

Poll says no change in crime rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new government poll suggests that violent crime hasn't increased as much as many Americans may have feared.

In a report released Sunday, the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) said the poll of some 130,000 citizens showed "no significant change" in the number of rapes, robberies and assaults committed in 1974, compared with the number a year earlier.

Nor were there any significant changes in the figures for house burglary, vehicle theft, purse-

snatching and pocket-picking, the report said.

But burglaries of stores, restaurants and other places of business rose 11 per cent and sneak thievery was up 16 per cent in 1974, the report continued.

The poll was conducted by the Census Bureau as part of the LEAA Program to measure the nation's crime rate by asking citizens whether they have been victims of crime.

The only other national crime statistics are compiled by the FBI and include only the crimes reported to state and local police.

The FBI figures for 1974

showed increases in all seven crime categories. The number of murders, rapes, robberies, assaults, burglaries, larcenies and vehicle thefts was 18 per cent higher in 1974 than in the previous year, the FBI said.

But the LEAA warned against comparing the two sets of statistics because of major differences in the collection methods.

The LEAA's victimization study defines the crime categories in a somewhat different way than the FBI. The LEAA poll does not include murder because the victims, of course, can't be interviewed.

The victimization surveys

began in 1973, and this is the first report to offer a year-to-year comparison of the findings.

The poll measured the crimes of robbery, rape, assault, household burglary, commercial burglary, vehicle theft, purse-snatching, pocket-picking, household larceny which was defined as theft accomplished without forcible entry and without personal contact with the occupants, and personal larceny without contact. The last category would include such things as stealing a secretary's purse from her desk while she was out of the office.

The over-all crime rate rose 7.5

per cent, largely because of the increases in sneak thievery and commercial burglaries, the report said.

As for violent crimes, the survey showed "the over-all rate declined about 19 per cent among females age 20-24" and dropped about 16 per cent among men in the 50-64 age group.

Blacks were assaulted about 14 per cent less frequently in 1974 than in 1973. "The assault rate declined 26 per cent for black females and 21 per cent for all females age 20-24" the report added.

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Nathan plans class address

Tonie Nathan, an independent candidate for the Fourth Congressional District seat, will speak to a University class on "Politics and Planning." She will address what she calls an "overload of governmental intervention."

Nathan's name will not appear on the Oregon primary ballot. She is running a write-in campaign for Tuesday's race.

Nathan will speak at 7:30 p.m. in 210 Lawrence.

ASUO voting ends Tuesday

Elections for ASUO president and one Incidental Fee Committee member will close at 5 p.m. Tuesday. Ballots must be delivered to Suite 4 EMU by that time.

Cast ballots should include the completed computerized ballots form and the number two stub from the spring term fee cards.

The election, originally scheduled to conclude last Friday, was extended by the elections board because of "technical problems." According to election officials, nearly 300 students received their ballots late due to a

shortage of mail-out envelopes. The deadline was extended to give those students an equal chance to vote.

Church to join frisbee throw

Sen. Frank Church will play frisbee at the White Bird Greater Frisbee Marathon just before his speech at noon today between the EMU and Carson Hall.

Church is visiting the University as part of his campaign swing through Oregon to rally support for Tuesday's primary. He will visit the Weyerhaeuser mill in Springfield in the morning.

Church will stop in at the frisbee marathon just as the players pass the 21-day mark (504 hours) in the event. Several bikers who are bicycling from Portland to gain support for Church will also be welcomed by the senator. Events will take place on the east lawn of the EMU.

Geologist sets energy lecture

The present energy picture and how it affects Oregon will be discussed by Walter Youngquist, a consulting geologist from Eugene, at a free public lecture tonight at 7:30 p.m. in 177 Lawrence.

Youngquist will present slides and a non-technical discussion of "Energy, Oregon, Fishing and You."

Youngquist is the author of several books, including "Investing in Natural Resources," published by

the *Wall Street Journal*. He has been a petroleum geologist, a geology teacher at the University and has done exploration work in uranium. He is presently doing geothermal exploration for the Eugene Water and Electric Board.

Youngquist has also been active in the Committee to Save French Pete and the Sierra Club. His talk is sponsored by the geology department's Condon Club.

Firm may get remodeling job

A.E. Stafford, a Eugene construction firm, is the apparent low bidder for a project involving remodeling the interior of the Science I building.

