

Hillel sponsors Jewish dance lessons for Outreach Week

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Israeli dancing brought students together Wednesday night to learn traditional steps as taught by University dance professor Lisa Arkin.

Seventeen adults and one infant proved quick studies in the traditional Jewish dances such as "Hora Nircoda," "Atik" and "Katamar." The Eugene chapter of Hillel, a national Jewish organization affiliated with the B'nai B'rith, sponsored the event.

"It's an ancient feeling, a long time ago, when everyone would dance together," explained Hillel Co-Cultural Chair Jenna Balsavage.

"Judaism is a very big factor in my life. It's part of my heritage. Learning these dances I'm learning about my heritage," she said.

Many of these dances become popular after World War II when Jewish settlers from disparate parts of the globe gathered in Palestine to found the Israeli state, explained Hillel Vice President Lori Freidman.

"We're creating a very strong community," Freidman said. "That facilitates involvement, a sense of commitment, and a very nurturing social atmosphere."

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Hillel has set out to attract Jewish students to its cultural and religious activities during "outreach week" from Jan. 8 through 14. Hillel's Political Zionist Caucus will show "Deadly Currents," a controversial film about political and military conflicts in Israel tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Gumwood Room.

The group will celebrate a special Shabbat, the Jewish Sabbath celebration, Friday at 6 p.m. in the Hillel house at 1059 Hilyard. The student-led service and dinner will feature a French theme with foods and rituals unique to Jews living in that region. This event is free. Hillel sponsors a Shabbat celebration every Friday that costs \$4.

Outreach week will wrap up at 6 p.m. on Saturday at the Hillel House with Havdalla, the end-of-Sabbath celebration.

"Our main goal is to involve people we've never involved before," said Sam Gechter, Hillel's vice president of outreach. "We have a wider variety of events now. There's a lot greater chance that people will find something that they want to get involved with."



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Zach Hochstadt, director of the JSU, Lori Freedman, president, and Candice Morgan-Joseph dance to Israeli folk music.

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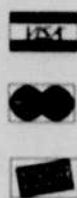
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Teenager lured friend to gang rape

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A 14-year-old girl was convicted of aggravated sexual assault Wednesday for luring a friend to a gang rape at her mother's apartment.

Doctors said the 17-year-old victim was so severely injured in the September attack that she may never have children.

The verdict came after the defendant testified that she knew her friend was having sex with four teen-age gang members, but thought it was consensual.

"She's in the gang for that specific reason. That's what she's in there for," she said Wednesday in Juvenile Court.

After the verdict, jurors immediately began deliberating punishment. The girl could spend up to 40 years behind bars, although she also could be released when she reaches age 18.

Under cross-examination, the girl said she did not hear her friend cry out for the boys to stop and did not look in on her in the bedroom.

The victim, however, testified Tuesday that her friend "sat by and laughed" while the boys took turns attacking her. The victim also said she later asked why her friend didn't help her.

"She said, 'Cause I didn't want them to think I wasn't down (with the gang)'" the victim testified.

Two 18-year-old boys and a 16-year-old boy are awaiting trial on adult charges carrying a maximum sentence of life in prison. A 12-year-old boy was convicted of juvenile delinquency-sexual assault in November and sentenced to one year's probation.

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MEETINGS

Vietnamese Student Association will meet tonight at 7 in the Multicultural Center, EMU room 33. For more information, call 346-9210.

College Republicans will meet tonight at 7 in EMU Cedar Room A. For more information, call 345-0337.

Race Task Force will meet today at 4 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, EMU room 33. For more information, call 346-3105.

Alpha Phi Omega will meet tonight at 7:30 in EMU Cedar Rooms C and D. For more information, call 342-6195.

MISCELLANEOUS

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Alliance will meet for a coffee/social hour today at 4 p.m. in EMU suite 319. For more information, call 346-3360.

Women's Center will sponsor a women's history month networking meeting today at 5 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room. For more information, call 346-4095.