Cloran residents still cautious

By Sarah Clark Emerald Reporter

One month has passed since Cloran Hall residents learned an acquaintance rape allegedly occurred in their dorm's lobby. Residents and University Housing officials say no new information about the alleged incident has surfaced.

Housing officials last month received anonymous information that led them to believe a Cloran Hall resident raped another resident on Saturday, Jan. 30, said University Housing Director Mike Eyster. The anonymous tip did not name either the alleged rapist or victim, Eyster said.

Housing officials arranged an emergency meeting for dorm residents, hoping the alleged victim would attend and feel supported, Eyster said.

In the weeks following, housing officials discreetly tried to learn more about the alleged incident, hoping they could help the victim, said John Thomas, resident director for the Hamilton Complex, which Cloran Hall is a part of.

Residents, too, wondered who

among them could be the

alleged rapist and victim.
"Some people were trying to
figure out where people were
the night that it happened," said
freshman Dawn Paugh, a Cloran
Hall resident.

Residents said they felt like they had to have an alibi to prove to each other that they weren't involved.

"During the meeting, I felt like I was being observed because I am a male member of the Cloran dorm," said sophomore resident Johnny Schwerk. "Because no name was mentioned, it made all of us guilty until proven innocent."

But no residents said they heard anything that night or noticed a change in someone's behavior, Thomas said.

The lack of information has led some people to wonder if the alleged incident ever took place.

"It could have been someone wanting to raise awareness, but it's entirely plausible that it happened just the way it was described," Thomas said.

But residents say some of the details just don't add up.

"We couldn't figure out how anyone wouldn't know if it happened in the lounge on a Saturday night," said freshman Jill Fairchild, a Cloran Hall resident.

Schwerk agreed.

"At midnight, there are a lot of people down there playing piano and stuff," he said.

But even if they have doubts, some residents say they are still cautious.

"Even now, when I come back late at night, I'm afraid to walk through the lobby or go up the stairs," Paugh said.

Fairchild often gets a ride home when she's out late, but she said that doesn't necessarily make her feel safe.

"I'm not really worried about getting here," Fairchild said. "I'm worried about when I get here."

But for most residents, life has returned to normal.

"It's kind of died down." Fairchild said. "I don't really hear anyone talking about it any more."

Freshman resident Erik Norwood said most residents have other things to worry about.

"It could have possibly happened, but we can't dwell upon it," Norwood said. "We all pretty much figure we're not going to hear about it."

Women's Day faire and market set for one-day celebration

By Rebecca Merritt Emerald Reporter

Celebrating cultural diversity in a hate-free environment is the theme for the International Women's Day Celebration Faire and Market Saturday at the Lane County Fairgrounds.

Crafters, entertainers and women support groups will participate in the one-day celebration sponsored by the Lane County National Organization for Women. The faire is open to the public but will feature only the crafts and art of women.

Ellen Furstner, event coordinator, said the focus has been to make it a multicultural event.

"I hope that people will have a good time while learning about women's history, diversity and commonality," she said. The celebration faire will kick off at 10 a.m. at the Wheeler

Pavilion with a performance from the Ladies of the Old Time Fiddler's Association. Entertainment will continue until the faire's closure at 5 p.m., featuring performances from local singers, dancers and musicians.

The market, Furstner said, will feature 100 craft booths as well as art exhibits. Community and University support groups for women including Peace Works and Students For Choice will also participate. Mexican and Ukranian food cooked by local women will be served at the event, adding to the cultural theme.

"I know that right now there are women in Eugene and Lane County going crazy preparing for this," Furstner said."

The celebration will continue with an evening dance from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Amber Tide, the Eugene-based traveling song duo, will open the dance with music rooted in jazz, blues and folk. At 9 p.m., Venus Envy, a feminist band from Seattle, will take the stage with their politically-charged music.

International Women's Day is celebrated world-wide and was first recognized in 1911, Furstner said. It was officially recognized by the United Nations in 1946 and has been celebrated in Eugene for the past four years.

Furstner said March 8 was chosen as the original date for the celebration to commemorate the date in 1857 when 40,000 women seamstresses walked off the job in New York City.

Lane County NOW is asking for a \$1 donation from those attending the faire. Children under 12 are free. The evening dance will be charged on a \$7 to \$10 sliding scale. Furstner said people can pay what they can afford, according to the scale.

Child care will be provided throughout the day and the event will be ASL interpreted for the hearing impaired, as well as wheelchair accessible. Furstner said Lane County NOW will promote a smoke, alcohol, drug and hate-free environment.

"We hope that people come and leave their aggressions at

home," Furstner said.

Lane County NOW and the Office of the Dean of Students are also asking people to bring their broken electronic devices, such as toasters, computers and blenders, to Saturday's celebration for the Dorothy Project. The project was started by a University building community class in memory of Dorothy Lwebuga, a 5-year-old child who died of meningitis last October in Uganda, said Mark Johnson, University student and project member.

Dorothy, Johnson said, was the daughter of a current University student. Project members hope to raise money to help children in Uganda who have been orphaned because their parents died of AIDS. Proceeds will also be used to send one or more students to Uganda for the summer as volunteers at a mission hospital.

Donations for the project will be repaired and sold at an auction at the end of the academic year, Johnson said.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Civil rights pioneer to speak tonight

The first black woman to serve as a commissioner on Los Angeles' Board of Public Works will speak at the University tonight as part of the ASUO's Winter Symposium.

Myrlie Evers is a pioneer of the civil rights movement and is featured in the book I Dream a World: Black Women Who Changed America. In the book, Evers said she "greets today and the future with open arms."

Evers was on campus when the "I Dream a World" exhibit appeared at the Museum of Art in 1991. She said she's "absolutely delighted" to return to the University.

"My speech will focus on my life experiences with an emphasis on never giving up and being committed to something that is positive," she said. "With the job market being what it is today, students should develop short and long range goals. I've been fortunate how things have fallen."

Evers wrote a book titled For Us, the Living about the life of her husband, Medgar Evers, who was assassinated in 1963, and about the civil rights struggle in Mississippi during the 1950s and 1960s.

Evers now lectures and appears on television and radio programs. She is presently writing her autobiography.

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Speaker to address students, alcohol

Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol is sponsoring a speaker to discuss how alcohol use affects students' decisions. Mary Peterson, associate director of campus programs at the University of Iowa, will speak tonight at 7 in the EMU Rallroom.

Brian Young, GAMMA public relations chairman, said Peterson is a dynamic speaker with a "real world approach to the issue."

"We know people are going to drink but we're trying to increase awareness of alcohol use," he said. "I hope that people will be able to make better decisions in terms of alcohol and their life."

Peterson is a consultant for the National Collegiate Program for Alcohol Abuse Prevention. The lecture is free.

University student wins fellowship in

A University law student is spending a year in Washington D.C. learning how the federal government shapes marine and coastal policy.

Brita Otteson is one of 23 Knauss National Marine Policy Fellows for 1993. The fellowships are designed for graduate students in marine-related programs.

Fellowship recipients receive \$24,000 stipends and are assigned to a legislative or executive branch office dealing with marine issues. The

assignments began in February.
Otteson is working on the U.S. House Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources.
She was nominated for the fellowship by Oregon Sea Grant.

The Knauss program selects fellows based on academic background and achievements, and their experiences and interest in ocean and coastal issues.

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