

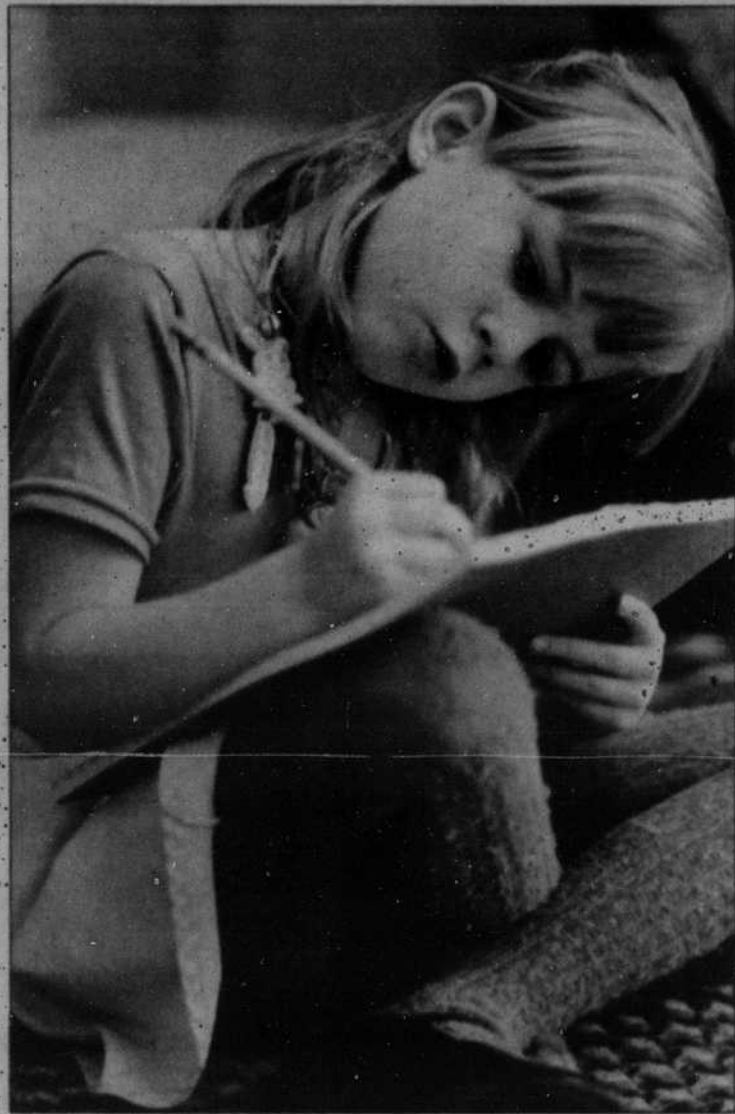
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Student 'volunteer'

Sierra Thomas is one of several children taking part in the University's TAG-IDEA program, which is designed to meet the special educational needs of talented and gifted children.

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Board may decrease faculty's input in selection of president

By Andrew LaMar
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The University's faculty may have a smaller role in the selection of the next University president. That is if the Oregon State Board of Higher Education passes a proposal that reduces the number of faculty members on a presidential search committee at its monthly meeting Friday.

The board's Committee on Finance, Administration, and Physical Plant will discuss the proposal Friday morning and then make a recommendation to the board.

By the State Board's current rules, a search committee composed mainly of faculty members narrows the selection for a president to between three and five finalists. The board then makes the final decision.

But the new proposal gives the board more representation on the search committee than the faculty.

The proposal requires the search committee to be composed of nine members: four representatives from the State Board, one representative from the community, and one administrator, one student, and two faculty representatives from the institution.

The University's last search committee was composed of nine faculty members, two community representatives, one graduate student, one undergraduate student, one classified (non-academic administrator), one State Board member and the State System chancellor.

"That is not going to satisfy the University of Oregon, which has a strong tradition of faculty involvement in the affairs of the University," said Paul Holbo, the University's vice provost for academic affairs.

Holbo as well as the University Senate, the Faculty Advisory Committee, the Council of Deans and the Oregon chapter of the American Association of University Professors disapprove of the proposal.

"I have a rather strong feeling that the faculty should have a strong say in the selection," said

University President Paul Olum.

In order for the faculty and new president to work well and openly together, the selection process must include several faculty members, Olum said.

"The AAUP's primary concern is the substantial decrease of faculty members on the search committee," said Chapin Clark, a University law professor and president of the Oregon conference of the AAUP.

