

## Study says thrillseeking motivates hate crimes

□ Researchers call prison terms for perpetrators a "crash course for hatred"

BOSTON (AP) — The incident was all too familiar. A black man walking home was assaulted by a group of whites.

"How do you like this, nigger?" the victim, 27-year-old Darryl James, recounted following Monday's attack in Boston's Charlestown section. "Don't come around here anymore."

Such examples of urban hate have many causes: growing tensions between racial and ethnic groups and increasing violence in society.

But two Northeastern University researchers say most offenders are young people not yet lost to hatred. Mostly, they commit their crimes for the thrill of it.

"What we are dealing with are kids who say, 'For fun, we're going to get someone who is different,'" said Jack McDevitt, associate director of the school's Center for Applied Social Research. "Simply dumping them in prison is not going to teach them that what they're doing is wrong."

McDevitt and Jack Levin, a sociologist and author of several books on prejudice, studied 169 cases filed with the Boston Police Community Disorders Unit during the past two years.

McDevitt, a criminologist, also has reviewed data from 11 other cities for the FBI. His conclusion: In many cases the victims of so-called hate crimes are interchangeable.

"It doesn't matter to a lot of these kids who their victim is," he said. "They are looking for someone different to attack."

The researchers classified nearly 60 percent of the cases as "thrill hate crimes" involving two or more attackers, usually teen-agers. The researchers classified most remaining cases "reactive hate crimes," where someone considered an outsider is attacked for venturing into another group's area.

A third classification, "mission hate crimes," is committed by dedicated ideologues like neo-Nazis. McDevitt said those crimes were rare.

Interviews with the thrill crime offenders revealed that when the original target — a black or Asian — wasn't available, the group would seek out someone else, often homosexuals.

"These are marginal kids who are not making it at home or at school," Levin said. "They want to feel OK about them-

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John Thomas, fine arts and Japanese senior, broadcasts his first show on the new campus radio station, KWVA (88.1 FM), Thursday night. The station went on the air Thursday after three years of battling FCC bureaucracy.

## KWVA celebrates first day on the air

□ Station will continue to work bugs out of system

By Tammy Batey  
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KWVA, the University's student-run radio station, finally hit the airwaves Thursday, and station organizers were ecstatic.

KWVA (88.1 FM) kicked off its first day with the song "Hey Mr. DJ" by They Might Be Giants at 1:32 p.m.

Students voted to establish a station during the 1989-90 school year. Station organizers say they have spent the past three years trying to cut through red tape to get a permit from the Federal Communications Commission.

But Thursday went off without a hitch — well, almost. Station organizers say a humming sound could be heard when the disc jockeys or news broadcasters spoke. They believe the sound may have been caused by a problem with the line running between the

EMU and Prince Lucien Campbell Hall, where the antenna and transmitter sit on the roof.

KWVA General Manager Mike Lovelady said an engineer will look at the line next week. Despite the problem, Lovelady said he can now take a breather after three years of stress.

"I've had butterflies in my stomach and haven't been able to sleep well for the last few weeks," he said. "I've

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## East Asian language program up for approval

□ Department requests funding for new faculty and graduate teaching fellowships

By Sarah Clark  
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The University could offer master's degrees and doctorates in Chinese and Japanese literature and Japanese language if the state Board of Higher Education approves a plan for the programs Friday.

If approved, the graduate Japanese language program, which would train students to teach Japanese, would start in the fall,

said Wendy Larson, East Asian Languages and Literatures department head. The Chinese and Japanese literature programs would begin sometime during the next four years.

The East Asian Languages and Literatures department is asking for \$238,764 in additional permanent funding over the next four years, according to the plan. The money would pay for two or three new faculty positions, graduate teaching fellowships, clerical support and supplies, Larson said.

The money would come from reallocation of University money (money available because of faculty vacancies, etc.) and out-

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### WEATHER

Partly cloudy today with a 40 percent chance of showers. Thunder showers are possible in the evening. Highs near 70 degrees. The weekend is expected to be the same, possibly clearing on Sunday.

Just a Reminder

Today is the last day of the DUCK CALL initial registration period for Fall 1993 classes.

### ARTIST WINS EMMY

(AP) — A computer graphic artist from Eugene has won an Emmy award for the opening titles of *As The World Turns*, the CBS-TV soap opera. Paula Conn of Digital Artworks was presented the award in a ceremony last weekend for Outstanding Achievement in Graphics and Title Design. Non-technical awards were announced Wednesday night. Conn, who shared the award with the firm Castle, Bryant, Johnson of Los Angeles, created the metallic 3-D letters that spell *As The World Turns*. The letters appear from behind a closeup view of the world and sweep past the camera as various seasonal images are mapped onto the moving letters. The sequence runs 36 seconds. Conn said she spent three months working on the project last winter.

### SPORTS

Oregon head basketball coach Jerry Green announced Wednesday that guard Johnnie Reece and forward Clyde Jordan are no longer members of the team.

Reece will not return because of disciplinary action and Jordan has decided to transfer to another unspecified school. Both players started occasionally over the past couple of years, but were disciplined during the past season for breaking curfew. Reece was also sent to the locker room in the middle of a game.

The Ducks now have one more scholarship to give for next season.