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The fact Eugene has been voted one of the most livable cities in the nation means little if attempts to enjoy its jogging trails or bike paths end in the degradation and horror of rape. But that's a frighteningly real possibility for Eugene/Springfield women.

Selfish, perverted cretins are rapidly making the area's nicest routes off-limits to more than half the population. It's the kind of repulsive oppression Oregonians are quick to attribute to the big city, yet are slow to admit exists here.

As a male, it's hard for me to truly appreciate the fear and frustration that last week's rash of attacks must bring, but, as author Ken Kesey observed in an interview last winter, women aren't always the victims.

"This friend of mine and I were driving back from the East Coast and we offered a ride to an old guy who was standing by the road. As we were driving along, I

picked up on that fact that he was scared."

Finally the passenger asked to be excused and explained that a couple of young guys had given him a ride out of town and beat the living hell out of him.

According to Kesey, the conversation was edifying.

"God, his words went through me. It

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was like the nation speaking.

"It was different than having your body broke in a wreck. It was having someone violate you, hurt you deep. It may never show, but it never goes away. I got this sense of what rape means and why it's the worst of affronts, the worst of sins. It doesn't say in the Ten Commandments, 'Thou shalt not rape.' It doesn't have to. It says thou shalt not

steal, which means the same thing: you go in and forcibly take something that doesn't belong to you."

While Kesey contends that rape isn't a mono-gender problem, he admits that it's most often a female concern. He lauds the wearing of rape whistles, saying they show a willingness of women to fight back.

"It combats the romantic standard that says, 'You may not like me now, babe, but give me a while to work out with you and you're really going to see the light.' When you blow the whistle you're going against that. You're saying 'No. I don't go for that.'"

The right of women to walk the streets, says Kesey, should be everybody's concern.

Kesey objects to the feeling that the desire to rape is a singularly male trait.

"It's not sexism, it's biggism. People who keep trying to pin it on sexism are missing the point. Rape squads shouldn't be made up of people pissed at men, they should be made up of people pissed at force."

And a collection of people who are angry and determined to change things is meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 129 of the Law building. The committee, Community Action Against Rape, encourages input from students and the community. It plans to schedule regular patrols of bike paths and jogging trails, and appeals to the area for help.

Eugene's cancer-like growth is sure to bring freeways, congestion and expanded cultural opportunities. By joining together and saying "no," we can insure it doesn't bring oppression, limitations and terror.

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GTFs seek unity

The Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation would like the University community to be aware of the GTFF's current position on contract negotiations (as opposed to the two-year-old position mistakenly printed by the Emerald on Monday.)

The GTFF is not asking for the world. We have proposed a salary increase averaging about 9 percent a year, which is less than the Eugene teachers received and less than the Lane County workers have been offered. We have also asked that GTFs be paid for summer session on the same basis as they are paid during the rest of the year; and that in lieu of a real health care program, the University pick up the \$26.50 term that the GTFs pay for the Student Health Center.

The administration has refused to budge on the above issues, offering only 7 percent per year, although the cost-of-living is soaring 14 percent per year.

Most distressing, however, is the administration's continued demand for a 17 percent increase in GTF workload (from 150 to 176 hrs/term).

The 150 hour standard was arrived at last year after lengthy negotiations and resulted in substantial adjustments in several departments where workload abuses had existed.

The GTFF feels that the 150 hour standard is one we can live with. Unfortunately, the administration originally proposed a 33 percent increase in workload (to 200 hours/term), but found this difficult to implement since offers to GTFs had already been made. Thus, their present demand contains only the first part of the original proposal, but they have made it clear that 200 hours/term is their ultimate goal.

It would be naive to assume that even a 17 percent increase in workload would have little effect on GTFs. At the very least, it would reverse gains achieved under the first contract, and would open the door to further abuses.

However, in addition to causing GTFs to work more for less, the workload increase(s) are likely to have as a further consequence a reduction in the number of GTF positions: If GTFs work more, fewer GTFs will be needed to do the same amount of total work. We suspect that the urge to cut "superfluous" GTFs would become irresistible for cost-cutting administrators.

