

Campus indecency increases

Women urged to 'make trouble' for flashers

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Most people wear less clothing as the weather improves. But recently a few men around campus have been seen taking off a little too much.

This term, the University campus security office has received reports of several "flashing" incidents weekly, says Sgt. Rick Allison of the Eugene Police Department. Last fall, the office received only one or two reports a month, he says.

For its relatively small area, the campus has more than its share of public indecency, Allison says.

In 1982, 34 of the 212 reported incidents in Eugene took place at the University, according to police statistics. Less than half of those cases have been solved, and that bothers Allison.

"Most of the time, the crime stays within the realm of public indecency," says Allison. "But if these people don't get any help with their problem, it might grow into something more serious."

Men who expose themselves to women can't be stereotyped, Allison says.

"It's not any one type of person doing this," says Allison. "He may be a happily married man or a transient. He could be a physician, a businessman, even a professor."

Most men who expose themselves have psychological problems, says Allison. They want to get a reaction out of their victims, a reaction that could range from hysterical laughter to tearful outbursts, he says.

Nadia Telsey, outreach coordinator for the Eugene Rape Crisis Network, tells the story of

a California mother who answered the door with a baby in her arms and found a man with his pants unzipped. "She took one look at him and said: 'You looking for the bathroom? Down the hall, second door on the left.'"

Some victims don't take the situation quite as lightly, says Telsey.

"They call in, and they're very upset. They thought they were strong, then they completely fell apart when it happened to them."

The Rape Crisis Network holds support-group sessions for victims of sex-related crimes, Telsey says. "Women shouldn't feel that they have to suffer these kinds of things alone."

Although most flashers don't physically hurt their victims, women should never assume they are harmless, says Allison.

A woman who encounters a flasher should get away from the man and notify the police immediately, he says. Police also say a description of the man is useful in establishing patterns of public-indecency incidents.

Charleen Maclean, who coordinates the West University Neighborhood crime prevention program, says women should not ignore such incidents.

"They should make as much trouble about it as possible," Maclean says. "Part of what's encouraging men to do this kind of thing is that not enough is being done to stop them."

Both Telsey and Maclean stress "getting out of the victim role." Women should assert themselves and not let the exposor get the upper hand.

"Women have to learn to be rude," says Maclean. "They are being tested to see how amiable they are."

Student fee bill awaits Senate hearing

A bill giving students more control over incidental fees which passed through the Oregon House last week has not yet been scheduled for hearings before the Senate Education Committee.

The bill is closely modeled after the University process, according to David Gomberg, administrator for the House Education Committee.

Under the bill, the president of an institution and its student government would have to jointly submit the fee budget to the State Board of Higher Education.

If no agreement could be reached by June 30 of any given year, then the recommendation would revert to the previous year's budget.

If the fee were to be increased more than 6 percent or decreased more than 10 percent, the change would have

to pass a referendum vote of the students. The referendum vote would be binding on the fee recommendation, said Gomberg.

HB 2747 passed 48-6, with Reps. Ted Calouri, Larry Campbell, Becky DeBoer, Randy Miller, Bill Rutherford and Max Simpson voting against.

The bill was sponsored by Rep. Dick Springer and in its

original form made payment of incidental fees voluntary. Rep. Mary Burrow, who introduced a bill similar to HB 2747, added her name onto the bill to reflect her interest, said Gomberg.

According to Gomberg, it is a sign of strength that the bill passed with 48 votes in favor.

"It is real significant," he said.

ROTC foes plan demonstration

A protest against the University Assembly's decision on an ROTC motion will be held Wednesday at noon in the EMU courtyard.

Speakers at the rally will include Cheyney Ryan, the philosophy professor who introduced the motion and Doug Marker, director of the Campus American Civil Liberties Union.

The rally will be followed by a march to Johnson Hall where University Pres. Paul Olum will be given a letter asking him to bring ROTC in line with University affirmative action policies.

The march and rally are sponsored by Students for Equal Rights.

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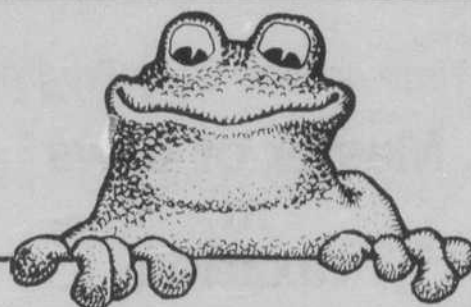


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