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Health groups offer breast cancer talk

■ **SEMINAR:** Goals are to encourage women to get regular check-ups and teach them to do self-exams

By Jennifer Schmitt
Community Editor

As a part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the American Cancer Society, Sacred Heart Medical Center and McKenzie-Willamette Hospital are joining together to offer a seminar on breast cancer.

The seminar will cover topics including the importance of early detection, mammography, treatment options and resources in the

community.

"We will have a small explanation on what cancer is and how to detect it," said Pat Cookson, volunteer with the American Cancer Society. "We will even show a tape on how to give self-exams."

The seminar focuses on the importance of early detection and resources in the community for women who think they may have cancer.

The goal of the seminar is to show women the importance of regular check-ups and examinations.

"Women need to get out and have the examinations," Cookson said. "They need to seek early de-

tection because that is the portion they really have control over."

According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 184,300 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 1996. Nearly 44,300 of those women will die of breast cancer. This makes breast cancer the second highest cause of cancer death for women. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in women.

But early detection can lessen the risks of cancer and lower mortality rates. According to American Cancer Society statistics, the average size of a tumor at diagnosis has decreased since 1983. The

organization said this decrease is due to an increased use in mammography, which can detect a cancerous growth before it can be felt.

The Eugene office of the American Cancer Society is working to lower those numbers even more through education and early detection.

"This is a collaborative effort by different health organizations to give the community important information on breast cancer," Cookson said.

The seminar is free and open to the public. It will take place today at 6:30 p.m. in the EWEB Special Events Room.

Conduct code to be extended beyond campus

■ **REVISIONS:** Changes will break sexual crimes into three areas: rape, assault and unwanted behavior

By Tamyra Howser
Higher Education Reporter

Changes within the student conduct code dealing with rape and other forms of sexual misconduct may pass later this year, if the University Senate approves them.

Students and faculty of the Unwanted Sexual Behavior Task Force, members of SAFE and the Student Conduct Committee have worked on revising the code since May 1995.

The definition of misconduct and consent, as well as the jurisdiction areas, have been changed due to requests for revision, said Elaine Green, associate dean of student life.

"I support the changes," she said. "The jurisdiction area is a needy change. It is a place where acquaintance rape mostly occurs."

"The language change makes a lot more

sense and is much more clear," Green added. "And the changes in the proposal in terms of the definition of consent has been [modified]."

The proposed definition of misconduct specify three types: rape, sexual assault and unwanted sexual behavior.

The former code prohibited conduct in a broad range of behavior defined as "words or conduct of a sexual nature that threatens imminent physical harm, endangers the health or safety of any person, or which a reasonable person would know was unwanted and would cause emotional distress."

Jurisdiction area would extend to off-campus instead of the current code's "...unwanted sexual behavior... directed toward an individual, which occurs on University property or at University-sponsored or supervised activities ..."

Before, if a sexual violation occurred in a fraternity or sorority house, a co-op house

and other off-campus housing, "the University does have the power to extend services but not be able to help seek a [legal] resolution," said Eve Oldenkamp law student and conduct committee member. "[He or she] would have had to go outside to get help."

The definition of consent has also been changed to "explicit consent," meaning "voluntary, non-coercive and clear communication indicating a willingness to engage in the particular act in response to a reasonably clear request to engage in that particular act."

Ginny Erlick, who instructs "Creating a Rape Free Environment", believes the proposed code will help create a rape-free environment.

"One in six women are raped during their college career and one in four are sexually assaulted," she said. "One out of 10 rapes are reported."

A public hearing will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1 at the EMU Walnut Room.

Students to help rural communities with improvement projects

■ **PROJECT:** Students spend a year in the towns that they are working to improve

By Jean Bond
Community Reporter

University students are helping 30 rural towns with community improvement projects, said Oregon Economic Development Department Director Bill Scott.

The communities will receive about \$600,000 in state and federal grants to help fund the student community service, he said.

Students will spend approximately one year in each community working on local improvement projects. Projects include economic diversification, business development, flood mitigation planning, airport development and water and energy conservation.

"We work closely with each community to develop a work plan and to ensure a solid fit between the community needs and the skills of the student," said David Povey, director of the Resource Assistance for Rural Envi-

ronments program. "It is very important to have a good fit because the students live and work providing community service for their community for one year."

The University's Community Planning Workshop in the Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management designed, administers and supervises the program.

Each student receives a \$12,000 stipend to cover living expenses for the year they spend in the community. After their assignment is completed, students also

get a \$4,725 educational award, which can be applied to past or future education costs.

The program has already been operating for two years and 34 students have participated in the program.

"The students are typically post-graduate or graduate level students, and many have Peace Corps experience," Povey said.

Participating communities include Depoe Bay, Illinois Valley, Tillamook, Pendleton, The Dalles, Independence, Canby and La Grande.

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