

Pardon my sarong



Photo by Sean Poston

University student Susan Graves created this "Sky Spirit Costume" from wood, foam core, acrylic paint and raffia. This figure was created as a class requirement for associate Professor Richard Sundt's fall 1991 course, "Art of the Pacific Islands I." This work and other class projects will be on display in the La Verne Krause Gallery of Lawrence Hall through Jan. 24.

Friends remember rape suspect as 'king of kids'

Michael Patrick Ryan, who committed suicide in Texas after a car chase with police, was trying to "recuperate his life"

By Gerrit Koepping
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As news about the rape of an 18-year-old University student spread, those who knew Michael Patrick Ryan, 33, were shocked to learn that the sociable, well-liked young man had just become a fugitive.



This was compounded three days later, when Ryan was further accused of raping an Idaho woman, and in a macabre finale Ryan shot himself in the head as Texas police approached his car after a failed attempt at running a roadblock.

Even after his death, Ryan's actions during his life surprised many who knew him.

Police have now said Ryan had recently pawned some property that had been stolen from Tingle Hall during winter break.

"You try and decide if there was anything suspect about him," said Lorne Cook, who lived on the same floor as Ryan.

Cook, 28, said Ryan was popular and very social.

"He always had a lot of young girls in his room," Cook said. "He was kind of king of the kids."

But in other ways, Ryan was not so successful. Last term Ryan told Cook he had received an incomplete in every one of his courses. In addition, Ryan had told people he was a physiology major who was eventually going on to medical school. The University has no

physiology major program and Ryan was listed in the student directory as having an undeclared major.

University student Gabriel Johnson, 19, whose 1985 Honda Ryan used in his weeklong run from police, said Ryan lacked purpose.

"He was supportive of those who had direction, primarily because he had none," Johnson said.

Johnson described Ryan as "trying to recuperate his life." But it was not easy, Johnson said.

"He had been trying since September to get his life straight and over Christmas break he went to New Jersey to see his family," he said. "He hadn't seen them in 10 years."

Johnson said Ryan was confused and scared about seeing his family.

"It took him a week of hitchhiking across the country to get back to Eugene," Johnson said. "He had lived on the road and was very attracted to that lifestyle and it was hard for him to return to school."

The evening of Jan. 10, 10 hours before the student was raped in Hamilton Complex, Ryan borrowed Johnson's car, saying he was going to the coast over the weekend.

Ryan stopped by to say goodbye to Johnson a few hours before the reported rape. Johnson said Ryan was distracted but sober and was not behaving violently.

Ryan told Johnson about the three years he spent in the Oregon State Penitentiary after he robbed a woman at gunpoint of \$10 at a Medford shopping center. He told many people of his second-degree theft conviction and in a chilling bit of foreshadowing told Cook that he was never going to go back to prison.

What Ryan didn't tell people about was the time he spent in an Ohio jail and a California prison for theft and auto-theft.

Johnson said Ryan was trained in the

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Years no buffer for abortion controversy

Nineteen years after Roe vs. Wade, both sides of the controversial issue say momentum is building

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ROE vs. WADE



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Nineteen years ago today, the U.S. Supreme Court passed Roe vs. Wade, legalizing abortion. But the debate did not end in 1973, and

the years have seen rulings that both upheld and chipped away at the landmark decision.

In Roe, the Court declared the fundamental right to privacy, protected by the Fourteenth Amendment's guarantee of lib-

erty, includes the right of a woman to decide whether to have an abortion.

In the decision, the Court recognized two state interests, ruling that states may impose second-trimester regulations to protect the woman's health and may prohibit abortion to protect fetal life in the third trimester.

The plaintiff in the case, Jane Roe, was a single woman living in Dallas. Texas law, which allowed abortion only if the woman's life was in danger, restricted her from getting an abortion.

Roe, whose real name is Norma McCorvey, brought suit against District Attorney Henry Wade. She asked the federal district court to find the laws unconstitutional and prevent Wade from enforcing them.

The court ruled the law was unconstitutional, but did not prohibit enforcement. The case

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Anti-abortion supporters rally

Group sees abortion as issue of human decency

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Maestro

Marin Alsop adds fuel to the flame in her third season with the Eugene Symphony.

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ABORTION PILL

Oregon Rep. Ron Wyden has introduced legislation that would make it legal to test the hormonal drug, RU 486, 'the abortion pill,' in the United States.

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