The previous processes have worked very well and there's no reason to change them, Clark said.

The State Board, however, apparently wants to centralize the process.

One reason the board wants to strengthen its own role in the search process might be to ensure a more vigorous search for "outsiders," said Bill Lemman, the State System's executive vice chancellor. Of the eight state institutions, four have presidents who were faculty members of their institution, he said.

Many faculty members claim that even though "insiders" often are hired, the system works. The state institutions' ratio of insiders is probably close to the national average, said Robert Berdahl, the University's dean for arts and sciences.

Another reason the board proposed the change is because it believes the search committees have become too large, Lemman said. Also the board wants more control of confidentiality, he said.

Confidentiality has been a problem for many schools around the country because publicity can jeopardize a candidate's current job.

Traditionally, University search committees have attempted to keep the identities of the candidates confidential until the field was narrowed down to the finalists, said Charles Duncan, chair of the last University presidential search committee and former dean of the journalism school.

Acquaintance rape increase causes concern

By Julie Freeman
Of the Emerald

When she met him she thought he was good looking, charismatic and just an overall nice guy. She never imagined that one day he would rape her.

Although this scenario does not represent a specific incident, it does represent an increasingly common occurrence on college campuses across the country.

National statistics reveal that the stereotypical view of the rapist as the "stranger lurking in the bushes" is misleading. In 50-75 percent of all rapes, the victim knows her attacker. He could be her neighbor, fellow student, friend, employer or lover.

And according to these same statistics, the most frequent victims of this crime are women between the ages of 15 and 24. In fact, one quarter of women in college today have been victims of rape or attempted rape, and almost 90 percent of them knew their assailant.

These facts have not gone unnoticed by members of the University community. In the last several months committees have been formed and symposia have been planned to increase awareness of the problem as it relates to women and men on this campus.

"Until recent years, the main focus of the issue has been on stranger rape and personal protection," says Sgt. Chuck

Tilby, of the Eugene Police Department.

But lately more people have become aware that acquaintance rape is a much bigger problem on campus and in society, Tilby says.

Tilby, who works with the University's Office of Public Safety, has helped organize a committee that he hopes will draw upon campus and community resources to educate people about the problem.

Several groups, including the ASUO, Office of Public Safety, Office of Student Housing, Office of Student Services and Student Health Center have committed themselves to the project.

Rape is defined as a crime that involves having sexual intercourse with a woman forcibly and without her consent. Acquaintance rape is distinguished by the fact that the woman knew her attacker.

Most acquaintance rapes go unreported because of this fact. In many cases, the woman is reluctant to report the crime because she blames herself for getting into the wrong situation or trusting a certain individual, says Nancy Lewis, coordinator for the Rape Crisis Network's community education program.

At least 70 percent of the calls received by the organization, located at 841 E. 18th Ave., concern acquaintance rapes, Lewis says. Yet, she says only about one

at of every 25 women report the crime.

About 154 calls concerning rapes were received by the crisis network in December, Lewis says.

No official rape reports have been filed with the Office of Public Safety this year, making it difficult to determine how many and how often rapes of any kind occur on campus, says April Norman, a Eugene police officer who patrols the University campus.

She says she currently knows of only two cases of acquaintance rape this year, but both are still classified as rumors since neither woman has made an official report.

Norman, who worked in the crime prevention unit of the Eugene Police Department for three years, has given rape awareness lectures at the University in the past. However, the primary focus of these lectures was on stranger rape.

Since then Norman has developed a pamphlet on sexual rights, which she hopes will act as personal safety education program for members of the University community when it is released. The pamphlet includes facts about acquaintance rape and information on subjects such as cultural dating beliefs and the use of alcohol and drugs, which are believed to contribute to the problem.

"Much of the problem goes back to a

Symposium on rape, violence against women starts Tuesday

The issue of acquaintance rape and violence against women will be examined at the University during a three-day "awareness symposium" sponsored by the ASUO's Women's Task Force.

The event will open Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the EMU Forum Room with speakers from Rape Crisis Network, Womenspace, Men Against Rape and others addressing date rape, marital rape and how men can help fight against rape.

On Wednesday, personal perspectives on rape will be given at 7 p.m. in the Forum Room. Discussion, films about acquaintance rape and testimony from victims also will be presented.

Prevention and self-defense will be discussed at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Room 150 Geology.

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