

# New support groups to begin for assault survivors

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Elisa Warner began by answering the crisis line and being on-call for women who needed immediate help getting to the hospital after being raped.

Now the University student will also be helping with one of the new weekly support groups that Sexual Assault Support Services will be starting Feb. 17.

One of the four new groups

Warner will be co-facilitating is a drop-in group for all female survivors of sexual assault.

Other groups that will be offered include a 10-week closed group for women who were molested as children and incest survivors, an open group for men who have experienced sexual assault, and an open group for women who have been sexually assaulted and raped as adults.

Warner said her role as co-facilitator will be to listen and try

to help the women, encouraging them to share their feelings and interact.

Since the group is drop-in, she said a lot of women who haven't talked about their feelings before will probably come.

"The group will be a lot like the crisis line, except in person," Warner said.

Warner said the group will offer a momentary boost to help some women who aren't in a regular counseling program yet.

"I would recommend these

groups for people who aren't able to make a commitment to counseling yet and just need to talk," she said.

SASS volunteer coordinator, Erin Collier, said unlike the other groups that require an interview, the drop-in group is open to all types of people.

"Any women with any type of sexual assault can come, whether incest survivors or women who have just been raped, or women who were raped five years ago," she said.

Collier said SASS decided to have the groups so that survivors of sexual assault could receive more support.

"It's important for people to know that they're not the only one it's happened to," she said.

Collier said the groups not only provide an outlet for expressing feelings but also role models.

Seeing other survivors of rape and incest who have dealt with their feelings and are now successful provides inspiration, she said.

"This is where the healing can occur," she said. "People can get their feelings out in an open and safe environment."

Warner said her work volunteering can be demanding, but it's worth it.

"It can be hard at times listening to these women's stories," she said. "But it's really rewarding... You feel good afterwards, like you really made a difference."

Warner said she is also involved in organizing Students for SASS, an on-campus extension of SASS.

Another student involved in Students for SASS, Kristina Vatne, said they are presently getting organized, but eventually hope to work with other campus groups to promote awareness about sexual assault.

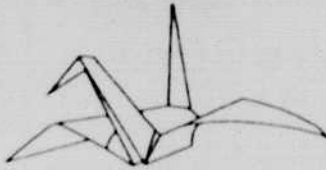
"We're hoping that once we get the ball rolling we will be showing films and making presentations about sexual assault issues," she said.

Vatne said the main thing they need is more student involvement, especially those who aren't already volunteering for SASS. She said there are currently nine students in Students for SASS, and the group could use more.

Students interested in Students for SASS or the support groups should call Erin Collier at SASS at 484-9791.

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**M**ICHAEL M. CLURE is a well-known poet and has written many volumes of poetry, including *Gorf*, *Jaguar Skies* and *Rebel Lions*. He is also a novelist, and a contemporary of Gary Snyder, Allen Ginsberg and other beat poets.

**R**AY MANZAREK was the keyboard player for the Doors.

ALL THREE will give a poetry reading/performance at Beall Concert Hall on the UO Campus at 8:30 Saturday, Feb. 15th. This performance has been taped and the video, *Love Lion*, will be available at the booksigning at the UO Bookstore.

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### MEETINGS

Student Health Insurance Committee will meet today at 8 a.m. in EMU Century Room A.

Constitution Court will meet tonight at 6:30 in the EMU Walnut Room.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Center for Sacred Sciences will present Meditation and Discussion Sunday at 11 a.m. at 900 Fillmore.

Adams Hall Valentine's Jam (dance) sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Asian/Pacific American Student Union, and Adams Hall Dorm will take place Saturday from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Wesley Center.

An environmental forum sponsored by the Solar Information Center will take place today from 12:30 to 1:30 in Room 286 Lawrence.

An Origami workshop sponsored by the Japanese Student Organization will take place today from 3:30 to 5 in room 208, EMU.

### RELIGION

Charismatic Mass will be tonight at 8, preceded by a prayer and praise session at 7:30, at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St.

The Vital Teachings of Jesus: A Matter of Life or Death will be the focus of a series of lectures by Rev. Tom Hill beginning Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Newman Center.

Weekend Masses will take place Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Newman Club will meet tonight at 8:45 at the Newman Center.

Jesus and Buddha will be the topic of a roundtable discussion sponsored by the Restoration Campus Ministry today at 12:30 in EMU Century Room A.

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