

Student reports attempted assault

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A 20-year-old University student reported she was the victim of an attempted sexual assault Monday near Franklin Boulevard.

According to police reports, the woman was walking home from a night class at about 11 when she sensed she was being followed. As she started to walk along Riverview Street, a white male allegedly grabbed her by the throat from behind.

The woman told police the suspect threw her to the sidewalk and attempted to pull off her clothes. The suspect said "I'm going to throw you in the bushes now. We can do it in the bushes," according to police reports.

The woman said she broke the assault by screaming and pushing the suspect. The suspect started running toward Franklin Boulevard and the woman ran home and called the police.

Capt. Tim Birr, a spokesman of the Eugene Department of Public Safety, said police officers have no reason to doubt the woman's story and believe the suspect could commit another assault.

Because of poor lighting, the woman was able to provide only a general description of the suspect. He is described as a white male with a medium build and short, possibly brown hair. He wore a black leather jacket and blue jeans at the time of the incident.

Architecture student wins Gold Prize

James Leong
For the Oregon Daily Emerald

An interest in Japanese culture, a fascination with Japanese architecture and a lot of spare time helped a University architecture student take first place in a recent international competition.

Shane Smith, a 21-year-old senior majoring in architecture and minoring in Japanese, won a certificate of achievement and a 10-day all expense paid trip to Japan. Her design of a three-level pedestrian bridge with spiritual growth as its central theme was enough to impress a panel of judges from Germany, Japan and the United Kingdom. Out of 249 entries, Smith's was awarded the Gold Prize.

Mimi Sullivan, an adjunct teacher at the School of Architecture and Allied Arts and one of the judges in the contest, called Smith's design of the bridge a practical and poetic ride, complete and thorough in terms of presentation and content.

"Other entries had pretty pictures but were rather abstract," Sullivan said. "But Shane's design had nice graphics, good writing and alluded to an international aspect."

"A lot of people enter studio contests, but Shane entered an international contest and won," Sullivan said. "What makes it nice is that Daido Institute of Technology is one our sister schools and her win will strengthen the relationship between Daido and the UO."

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The strongest example of that, he said, was when Gov. John Kitzhaber supported a lower tuition increase "because students supported him in the election."

Kendall Parmeter, assistant state affairs coordinator, said the ASUO is working to involve more students in the statewide higher education debate.

"We're going to student groups, getting them involved with the Oregon Student Lobby and letter writing," Parmeter said.

She said she knows that the effort is up against some strong indifference.

"I think the awareness, in general, is very low," Parmeter said. "I think if people knew what was going on, they would care."

Julia Manela, a senior studying political science, said the growing number of out-of-state students may add to the lack of understanding or interest in the higher education system.

Manela, who grew up in Eugene, said she has a pretty good understanding of the system. She said she keeps herself educated and has lent her support to issues.

"Growing up here, I know how the state system works," she said. "People who haven't been here don't know the history. A lot of people aren't familiar at all with the political situation, in general."

Lee said the out-of-state students are not "real concerned with the big picture of where the state of Oregon is headed."

Manela also said most students are caught up in their own activities on campus and just aren't interested enough to get involved.

Lee agreed. "The character of our campus is very individualized," he said. "They [students] are much more concerned with going to class."

However, Lee said he thinks that in the future, "we'll get away from being so individualized."

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