

Tokenism

Law professor confronts discrimination; vows to fight back using Kellogg award

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Tokenism isn't just a word to Linda Greene, a University assistant law professor.

Not only is employment discrimination her specialty in law, Greene says that factor may have weighed heavily in the decision to award her a \$40,000 grant to study the phenomenon.

Greene says her selection for the 1982 Kellogg Foundation Fellowship was a form of tokenism, although it recognized her exceptional background. She was one of 49 teachers and professionals — and the only Oregonian — to receive one of the fellowships.

Greene sees a strong correlation between the discrimination she studies and problems she has confronted in her own advancement. "I know what I had to go through to get the fellowship," she says.

Greene says the Kellogg Foundation "understands what their recognition does for the options of (minorities), but they're not giving anything away."

The fellowship program provides future community leaders a chance to expand their scope of knowledge in

their own and other fields.

Greene already holds an impressive record.

In addition to her position as one of 20 black women law professors in the country, her accomplishments include work as an assistant professor of law at Temple University, a deputy city attorney for Los Angeles, a staff attorney for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People legal defense fund and an appointment by Pres. Carter to a national civil rights post.

Through the educational opportunity her fellowship is providing, Greene plans to speak out strongly about her field.

She'll use her grant to examine the forces that determine the allocation of work in society.

Greene plans to meet with labor scholars, public policy experts and representatives of different occupations, both in the United States and abroad, to determine the trends behind the jobs people take.

Studying aspects of work allocation ranging from economics and demographics to history and religion may help her better understand discrimination, better

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Phone threats made by police impersonator

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A University woman says she received a phone call at her campus-area apartment about 10:30 a.m. Saturday from a man, claiming to be a Eugene police officer, who told her that someone was stalking her.

The caller told the woman, who requested anonymity, that the stalker had made sexual and physical threats against her, she says. He then offered intimate

details about her and instructed her to breathe heavily, she says. After about 35 minutes, the caller told her "get out, get out now," she says.

At that point she called the Eugene Police Department.

There were about five such incidents Saturday, says EPD Lieutenant Victor Mann. "It's not isolated."

Either several people or one "very active individual" have made similar calls during the past two months in the Eugene-

Springfield area, he says.

"It would be extremely unusual" for any officer to contact someone in such a manner for any official reason, he says. In most cases, the police department, upon receiving information that somebody was being stalked, would send a uniformed officer in a marked patrol car to make the initial contact with the person in danger, he says.

In no case would an officer officially request that the person

undress before a window as one incident reported, he says.

Mann says a person receiving a suspicious phone call from someone claiming to be an officer should ask for a phone number to verify the officer's name and intent.

It will not bother a legitimate law enforcement officer to call back after such verification, he says. Such procedures are considered standard, he says.

The EPD's detective division is investigating the calls, he

says. But such crimes present investigative problems unless the call can be traced in repeated incidents, he says.

Copycat crimes could occur following publication of the incidents, says Sgt. Rick Allison, of campus security.

Others should be aware of, and prepared for the calls, says the woman who received the Saturday morning call. "I've taken public speaking, and (the caller) was very convincing," she says.

In a separate incident, Springfield police officers arrested Jose Daniel Montes De Oca, a Costa Rican alien living in a dormitory with friends who attend the University, says Allison.

Montes De Oca, who is being held at the Lane County Jail, was arraigned in district court Tuesday on felony forgery charges. Charges of burglary and bad check negotiation also are pending.

In another dormitory incident, a male University student who admitted to walking naked into a number of women's shower rooms in dormitories was apprehended Monday, says Allison. Campus security apprehended the man for criminal trespass, public indecency and indecent exposure, he says.

The student is receiving voluntary psychological help on his own recognizance, Allison says.

The student will face punitive measures under the University's student conduct program in accord with state codes of conduct on campus.

Information has been sent to the Benton County District Attorney. Allison says that office probably will prosecute the student for similar violations in Oregon State University dormitory showers.



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