

ABORTION

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FWHC, said Sheklow. That and the above incidents have created an atmosphere of fear at the clinic, which is at a "high level of security," Sheklow said.

But proximity to headquarters of violence-advocating, anti-abortion groups is not always an indication that a clinic will be the next target. "Shelley Shannon easily made it from Grants Pass to Wichita" in order to shoot a doctor there, Sheklow said.

Officer Jan Power, a Eugene Police Department media spokeswoman, also said that proximity does not always indicate whether a certain clinic will be vandalized or victimized by violent protesters.

As to whether or not abortion providers should fear for their safety, Power said "it's a very subjective matter from the law enforcement perspective." She said that from the police officer's point of view, it is never certain where violent protests will occur next.

Power said that if she were in the profession of providing abortions, she would feel cautious right now, but perhaps not fearful, as she and the rest of the department are aware of security measures taken at the clinics.

But security measures such as bulletproof vests did not save the lives of Britton and his escort, since they were shot in the head.

With incidents dotting the map of the United States, and a where-will-it-happen-next feeling across the country, Power said that if she were an abortion provider, "there would probably be that little niggling fear in my mind."

Oregon Right to Life is a state branch of a nationwide anti-abortion organization that also opposes euthanasia. They released a statement to the press decrying the violent turn that anti-abortion protests have taken lately.

Becky Moore, president of the Eugene chapter of Oregon Right to Life, said that "pretty much horrified me" when she was asked whether her group supported Paul Hill's Declaration of Justifiable Homicide.

"There is zero justification for an act like that," Moore said. Oregon Right to Life ejects members who are known to commit violence against abortion providers.

Moore said that not all anti-abortion activists advocate violence and that just being against abortion does not create an atmosphere of violence.

"It's like saying that those who were protesting for the civil rights of African Americans in the 60s were creating an atmosphere of violence," she said.

Although the threat of violence does not seem imminent in Eugene, nobody can predict the future. Sheklow, who will be staffing a FWHC booth at the Lane County Fair, cited a need for community support at this time; "It's important for our whole staff to feel supported by the community."

DRILL

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to where you're fighting the fire," which could include 150 feet of hose, tools and breathing apparatus, he said. "It's real labor intensive and people get tired out real quick."

Emergency crews started about 9 a.m. and finished about 10:30 a.m. each morning, starting their

simulations by setting off smoke bombs on the building's roof.

Fire crews pumped water through the building's standpipe — a vertical pipe running up the stairwell with hose connections at each floor — and pumped water down the outside balcony.

Crews also tested exhaust systems and reaction time by fire personnel responding to the drill.

This was the first time officials

at the Public Safety Department trained at PLC, Birr said. In the past, crews trained at the Olive Plaza, an 11-story residential building on Olive Street, and the Ya-Po-Ah Terrace, an 18-story residential building near Skinner Butte.

The last time crews trained at a University building was more than five years ago, at Carson Hall, Birr said.

CRIME

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niles physically threatened a student and then proceeded to rob him of his laptop computer. The other incident involved five juveniles who refused to leave the campus after being warned by OPS officers to do so. That incident ended with the police confiscating a concealed knife and arresting some of the juveniles on charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Although curfew and vandalism arrests account for a large number of the increased juvenile arrests around the university, police and OPS officials say juveniles are becoming more bold in their actions.

"There has been an increase in juvenile activity around campus. East 13th seems to be a magnet for some gang wannabes," said Sgt. Dennis Baker, head of the Eugene Police Department's University detail.

"The perception among some juveniles that alcohol and drugs are more accessible in this area also accounts for an increase in activity," Baker said.

A more ominous trend among some of the youth frequenting campus is a new propensity to carry weapons, a tendency already seen in many area high schools.

"A lot of kids carry knives to impress their friends, as a status symbol," Baker said. "The problem comes when they are challenged. At that point, the knife or gun comes out and someone gets hurt."

County-wide, weapons possession among juveniles is also on the increase. The juvenile robbery rate increased by 45 percent during the first six months of 1994 compared to all 12 months of 1993, according to Chuck Ryer, assistant director of Lane County Youth Services.

"We are seeing more weapons showing up as tools of intimidation, and experiencing more instances of kids flashing weapons at people," Ryer said.

"The real problem out there right now is not giving kids the conflict resolution skills to deal with problems that have always existed. Instead of solving conflicts with their fists or by talking, they do it the Rambo way," Drayton said.

To deal with the increase in juvenile crime on campus, Drayton says he promotes community involvement and high visibility of police and OPS officers.

"It's a bit more difficult to prevent juveniles from hanging around campus during the summer," he said. "But during the regular school year, we do approach those folks that don't belong here."

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