

OPS offers escorts in wake of assaults

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Several assaults last weekend in the West University neighborhood have prompted the Office of Public Safety to join forces with the Eugene Police Department in an effort to avoid further incidents.

OPS has posted fliers on campus and in West Eugene, area warning people to take precautions and be on the lookout for a suspect described as a white male, 20 to 25 years old, five-foot-eight, 160-180 pounds with wavy, collar-length hair.

At least three assaults occurred Saturday and Sunday; two of them were sexual assaults.

"A couple of the incidents appear to involve the same person and a couple of other incidents are with a large group of people," said Joan Saylor, OPS security officer. "The incidents have occurred off-campus, but because of the close proximity to the University, we're assisting."

Saylor said people on campus who may have to walk home alone late at night should call OPS for an escort.

"We generally have a boundary of four blocks off-campus in any direction, but we will make exceptions," she said.

OPS is advising several ways to avoid potentially dangerous situations.

"Walk in well-lit areas, travel with a companion, know the

route you're walking and watch for potential hiding places," Saylor said. "Think ahead of time what you're going to do if a situation does occur. Look confident and look alert."

Members of the University's Unwanted Sexual Behavior Task Force are also working to publicize the need for added caution.

"While the campus may feel tranquil and safe, people need to always be on the lookout for their friends and neighbors and report any suspicious activity," said Marlene Drescher, USB member and director of the Office of Student Advocacy.

Bobby Lee, USB member of ASUO Affirmative Action coordinator, said this time of year poses particular concerns, with many visitors in town for festivals and Saturday's summer commencement.

"A lot of people are coming in from out of town, so there's a lot of potential for violence," he said. "People need to follow their intuitions. If you feel unsafe, react to it, because this is a time when you could be a victim."

Lee and several other students planned to protest Wednesday night at the sites of the attacks.

"We want to make a statement saying, 'We're not going to take anymore abuses,'" he said.



Winding down

Former University student and professional potter John Fleenor "drills" a creation on the pottery wheel at his Garden Avenue studio.

Photo by Andre Ranieri

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A bad man

Muhammed Ali: His Life and Times, the authorized biography of arguably the greatest fighter in boxing history, is an informative, enlightening and entertaining read.

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Veteran sportswriter brings experience to class

By Christopher Blair
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The piece Murray Olderman reads to his summer sportswriting class is a detailed diagnosis of what ails college football.

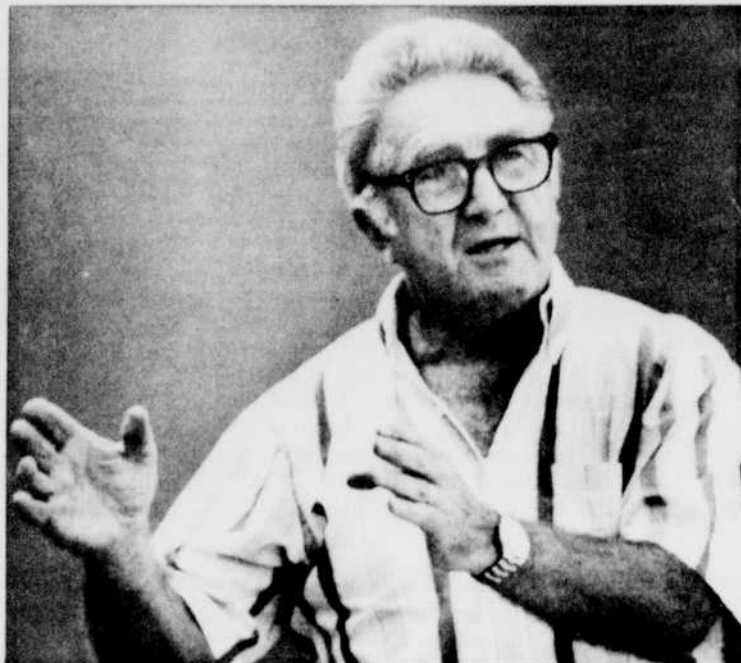
The writer examines the hypocrisy of the college football system, a world where many big-money coaches ignore the little control their universities place on athletic departments.

"(The player) is directly responsible, if he becomes a star, for bringing in thousands upon thousands of dollars for his college," it reads. "The colleges sell him a free education, a living pittance and phony glamour."

"The system is rotten from top to bottom."

The class of 11 students is a little surprised when Olderman, a writer and cartoonist who has worked for newspapers and press syndicates for more than 40 years, tells them the piece is a chapter from sportswriter Paul Gallico's book, *Farewell to Sport*, written in 1936.

"Unless you knew it was written in 1936, it sounds like



Murray Olderman, who is visiting Oregon for the summer, has been using more than 40 years of experience in the field to guide fledgling sportswriters at the University.

it could have been written today," he says. The students agree. One asks if there was ever a time when college football was "honest."

"Yeah," Olderman says. "When Princeton played Rut-

gers in 1869."

One could say, with little exaggeration, that Olderman has done it all when it comes to sports journalism. If the event concerns a ball, numbered jerseys, sweat and keeping score,

chances are he has written a feature about it or drawn a cartoon, though probably both.

He has covered the World Series, heavyweight championship fights, the Indianapolis 500, the Masters, the NCAA Final Four, NBA Championships, and every Super Bowl.

After years of features and artwork from some of the sporting world's greatest moments, Olderman said he doesn't think in terms of a "favorite" Super Bowl, NBA Championship game or other sporting event. But he admits some stand out.

There was the time the Brooklyn Dodgers finally beat the New York Yankees in the 1955 World Series ("The Dodgers had always come close but never quite gotten them."); or the first AFL-NFL championship game, later known as the Super Bowl ("There were 25,000 empty seats.")

He lists other memorable experiences from four decades of sportswriting, and of knowing the players themselves. He once saw former Detroit Lion and Pittsburgh Steeler quarterback Bobby Layne win \$25,000 in a Texas poker game. He was

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