

## SAFERIDE

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had about their policy.

"They don't have answers because they haven't been pressured before," he said. "They know that their old-girl's club is breaking a lot of rules."

Mona Gentry, co-director of Saferide, said she was not opposed to answering questions about the program but she said she believes Hepner's approach was too menacing and confrontational for reasonable dialogue.

"It would have been so simple if (he) would have just asked and had listened," said Barbara Rodgers, the program's other co-director.

Gentry argued that the equal-access clause to the ASUO Constitution would be violated if Saferide did allow men to ride in the vans. Such an action would potentially block access to the vans for women who were too intimidated to ride with men, she said.

Rodgers said the all-women policy is necessary in order to ensure the safety of female drivers and passengers.

In a 1988 paper she wrote defending the policy, Rodgers cited instances at other campuses with co-ed shuttle services in which assaults were reported against women. She noted an incident at the University of Wisconsin in 1987 where a woman was attacked by a man in a Saferide-type van.

"Most of the men involved in this service possessed sincere regard for women and their freedom, but a small percent held no qualms about expressing violence toward females," Rodgers said.

Gentry said an all-women service is particularly needed because of disparities in women and men's safety at night.

According to statistics compiled this year by the dean's office, men constitute 10 percent of all rape victims while one in four women will be sexually assaulted.

"It's very obvious that that's a lot of rape that occurs in a college community," said Dana Gorman, who works with Saferide. "Something needs to be done to protect women because they're not safe."

However, Rodgers said she does not want to downplay men's concerns for their own safety.

"If that's a valid fear at the University of Oregon, there needs to be something available," she said. "If (Hepner) wants to start a Saferide for men, that would be great."

Saferide has until Nov. 28 to file a response brief to Hepner's complaint with the Constitution Court. After the group files a brief, the court should hear the case within seven days. Steven Briggs, the court's chief justice, said a final ruling should be made on the case in early December.

## BRAND

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cially enjoy intelligent people, and I'm always interested to discuss their views with them."

The shyness clearly disappears as he comfortably moves through the crowd. He stops for various lengths of time, depending on who and what he is talking about.

After the food line dwindles, Brand gets up and goes into his speech routine. He introduces a panel of four carefully chosen students who will field questions about University life from the mayors.

The question of Measure 5 comes up, and the students, understandably nervous, ramble on slightly. They don't answer the question to Brand's liking.

On the follow-up question, he doesn't take any chances on the wrong message reaching Oregon's cities and back-roads towns by interjecting — "I'll take that one."

Then, he proceeds with an impromptu soliloquy on the

University's strong points and how a drastic decrease in funds has affected other programs and students' access to an education.

"It's an absolute critical part of the job of being president to help the public understand what the University of Oregon is about, and I enjoy doing that," Brand said.

### The fourth quarter

In the presidential sky suite, much of the same goes on. Brand is able to shed his jacket, but he's not able to rest.

He moves from person to person, talking football, funding and academics. During the third quarter, he visits the leased suites with nameplates reading Nike Corp. (Phil Knight), Peter Jacobsen and Carolyn Chambers — all generous donors to the University.

Near the end of the fourth quarter, he dons his green jacket again and heads for the field.

At the game's conclusion, Brand enters the Oregon locker

room, and then he ventures to a post-game buffet in the Casanova Athletic Center where even more boosters wait for Oregon coach Rich Brooks to speak about the game.

Brand is different now. Two days — in fact, a week — on the go have taken their toll.

His shoulders hunch more than usual, and his face shows fatigue. Brand scans the room, finds no one new to talk with and decides to go home. Awaiting him is more work and a badly needed night of rest.

"Indeed, the difference between working and non-working disappears in such a schedule," he said. "Sometimes it's physically exhausting, and I go home and get a good night's sleep."

Sunday morning, he drives to stables near Mount Pisgah where he boards his Tennessee walking horse, Star. He rides in the morning and works in the afternoon.

Monday, the cycle of meetings and dinners begins again.



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