

RESCUE

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In his lifesaving class, Wilson said he learned that people should try to throw a rope or tree branch to a drowning victim. But he said he knew time was of the essence, so he jumped in the river and swam a diagonal angle of pursuit of the man, who was moving quickly downstream about 15 feet from the bank.

"It seemed like a mile," Wilson said.

With his right arm across the man's chest, Wilson held the man to his side and swam to shore in about five minutes.

Wilson and Sigma Nu members David Breitenstein, 19, and Dave Gremaux, 23, had run to the shore together. However, Gremaux was standing near a sharp drop-off into the river and fell in while taking his shirt off, said Breitenstein, who swam in after his fraternity brother.

"I was just reaching the shore (with Gremaux) when I saw five guys helping Brian and the man onto the shore," Breitenstein said. "The man was really weak and really quiet. He just said, 'Thank you.'"

The victim was conscious when Wilson reached the shore. He was taken to Sacred Heart General Hospital by ambulance and released Monday, according to hospital records.

Wilson said he's surprised by the attention the media and his friends and family have paid to the rescue.

"All my friends are calling me a hero," he said. "I don't think that it's much of a big deal. My girlfriend told her mother and she's like, 'You picked a good man.' It's kind of embarrassing."

Although Wilson was able to save a man's life, attempting to rescue a drowning victim puts the rescuer in danger, said Eugene police department and Lane County sheriff's office officials.

Tim Birr, Eugene police department spokesman, said the river is dangerous because of frigid water and swift currents.

"It's very hard to argue with success," Birr said. "But Mr. Wilson took some extreme risks."

John Pitetti, a volunteer search coordinator with the Lane County sheriff's office, said he estimated the river's temperature was about 50 degrees at the time of the rescue. People can survive in that temperature for only about 75 minutes before hypothermia sets in.

Drowning victims have been known to pull their rescuers down with them when they're scared, he said.

People should only enter the water as a last resort to try to rescue someone. They should first attempt to throw a rope or branch or reach them in a boat. But there are no givens in drowning cases, Pitetti said.

"It's not a simple question and there are no simple questions," he said. "It's not a good recommendation to say, 'Stand back and let them drown,' but you can't say, 'Jump in and save anyone you see jump or fall in.'"

MULTIRACIAL

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asked. "There are struggles these people have dealt with in terms of loyalty. If they have loyalty to two sides, they feel torn between the two."

Moriguchi said sometimes she's forced to choose what race to consider herself. On applications asking for her race, she checks the "other" category. If there is no "other" category, she checks "black."

"I associate mostly with being black because that's mostly what I am," she said. "That's what I look like."

"I don't really have any problems with being mixed," she said. "I don't really feel I'm discriminated against for being mixed; it's for being black."

Robin Holmes, a staff psychologist at the University Counseling Center, said the biracial students she counsels don't feel pressured by society. Instead, they place pressure on themselves to choose which race they will consider themselves.

"Their main concern is some type of identity concern," she said. "They're not sure of where they fit in."

Junior David Greenbaum said he's never felt pressured to choose between his two backgrounds. His mother is Japanese-American and his father is white.

But Greenbaum's friends of both races often forget his mixed heritage and choose to think of him as being of only one race.

"Both sides like to see me as their own, not as 'the other,'" he said.

Being biracial can be tougher than being of only one race, Greenbaum said.

"I feel like more of a minority than the so-called minority," he said.

Junior Leslie Warren's mother is Japanese-American and her father is African-American and part Native American. She said people have a special set of stereotypes for biracial people.

"I had someone come up to me and ask me what heritage I am," Warren said. "I told him, and he said, 'So your dad met her in the ser-

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vice?"

Although society may give these students some problems, they said they reap some benefits from being in a biracial or multiracial family.

Warren said she attends traditional Japanese funeral services and eats "soul food" every time she visits her parents.

Being biracial gives her a more global perspective, Warren said.

"I'm better at accepting differences in other people because it's been around me all my life," she said. "That's what makes you intelligent, if you can adapt to other cultures. You can't get that out of a book."

Moriguchi said she has the ability to accept people of all races and not judge them because of their race.

Greenbaum said he's experienced the "best of both cultures."

Moriguchi's mother, Sarah Ross, is the president of Honoring Our New Ethnic Youth, an educational group primarily for interracial families. In most of the interracial families she's worked with, one parent is white and one is African-American.

Moriguchi said she believes society is becoming more accepting of biracial families. But biracial or multiracial people must learn to accept themselves and both or all of their racial backgrounds, she said.

"To identify with both cultures," she said, "That's what I think would be the natural course."

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MEETINGS

Korean Student Association will meet tonight from 6 to 7:30 in the EMU Maple Room. For more information, call 346-9595 or 346-8707.

MISCELLANEOUS

Student Employment will sponsor a summer employment workshop today from 4 to 5 p.m. in Room 12 Hendricks. For more information, call 346-3214.

ESCAPE will showcase placements from

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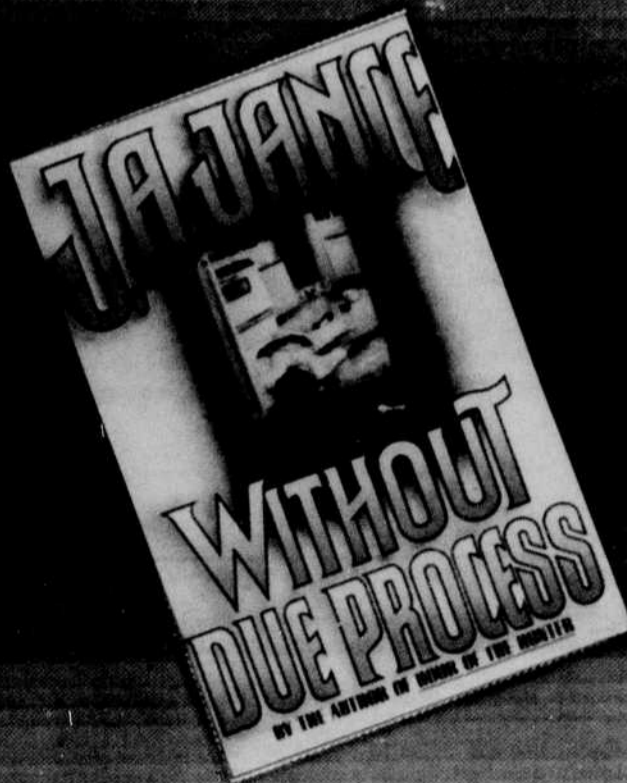
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