities, sororities, or other housing. Therefore, a majority of rapes occur off-campus and this extension of jurisdiction reflects the fact that it doesn't matter where rape happens — rape is rape!

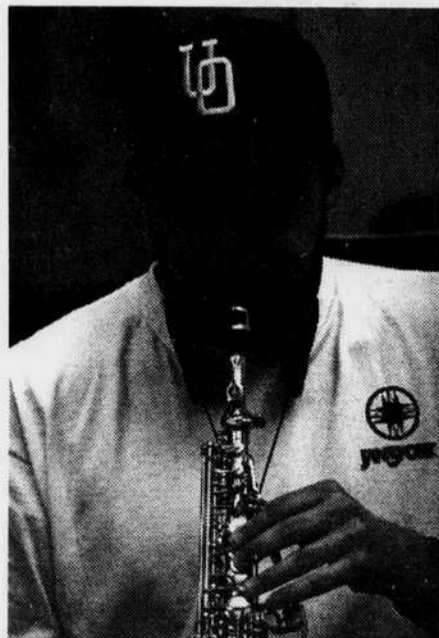
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For questions, call the Office of the Dean of Student Life, 346-3216,  
or the ASUO Women's Center, 346-4095

For a complete copy of the sexual misconduct code,  
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