

Student fights Saferide policy

Discrimination charged

By Lisa Millegan
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A student has filed a complaint in ASUO Constitution Court charging that Saferide, a University night-time shuttle service for women, unfairly discriminates against men.

Abe Hepner, a sophomore journalism major, said Saferide's policy of offering rides only to women violates the ASUO Constitution.

Hepner specifically cites a violation of Section 2.4 of the constitution, which reads, "Access to activities supported in whole or in part through mandatory student incidental fees shall not be denied for reasons of sex, race, religion, age, sexual orientation, marital status, handicap, political view, national origin or any other extraneous considerations."

The complaint marks the second time in three years that the program has met with formal charges of discrimination. In 1988, a student unsuccessfully tried to get the no-men policy changed through the Office of Affirmative Action, but the office decided that such differential treatment was not unreasonable.

If officers are available, the Office of Public Safety will give rides to both men and women who call to ask for them, although OPS does take into account the urgency of each situation.

"Anybody who feels it's unsafe should be able to (use Saferide)," Hepner said. "By saying that all men can't ride, they're saying that all men are rapists. It's totally stereotyping all men."

Hepner said the all-women policy assumes that all women are harmless while all men are a threat.

"Under Saferide's current operating procedures, Lynette 'Squeaky' Fromme could ride safely to a cult killing while Martin Luther King Jr. would have to find his own way across campus to a civil-rights march," Hepner said in his complaint. "Judgment by genitalia has no place in this society, especially on this 'progressive' campus."

He further argued that rapes would not likely occur if men and women rode in the Saferide vans together.

Hepner said he filed the complaint because the Saferide co-directors were unresponsive to questions he

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Allison Davis, academic adviser for the Office of Multicultural Affairs, speaks to minority high school students Wednesday as part of the University's "Gateway to the Future" program.

Minority students get look at college

By Colleen Pohlig
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The University welcomed almost 400 minority high school students from across the state Wednesday in the fifth annual visitation day for students of color.

The "Gateway to the Future" program was created to encourage students of color to consider higher education, said Edwina Welch, admissions counselor and academic adviser. The day's events were sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Office of Admissions.

"I wasn't planning on going to college before this and now I'm thinking about it more," said Titus Duncan, a junior at Madison High

School in Portland.

Split into two groups, the students attended sessions where they learned about admissions, financial aid and campus support services.

A 50-minute lecture helped give them an idea of what college classes are really like, Welch said.

Dr. Clarence Spigner, a professor in the School of Community Health, spoke about the myths of college. He tried to counter student assumptions about skipping classes and study habits.

"College is very serious," he said. "The only games being played are the ones out in the field on a Saturday."

The high school participants also met with University minority

students in a panel forum.

"There's too many of us gang-bangin' — killing each other and doing wrong," one panelist said. "We need some education to progress. If you don't want to end up in jail, you need to get an education."

"Part of the whole day's success relates directly to the University students of color who participated in the panel discussion," said Marshall Saucedo, OMA acting director. "They are a key to this program's success and we appreciate them."

Frequent student questions touched on admissions, the low number of minority students on

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Brand's job extends past Johnson Hall

Editor's note: This is the first in a two-part series about the day-to-day duties of University President Myles Brand. Part 1 focuses on Brand's work behind the scenes to raise funds and promote the University's image. Part 2, which runs Tuesday, will take a more personal look at Brand's life away from campus.

By Chris Bouneff
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When Myles Brand is in an official setting, he is composed. At his desk talking to a reporter from a local radio station, the story is different.

Sitting in his Johnson Hall office with one foot propped up on the desk and the other resting on the floor, he nods and impatiently grunts out "un-huh" as the question is laid out.

Quickly, he pulls the phone closer to his mouth, his right hand moves for emphasis and he starts to talk. Financing is at the top of his list. Affirmative action is important. The University athletic department needs state funding. The University can survive with Measure 5.

The questions are the same, and the answers are the same.

But the delivery is different.

He becomes more animate, with his



President Myles Brand meets with University officials to discuss strategy before meeting with potential donors at an Oregon football game.

right hand gesturing faster as the interview continues. His right foot, still resting on the floor, begins to methodically tap, almost rhythmically, as he emphasizes every point. His Eastern accent is more evident. The message is not just rhetoric.

The interview with radio station

KPNW is among the first items on University President Myles Brand's calendar for this Friday in October. Already, he has attended an 8 a.m. breakfast and met with two other people on confidential matters.

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