According to campus architect John Kahananui, A.E. Stafford's total bid of \$267,619 is well within the amount set aside for the project, and he expects swift approval of the bid by the University administration.

Construction should begin around mid-June, or two to three weeks after a bid is approved, Kahananui said. Once under way, the project is scheduled to be completed in 180 days.

Three other contractors submitted bids, which were opened Tuesday, May 18. They were H.J. Burrows Construction Company of Eugene, \$293,418; Howard Nelson Construction Company of Eugene, \$274,474; and Temp-Control Corporation of Portland, \$301,531.

The project will provide small animal laboratories for the psychology department. It is part of the Omnibus Remodeling Project, in which \$1.43 million has been allocated to remodel nine campus buildings.

Booklet gives View of Steens

"Few places offer such an opportunity to view the heads of so many glacial valleys in such a short distance and with the exertion of so little physical energy,"

says University geologist Ernest Lund in a pamphlet just published on the Steens Mountain area of southeastern Oregon.

"Steens Mountain, Oregon" is written by Lund and Elton Bentley of the geography department at California State College in Dominguez Hills.

It has been published as Vol. 38, No. 4 of "The Ore Bin," a monthly publication of the State of Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries. It is available for 25 cents at the University Bookstore and 35 cents by mail from the department's office, 1069 State Office Building, Portland, 97201.

Steens Mountain is Oregon's highest and most scenic fault-block mountain, according to the booklet.

The western slope has been sculptured by glacial ice that has shaped lake basins and cut deep, U-shaped canyons. Short hikes from the Steens Loop road and side roads afford views of the beginnings of these glacial valleys.

A round trip of 245 miles, starting at Burns, will take one completely around the mountain. The booklet includes several photographs of the area and a map.

Frisbee fling sets new mark

The 21-day (504 hours) mark in the White Bird Greater Frisbee Marathon will be reached at noon today, but that won't set a world record — yet.

Marathon coordinators learned last week that a 21-day stint of continuous frisbee throwing is not

enough to set a new world record, as they previously believed. However, the marathon will continue for 10 to 14 days, as long as it takes to set a new record.

People who pledged money to the marathon on an amount per hour basis will only have to pay for the first 504 hours. Fundraising will continue, however, and marathon coordinators are still looking for both frisbee players and fundraisers.

Women, hiring investigated

Women's access to skilled and unskilled jobs will be discussed at a Eugene Women's Commission public hearing tonight at 7:30 in Harris Hall.

The commission is interested in hearing about the barriers women have faced seeking employment, the hiring practices which have hindered success and the methods women have used to gain entry into traditional men's fields.

For more information, contact Betsy Merck, 687-5010 or Jane Farrand, 343-1750.

Bird walks to be continued

A series of Tuesday morning bird walks started during Earth Week in April will continue through the end of this term.

Anyone interested in joining these free educational walks should meet at the Mill Race Restaurant on Franklin Boulevard between 6 and 6:15 a.m. each Tuesday.

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Graduating and need a job? Come to the Resume Writing Workshop—instruction in writing an effective resume. Sign-up in Career Planning & Placement Service. The service also provides job interview workshops using videotape feedback. Workshops also available on coping skills in the job market. More information at main desk: Career Planning & Placement Service, 246 Susan Campbell Hall.

The Career Planning & Placement Service also gives assistance in obtaining a job in business or government. Attend an orientation session at 3:30 p.m. any Thursday at 246 Susan Campbell Hall. All services are free to students.

The following recruiters will be visiting campus. Students must turn in a resume a day before the interview.

May 25—Bill Snyder Co. Realtors. Real estate sales. Any major.

May 25—Jantzen, Inc. Accounting trainee.
May 28—Oregon Trail Savings & Loan. Immediate opening for winter or spring graduates in accounting.

May 28—Pacific Corporation—a subsidiary of Pacific Mutual Life Insurance. Business and professional insurance sales. Prefer Business Administration majors.

MISCELLANEOUS

A benefit breakfast for Dennis Banks and the American Indian Movement will be held at the Homefried Truckstop, 1414 Alder St. today from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Carol Warren and Jan Gault will present a free student flute recital today at 12:30 p.m. in Beall Hall of the University's music school.

MEETINGS

Growing Alternative Youth (GAYouth) is an organization for the benefit of, and open to, all interested people under the age of 23. Meetings are held Monday evenings at 7:30. For more information and meeting locations call Carol (343-8130) or Chris (746-6755).



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