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## Authorities believe weekend assaults motivated by race

Police have no suspects in attack that sent three men to a local hospital

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Three men were attacked and beaten early Friday morning in the west University neighborhood.

Police have labeled it a bias crime because of comments made by the attackers.

Two of the white students involved allege they were assaulted by about 12 black men around 1:30 a.m. near 16th Avenue and Alder Street.

Eugene police department officer Jenna Knight said police reports didn't mention clothing or anything that would suggest the group belonged to an organized gang.

Police are continuing the investigation.

Knight said because police haven't "found any suspects, we don't know what their thoughts were."

Two victims, Jordan Jason Blair, 21, and Tei Allen Gordon, 22, sustained cuts and bruises. They were treated at Sacred Heart Hospital and released.

Another unidentified man underwent surgery, Gordon said, for injuries sustained to his head.

"It's hard to know what caused the incident," Knight

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## Local census shows more kids in poverty

At the same time, the number of impoverished senior citizens shrank

By Tim Neff  
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Children are replacing senior citizens as one of the most-impoverished groups both nationwide and locally, according to recently released census figures.

Nationwide, 18 percent of all children under the age of 18 ranked below the poverty level in 1989 — a 12-percent jump from 1979. In Lane County, 16 percent of all children fell below the poverty threshold in 1989. That is up from 13.3 percent in 1979.

At the same time, the number of impoverished senior citizens shrank. In Lane County, 24 percent of all people over 65 lived in poverty in 1969. The number has steadily dropped from 11.5 percent in 1979 to 9 percent in 1989.

The numbers seem to contradict the trend toward an older population.

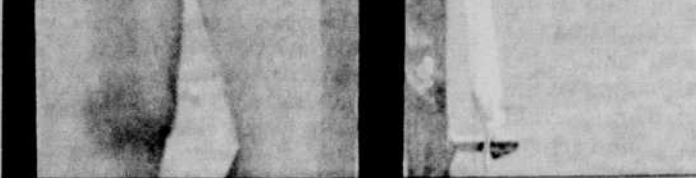
The census indicates that although seniors are grabbing a larger chunk of the population pie, fewer are impoverished. Meanwhile, there are more poverty-stricken children in the gradually shrinking under-18 age group.

Chris Eaton, assistant planner for the Lane Council of Governments, said seniors have successfully fought for political changes that have improved their standard of living.

"The senior citizen lobbies have been successful," Eaton said, "and they are a growing voting population."

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## Painstaking painting



Kevin Trent, of the John Trent Painting Co., works on a window outside Gerlinger Hall Monday. The crew has been working on painting every window on Gerlinger for the past two months and is expected to finish by September.

Photo by Jeff Paslay

## Budget cuts force day care to shift policy

Student-parents will have to prove greater financial need to qualify

By Edward Klopfenstein  
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The ASUO Child Care Task Force recently announced that due to budget cuts, parents attending the University will need to prove greater financial need this year to qualify for day care assistance.

The group also placed a ceiling of 210 families eligible for the aid.

The move, announced in a July 20 letter, requires parents to show \$10,000 in financial need compared with last year's \$6,000 level. The decision was made in June by the task force and approved by the Incidental Fee Committee that month. It took effect July 1, said Dennis Reynolds, EMU child care coordinator.

The move was also intended to guarantee the amount promised to parents for the entire year. Last spring, parents were notified of a sudden drop in assistance funds after higher costs and an increase in subsidy need drained the day care budget, said Kristen Parrott, chairwoman of the task force.

Though battling budget cuts and higher costs, Parrott hopes the more stringent requirements can keep this year's subsidies stable.

"You can't run out of money," she said, "because it's too hard on the parents."

Costs at either one of the ASUO funded day care programs, or at an approved private agency, run between \$400 and \$600 per month for two children. Subsidies foot anywhere from 10 to 50 percent of that bill and have proved a selling point for parents considering the school, she said.

But that could change as more parents use the subsidies to speed their graduation. Parrott said many recipients are trying to beat the expected 1993-94 tuition hike that would put a term's tuition around \$1,400.

Reynolds, whose office is directed by the task force, said the day care program had a record 250 families receiving subsidies last year.

A "movable ceiling" of 210 families has now been established, he said. Once the program reaches that number, the task force will reassess the budget to see if the ceiling can be raised.

The program's budget is currently set at about \$200,000. This reflects a \$35,000 reduction from last year. The overall budget, one of the largest ASUO

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## WEATHER



Mostly cloudy skies and morning drizzle will prevail today over the greater Eugene-Springfield area. Expect highs in the mid-70s. Monday's low for the lower 48 states was 34 at Truckee, Calif.

### MEDAL COUNT

Unified Team 78 overall, 32 gold  
United States 68, 20 gold  
Germany 48, 16 gold

### DIVING

Gao Min won on the springboard for China's second straight sweep of the women's Olympic diving gold medals. United States was shutout of the springboard medals for the first time.

Gao won the event for a second time by 58.26 points over top American Julie Ovenhouse.

### TRACK

- American Mike Conley took the gold in a wind-aided 59-foot-7 and one-half inch jump — second-longest in history in the triple jump. Charlie Simpkins also from the U.S. won silver.
- Mark McKoy of Canada stole the gold in the 110-hurdles, while American Tony Dees won the silver.
- Quincy Watts qualified for the 400 finals with an Olympic record of 43.71 seconds.

Maybe the biggest victory of the Games so far didn't involve anyone.

On Monday, the International Olympic Committee announced that all 1,049 drug tests carried out to date in Barcelona have come back negative.

Now, that's a positive.

### BASKETBALL

The Dream Team takes on Puerto Rico today in the first medal round.

—Compiled from AP reports

