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News brief

University hosts Wushu Championships

More than 100 competitors from colleges and universities in Oregon, Washington, California, Arizona, Maryland and Canada traveled to the University on Saturday to participate in the 6th Annual Collegiate Wushu Championships. About 300 people attended the

competition, which took place in Gerlinger 220. University freshman Phillip Dang won the men's all-around competition, and University Wushu Club coach Peter Wolf was named as the outstanding internal competitor. UC-Berkeley won the team competition. Wushu, which developed in mainland China in the past 50 years, is a contemporary form of Chinese martial arts, said Brandon Sugiyama, one of the founding members of

the University Wushu Club.

"The emphasis is on competition and performance," he said. Wushu is "based on traditional fighting styles in China."

Already an international sport, Wushu may gain greater recognition at the 2008 Olympic games. Beijing is hosting the games, and there is speculation that Wushu may be recognized as an Olympic event, Sugiyama said.

— Kara Cogswell



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In response to roughly \$61,000 in theft this year, surveillance cameras will be set up in places such as the EMU computer lab.

Computer theft

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Many departments have started using the commercial program Security Tracking of Office Property Theft — STOP Theft. STOP Theft plates are attached to property units such as computers and projectors, and identify the equipment through a national serial number. If a plate is removed, a tattoo-like mark remains on the property to identify it as stolen, Hicks said.

The department may eventually install the system into all high-risk campus property like computers, Hicks said. He added that DPS is also exploring other security options such as ensuring that all classrooms and labs are locked at night and installing alarms on some property items.

So far, 21 items have been stolen from McKenzie, Columbia and Cascade Halls, Knight Library, the EMU, Millrace and a few faculty offices, valued at roughly \$61,000. This excludes the value of stolen personal computers belonging to students.

The increase in stolen digital projectors, which range in value from \$3,500 to \$5,000 each, has

been one of the greatest concerns this year, Hicks said. The number of projector thefts jumped from two in 1999 to 11 this past year.

"One of the things we've been discussing is implementing some kind of programs that keep better track and inventory of especially computer equipment, which seems to be more vulnerable to thefts," he said. "We also want to provide some kind of deterrence."

Cleven Mmari, coordinator of microcomputer support systems services, oversees several offices in Oregon Hall, the University Counseling Center and the Career Center. He said after the computer theft in Oregon Hall, he also plans to install STOP Theft and security locks on several of the public computers. Keeping better track of who comes and goes into the buildings after hours is another goal, he said.

Computer Lab Coordinator Mary Bradley said she also plans to install one surveillance camera in each of the Millrace, Klamath, EMU and McKenzie labs by spring term. The increase in projector thefts has been the main push to do so, she said. She added that in general, it's difficult to steal property out of the labs. All computer labs have a mo-

tion detector, door alarm, locks and staff monitors.

Meagan Show, a freshman computer lab assistant in McKenzie Hall, said it's hard to imagine how someone could take the large digital projectors out of labs and classrooms unnoticed. But the new Dell computers put in the lab this term are about 1 foot by 3 inches — smaller than the average size, she said.

"When we first got new computers put in, it was pretty easy to steal one," she said. "The computer part is so small it could easily fit into a backpack. But now that everything is locked down, nothing could be taken that easily."

She added that it's hard to believe a student would steal such valuable property at all, but that tightening security measures would probably deter them.

"I was really surprised," she said. "Everyone who comes in here looks pretty decent, and I wouldn't expect them to steal anything. I think surveillance cameras would especially stop a lot of people from trying to get away with it."

Beata Mostafavi is a freelance reporter for the Emerald.

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Q: What specific campus-oriented issues will you champion?

A: If elected, we're going to work really closely with the parking issues. Students, through parking permits, parking tickets and parking meters, are paying \$10.3 million to run the DPS. Also, when students are ticketed, there is one person that reviews their appeal. I don't think lots of students know that they could re-appeal for a second trial where there is a board that gets to see the re-appeal that actually has two student seats. That board is very weak — they meet once a month, and that's a voluntary board, so we want to stress for students to participate and make it more knowledgeable. Also, the housing code — we want to make sure when students start renting, they will have some protection and renter's rights.

Q: How would you define diversity? And how would you plan to bring together the diverse voices on campus?

A: We would define diversity as a society comprised of different cultures, different backgrounds and different individuals. Something without color, gender or sexuality barriers. We are involved with retention of faculty of color, and we're also involved in the inclusion of students of color in different departments, so we feel that we are already doing work to make this campus a diverse community.

Q: If two different students groups were at odds with each other, how would you resolve the conflict?

A: Mostly through communication. We have worked with a lot of different leaders and different organizations, and we have seen a lot of different conflicts arise.

Q: If there was one thing you could change about the University instantly, what would it be?

A: Administration. We feel that administration and the students should work together. We feel that administration does not listen to students.

Q: How would you do things differently than the current ASUO Executive?

A: The current ASUO Exec has done a tremendously good job this year. There is always room for improvement. We have a very friendly and welcoming personality, so we would try to make ASUO more acceptable and more welcoming to all students. A lot of ASUO Execs in the past have promised that the ASUO will be more friendly, but it's not changing the ASUO, it's changing the people in it and the energy that they bring.

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