

analysis

Campus security: an inside look at the Law, the Man

journal interview

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Notice to all thieves, vandals and other assorted do-badders frequenting the UNCC campus: If you are caught committing some despicable act, providing it is not a capital crime you will not be shot. However, if you do not want to be blackjacked or maced, you had better give up — the UNCC Security Guard has you dead to rights.

In an interview, campus security Director Jerry Hudson brought several interesting facts to light concerning the personnel, weaponry, and philosophy of the Security Department.

Surprising as it may seem, most of the UNCC Security Guards are students themselves: some in the law enforcement curriculum, others in police-related baccalaureate programs. One particularly industrious officer already has a Bachelor's degree in Business and is now working on another degree in Engineering. Most have had some previous civil or military police experience, and all had to take a Civil Service Exam to get the job.

When asked what qualities he thought a good officer should have, Hudson said that he should have above-average intelligence, he should be able to explain his actions to the person being acted upon. Hudson doesn't want any hard-liners in his octet of enforcers. "On matters of race, sex, and dope, I don't want someone who's a dyed-in-the-wool Puritan... I want someone who can cope with a situation in a rational framework."

Students may be relieved to find out that Big Brotherism is not alive and living at UNCC. The Security Force uses computer readouts such as dorm rosters and parking sticker lists, but that's about the limit of electronic intelligence — gathering employed by the department. The CIA may have a thick dossier on Ben Chavis, but UNCC security does not.

The "men on the beat" who patrol in regular shifts around the clock (with extra men during the hours of darkness directly before and after classes) have encountered some pretty interesting and sometimes criminal things on the rounds.

For example, within the last month, officers have confronted and apprehended people (not students) in the act of robbing campus vending machines, stealing tape players from cars, and burglarizing a nearby gas station. UNCC Security Guards assisted in the capture of an escapee from Jackson Training School, who was conveniently situated on the Highway 49 median strip next to the University. All of these arrests were made without the use of weapons.



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In fact, to the knowledge of Mr. Hudson, there has never been a weapon used or even drawn during the performance of duty in the history of the department.

"If this is so," one might ask, "why do the patrolmen persist in carrying such potentially dangerous weapons as blackjacks, mace and pistols when there seems to be so little need for them?" Hudson firmly believes that having a small arsenal at his fingertips is an essential part of any policeman's image and contributes greatly to his authority and effectiveness whether he ever has to use it or not.

He said that he would not expect one of his men to go out under precarious circumstances and encounter a "suspicious individual" without having some way of reacting to any dangerous situation that might arise from the encounter. He is quick to point out the fact that 200 policemen were murdered last year (aside from those killed in the line of duty).

Hudson's philosophy concerning the use of firearms is quite stringent and well-defined.

"The only time an officer is authorized to shoot is when a capital offense has been or is about to be committed in his presence... Even a stolen automobile is not grounds for shooting... to protect your own life, or the life of another, or when a capital offense is known to have been committed... these are the only times an officer should even approach a suspect with a firearm. Otherwise, the weapon is there to react as opposed to acting."

However, Hudson was quick to point out some of the dangers and problems involved in the Security Guards carrying firearms on campus (an act, which requires special dispensation from the Chancellor as it is illegal otherwise). "I'm ashamed to point out that there has been no formal firearms training course here so far... As soon as I can get \$100 for ammunition, we are going to have marksmanship training, not in order to achieve more efficiency, but to insure that the officer does not become a hazard to the community because he's carrying six pieces of steel..."

To be sure, some of the officers have had prior experience with handguns and all have fired a few experimental rounds, primarily to make sure the bullet comes out the right end. But all of this is part of the harried patrolman's duty.

Aside from the glamorous jobs of making the rounds and giving each student his fair share of parking tickets, what else does the Department of Security do to earn its keep? Their other roles, it seems, are quite diversified.

For example, the Security Department averages the starting of 10 cars a day during cold periods. Hudson himself usually opens about one car a week with the keys locked inside. They are also called upon to let students and faculty members in the buildings at odd hours for strange and nefarious purposes.

The department also operates a successful lost-and-found for valuables. At the moment, a valuable coat, a bicycle, and several sets of keys remain unclaimed at the office.

When asked precisely what the function of the Department is, Hudson replied that the department is there to insure that the university operates within a set of parameters defined as "normalcy." However, Hudson said that "normalcy" was open to interpretation.

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—From the Newport News DAILY PRESS comes a suggestion for possible curbs for the Army Corps of Engineers. Discussing The Corps' procedure for removal of pesky beavers, the PRESS says that "Maybe like with the beaver, when the engineers go off half-cocked on a project which is environmentally more harmful than good, we'll just have to live-trap and truck them over to where they're really needed. Congress could, of course, learn how to do the trapping".

—The annual Christmas count of Wyoming eagles by the Audubon Society showed a drop in numbers. Where 14 bald and 53 golden eagles were found last year in the Emigrant Gap area, spotters found only eight bald and nine golden eagles this year.

—New York State is cracking down on stores which have not taken high phosphate detergents off their shelves. The state law, aimed at reducing the phosphates in detergents in steps, allows no more than 8.7 percent by weight of phosphates expressed as phosphorus. Some stores have already been issued summonses and are liable to fines up to \$2,500 for each violation and an additional \$500 for each day. The illegal detergents found on the shelves included Spotless, 18 percent phosphorus; All, 12.9 percent; Dash, 14 percent; Tide, 12.3 percent; and Oxydol, 11.7 percent.

—While development of Alaska's North Slope oil resources has been consistently labeled crucial to America's energy needs, by both the U.S. Government and the seven concerned oil companies, Japan expects to buy Alaska-produced oil. In a recent, little-noticed remark, Japanese Prime Minister Eisaku Sato said in response to a question about the North Slope that "We will, of course, be purchasing oil in the event that the pipelines are completely laid. But, at the moment, as I understand it, these pipes are in the process of being laid. The work is not complete."

—Outdoor work with the National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service is open to students this summer. Fifteen members of each volunteer High School Wilderness Group will camp and hike for three weeks with adult supervisors while working on varied conservation projects. Grant-assisted positions as Park or Forest Assistants are available to college undergraduate and graduates and to a limited number of high school students. Write to Student Conservation Association, Olympic View Drive, Rt. 1, Box 573A, Vashon, Washington, 98070.

—The 12th Annual Washington Conference on Business-Government Relations, "Dialogue With The Environmental Protection Agency", is scheduled for April 3-4 in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the American University Center for the Study of Private Enterprise. For information, contact Dr. Jimmy D. Johnson, Director, Center for the Study of Private Enterprise, The American University, Mass. and Neb. Aves., N.W., Washington, D.C., 20016.

—Powerful Oregon business and labor leaders have united to oppose environmental legislation which is "harming the state's economy". The Western Environmental Trade Association, headed by Phil Bladine of McMinnville, publisher of several Oregon newspapers, will have a five-man staff and an annual budget of over \$75,000 to counter the "environmental hysteria" which has delayed "hundreds of millions of dollars" of commerce in the state. Several significant anti-pollution bills were passed by the 1971 Oregon legislature.