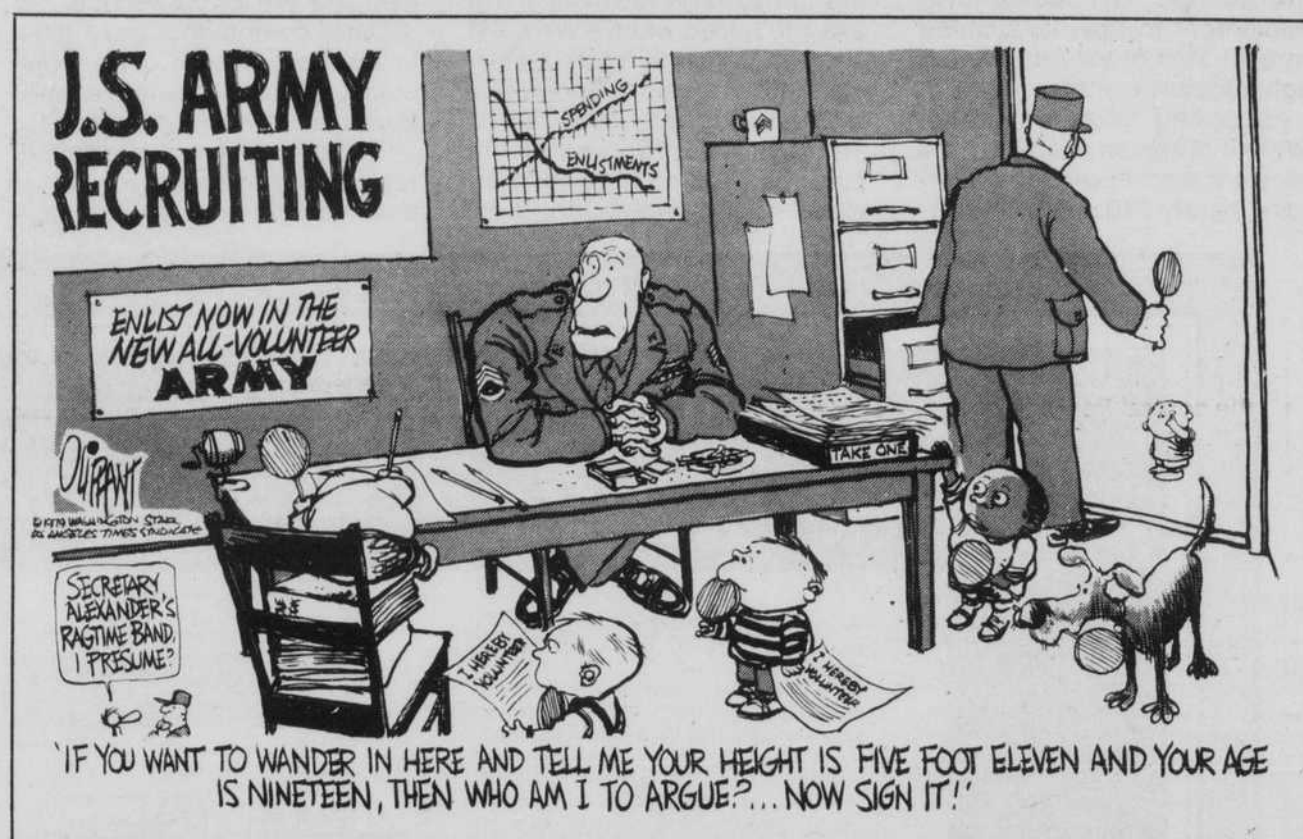
Next, a memo from the Provost was recently distributed (in violation of the state labor code), purporting to demonstrate that GTFs at the University work fewer hours for higher pay than do their counterparts at similar institutions, and that therefore a 17 percent workload increase is justified.

The administration's assertion that the current workload/salary conditions for GTFs at the University are among the highest in the nation is based on a single faulty premise: that GTFs at other institutions, who are hired on a .50 FTE basis, work 20 hours week while GTFs at Oregon, who are hired on a .30 basis, work only 13 hours per week.

The data collected by the administration (only part of which was included in the memo) actually contradict this conclusion. Although GTFs elsewhere do often hold .50 appointments, the evidence gathered by the administration indicates that in almost all cases, GTFs elsewhere perform the same jobs as do GTFs here. The administration, in summarizing the results of its own telephone survey, chose to ignore explicit references to what duties were performed, and always interpreted a response of .50 FTE as implying 20 hours of work per week.

Since GTFs elsewhere perform the same tasks as GTFs here, the salary figures presented in the Provost's memo must be viewed in a different light. Table B, in all but two instances, shows that the average departmental salaries paid elsewhere are higher than those paid here.

We feel, however, that the comparability issue is a smoke-screen and that the real issue is



simply that departments want to get more work out of GTFs. This is admitted by the Provost on page three of his memo, when he says: "But, as many departments are discovering, the .30 FTE (150 hour) standard is a most unrealistic one to try to live with."

Almost every GTF we have talked to is angry about the proposed workload increase. Nobody wants a strike, but the administration's continual insistence on the increase could provoke one. We ask that members of the University community contact the administration and request a more reasonable bargaining stance.

To the GTFs we again point out that joining the GTFF is the best way to show your opposition to the workload increase. The bigger we are, the less likely is the University to risk provoking a strike. To join or for more information, see your department representative, come by the GTFF office, 868 E. 13th Avenue (across from the bookstore), call the office at 344-0832 between 12 and 4 p.m. or call Jeff at 726-6508.

For the GTFF
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Draft unsolved

'Keep the guns off'
When the House of Representatives rejected the proposal to resume draft registration in January, 1981 and instead voted to require the president to study the issue of draft registration and make a recommendation early next year, many people thought they no longer had to worry about the draft coming back.

However, nothing has been resolved. This past summer I obtained a copy of the Oregon State Plan for Registration, which at the present time has not been replaced by another plan. Consider the following figures: In the event of initial registration it is estimated 21,612 men in Oregon will be eligible for registration in each year group (if the registration includes the whole 18-26 age

range, the number increases to 172,896), the Eugene area would be responsible for registering 1,660 men in a one-year group, of which the University would register 460 (if the whole 18-26 age range is included Eugene would have to supply 13,280, of which 3,680 would be registered at the University), and furthermore all of the 42 colleges and Universities in Oregon would be used as registration sites.

I can't help but wonder if the money students at the University pay the IFC is in effect going to subsidize the use of University property as registration sites. I don't want to see the University aiding and abetting the military establishment. We already have ROTC. What do you think?

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Corrections & Amplifications

Due to a filing error (resulting from the absence of our editorial page editor last week) we regret that a letter by Dave Zurich and Bob Damians was printed on Monday. The letter

is outdated and should not reflect ignorance of the issues on the part of its contributors. A fresh letter further clarifies their position and appears in today's letter section.