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Teachers' job scene brightens

The once-gloomy employment picture for prospective elementary and secondary school teachers is improving, and is likely to get better through at least the mid-1980s,

Rape occurs in University residence hall

A University woman was raped in her dormitory room early Saturday morning by a man who climbed into the unlocked, upper-level window via the roof of the Walton Housing Complex.

Eugene police, still investigating the crime, say the suspect is a stocky white man in his early 20s with short, curly, brown hair. Police say the rapist woke the woman at 3 a.m. and threatened to abuse her physically. He then raped her and fled through the window.

The rape is the second in a University dormitory this academic year. Last fall, a rapist attacked a woman while she watched television in the basement of the Bean dorm complex.

University officials say.

In an annual placement report of recent education graduates in teaching jobs, Sanford Heins, coordinator of education placement in the University Career Planning and Placement Service, said teacher shortages exist in several specialties, while oversupplies make the job market tight in other areas.

For example, the report said there are more jobs than applicants in special education, mathematics, science, industrial education, vocational agriculture and business education. However, fewer opportunities exist in the fields of physical education, social science, art, speech and drama, and health education.

Overall, Hein's report shows teacher supply and demand varies by teaching field, level and geographic region.

The toughest market to break into appears to be higher education, a field, the report says, where job opportunities "continue to decline in the face of fiscal constraints across the country."

The report said 55 percent of the previous year's University graduates in secondary and elementary education were able to find jobs in the fall. Ninety percent of those placements were in Oregon, and the odds improved for people willing to move to where jobs can be found, according to the report.

Many of those who could not find jobs were unwilling to move, while others were taking jobs as substitute teachers, the report said.

Heins stressed the importance of mobility and a methodical job search as keys to obtaining a teaching position.

"I don't see many people still looking for a job in September if they are prepared and can move to where the job is."

Generally, according to Heins and national placement statistics, teaching opportunities are greater at the elementary than secondary level.

"Today," Heins said, "secondary teachers in particularly tight specialties need a second teaching area," such as mathematics or English.

Group wants King holiday

Because he worked to insure the rights of all human beings, Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday should be made a national holiday, says the president of the University's Black Student Union.

To promote the idea, the union will circulate petitions in the EMU lobby this week and sponsor a three-hour film titled "King" Wednesday night.

Donald Brown, BSU president, says there is no national black holiday and King

deserves to have a holiday in his honor.

"We want to re-emphasize what Dr. King stood for," Brown says. "He was for all people."

The union's week-long effort also will include a Thursday night reception commemorating King's birthday and honoring Derrick Bell, dean of the University law school. There are also tentative plans for a poetry reading and public lecture on Wednesday afternoon.

Asked if he expected the drive to rally much support on campus, Brown says, "My first inclination is to be pessimistic, but when I think about how this community has acted politically (in the past), I feel very optimistic."

However, regardless of the campus response, the BSU doesn't intend to stop its efforts until King's birthday, January 15, is "made a national holiday or until we are told it won't be made a national holiday."

The BSU's effort will be part of a nation-wide black effort to gain official recognition of King's accomplishments. The effort includes a march, led by musician Stevie Wonder, in Washington, D.C. on King's birthday.

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