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Survey on Saferide Program released

Women fear walking alone on campus

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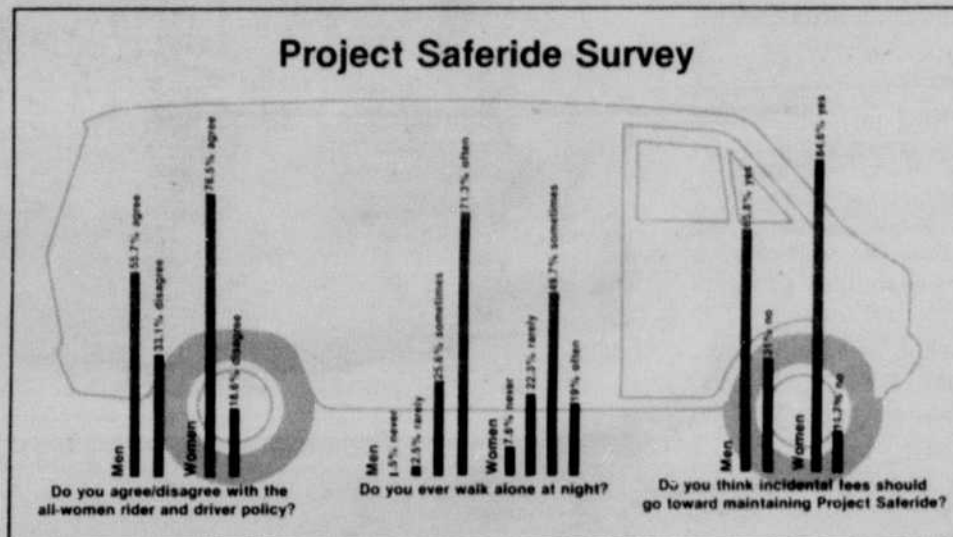
A survey released Monday showed 81 percent of the women on campus do not feel comfortable walking alone at night.

Shannan Meehan, the ASUO Project Saferide coordinator, and a group of volunteers randomly surveyed 248 people passing through the EMU and asked questions concerning the Saferide program.

Overall, 201 men and 247 women responded to the survey. Questions included familiarity with the program, its all-woman rider and driver policy and its funding. The survey also asked if people walked alone at night and if they believed campus lighting is adequate.

On the whole, the men's and women's percentages were fairly close. The most drastic difference in answers was to the question "do you ever walk alone at night?" Out of 201 men, 71.3 percent said they often walked alone at night. Only one said he never walked alone at night.

Of the 247 women surveyed, 7.6 percent said they never walked alone at night, while only 19 percent said they often did. Some women, 22.26 percent, said they rarely walked alone at night and 49.7 percent responded they



sometimes walked alone.

Meehan said the difference between the 71.3 percent males and 19 percent females who often walk alone really shows the fear women have of walking at night and the need for a rape prevention program.

Meehan said 94 percent of those polled had heard of Project Saferide (94.4 percent of the men and 93.5 percent of

the females), while only 84.5 percent knew of the all-woman policy (83.4 percent of the men and 85.4 percent of the females).

Meehan said a number of men refused to fill out the survey.

"This saddens me," she said. "They seem to think it (rape) is a woman's pro-

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Director pleased with Legislature's state aid treatment

By Chris Norred

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State Scholarship Commission Director Jeff Lee said Monday he is encouraged by the state legislature's attitude toward student financial aid.

The legislative education budgeting committee finished writing the Scholarship Commission's budget last week.

The budgeting committee approved nearly \$23 million in state General Fund support for the Scholarship Commission in the next two years.

That budget includes a \$1 million increase in state support for need grants for low-income Oregon college students.

The budgeting committee did not provide funds for a controversial \$1 million merit-based scholarship program that was supported by Chancellor William Davis of the State System of Higher Education.

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Pickers, police clash; negotiations remain at standstill

By Janet Paulson

Of the Emerald

Confrontations between striking Eugene teachers and police resulted in the arrest of five people Monday, including a KEZI cameraman.

Picketing teachers Geraldine Tomseth, Pete Mandrapa, and Thomas Wiper were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, according to police reports. A fifth teacher, Larry Von Seeger was also arrested on disorderly conduct charges, but his name was not included in the

police report. KEZI cameraman Bill Goetz was booked on an Assault IV charge for allegedly assaulting Lt. Jim Horton of the Eugene Police Department. Assault IV is the most minor of assault charges.

According to Lt. Dick Mann of the EPD, between 200 and 300 picketing teachers attempted to block the path of buses carrying replacement teachers as the buses entered the Lane County Fairgrounds parking lot about 3:30 p.m. Monday afternoon. The fairgrounds are

used as the staging area for transporting the replacement teachers to and from the schools.

Geoff Masters of the Oregon Education Association said the picketers wanted to give a strong message to the "scabs" to go home.

"Everyday they're here...prolongs the strike that much longer," Masters said.

The picketers moved two cars into the intersection of 15th Avenue and Van Buren Street to block the path of the

buses, according to Lt. Mann. Initially 15 police officers were called to the scene, but eventually every available officer was called to the fairgrounds.

Mann said most of the 45 officers at the scene were involved in "traffic control," moving buses in and out of the fairgrounds.

On the other side of town three teachers who observed most of this weekend's bargaining sessions met with

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Program teaches skills; gives handicapped freedom

By Tia Politi

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"I love babies. I want to have lots of babies," the young girl said. Blonde haired, blue eyed and dressed in a red-striped sweatshirt and blue jeans, she looks like any girl from anywhere telling of her dreams for the future.

But five years ago a girl like Peggy Alexander, 19, would have no future and probably no children either.

Alexander is mentally retarded. She is one of 59 Trainable Mentally Retarded (TMR) students participating in the Lane County Educational Services Division's vocational program. Nine of the students, including Alexander, are currently employed as food service workers in one of the EMU's three restaurants.

The EMU has become one of the major centralized vocational training sites for the mentally handicapped students in Lane County because of the efforts of Marty Sheehan, EMU program director.

In January of 1983, while working toward a his doctorate in special educa-

tion, Sheehan became involved with the LCESD's vocational program for the moderate to severely retarded. He didn't like what he saw in the program.

He said rather than working on training the students employers were settling for substandard performance. This wasn't teaching the students anything, he said.

Sheehan set out to upgrade the program and has seen a dramatic improvement in the last five years.

"This year 50 percent of the graduates will find paying jobs in the community. Another 45 percent will be moved into segregated programs and the other 5 percent will remain at home," Sheehan said.

He is quick to point out that the food service work done at the EMU is only one aspect of the program.

"It's a total high school program that teaches the kids to be as independent, productive and integrated into the local

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Lonnie Obitun buses tables in the EMU Skyline Refectory as part of his work with the Lane County Educational Services Division vocational program.

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