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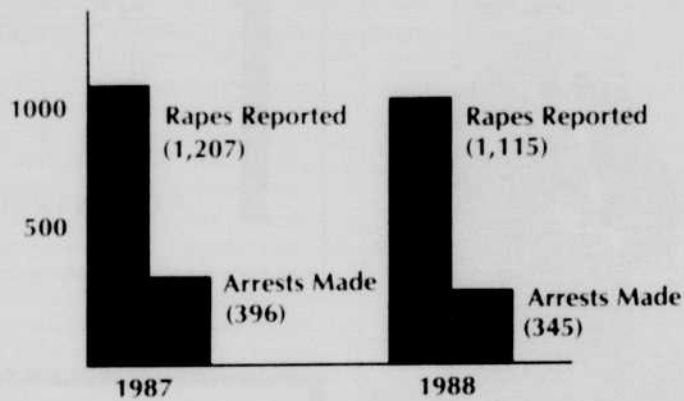
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Monday In-Depth

Rape in Oregon



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said she got involved with the group because she felt it was important to give the Greek system's perspective on rape issues.

"I can give the group feedback on how they can educate about things like date rape without getting a negative reaction from the Greeks," Erlich said.

Other women have become involved on the task group for more personal reasons. One such woman is Shelley Reecher, who founded Project Safe Run, a program that offers protective dogs as running partners for women joggers.

"I have gotten involved in rape prevention because I am a rape survivor from 1974," Reecher said, adding that because of her experience, she concentrates on the problem of stranger rape.

"Most of the women who use Project Safe Run are college students," Reecher said. "I just never want what happened to me in 1974 to happen to anyone, so I said I'll donate my time and come to the (task force's) meetings."

Although the majority of the group's members are women who have a common vested in-

terest in the elimination of rape, some members are men who are involved for less obvious reasons.

Kirk Bailey, one of the ASUO representatives on the task group, said he first became interested in rape prevention for personal reasons.

"I've had friends, women, who were either sexually harassed, molested or raped," Bailey said. "And I've felt in those situations to be absolutely powerless."

"That's led me to try to make a difference to help my friends and so other women won't have to go through what they've been through," Bailey said, adding that he tries to educate other men about how to have relationships with women without incorporating destructive sexual attitudes.

"Besides, I buy into the philosophy ... that rape is a man's problem," Bailey said. "Men rape; thence, men can stop rape."

Increasing Awareness

Last summer the task force, with all its personal concerns and interests, began searching for a way to increase awareness about rape on campus. Group members decided to devote an

A sampling of rape statistics:

- A preliminary national statistic for 1988 states 167,450 rapes occurred, with 70,440, or 42.1 percent, reported to the police.
- In Oregon, 1,115 rapes and attempted rapes were reported, resulting in 345 arrests.
- Only 5 percent of female college students nationally who reported forced sex last year reported to the police. Women aged 16-19 have the highest victimization rates; second highest is from age 20-24.
- One in three women under 18 nationwide will be sexually assaulted.
- In 1986, a woman was a victim of rape or attempted rape every 3 1/2 minutes, totaling more than 153,000 rape victims.
- In 1986, 57 percent of all violent crimes against women were committed by non-strangers.
- Over 50 percent of the victims and 75 percent of the victimizers had been drinking before sexual assault.
- One in 13 male students reports having raped or attempted to rape.
- Over a third of the college males surveyed reported ignoring a woman's protests during a rape situation.
- One in eight students reported experience within the previous 12 months that met the legal definition of rape.

entire week during fall term to workshops and seminars designed to educate the campus public about harmful social attitudes that "promote and support rape in our culture," Wilson said.

Last week the group's efforts came together and the University had its first Creating a Rape-free Environment Week.

But how can a rape-free society be created?

"It's such an idyllic idea," said Shaun Davis, the group's Men Against Rape representative. "But it's really an aspiration and not a specific goal."

Educating society about how to eliminate the sexist attitudes that hurt women will help create a culture that has less rape, Davis said.

"We need to break through the attitude of the male superiority which leaves women to be submissive," he said. "This idea allows for a more useful member of society and a less useful member of society."

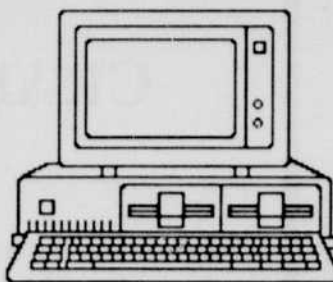
Bailey said these attitudes are promoted by advertising.

"Advertisements use the objectification of women to manipulate men," he said. "This

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