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TODAY

Philosopher Cheyney Ryan leads a discussion of "Race, Ethnicity and the Workplace" at noon in the Library Browsing Room.

INSIDE

The women's basketball team jumps into second place with a 70-53 win over USC Thursday

Low retention rates for University students of color caused by various factors

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WEATHER

Mostly cloudy.
High 55. Low 35.

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"If we didn't have health insurance, we'd be in sad shape"
- Bert Burraston, Vice President for external relations for GTFF

GTFFs rally on steps of Johnson Hall

■ **RALLY:** With contract negotiations set for March, demonstrators voiced support for improving GTF benefits

By Amy Palanuk
Higher Education Reporter

University graduate students rallied outside of Johnson Hall Thursday afternoon to mark a national day of action for graduate students throughout the country.

CONTRACT

■ **FEDERATION:** GTFF wants more health care, better wages and better safety practices

■ **UNIVERSITY:** University says it provides excellent health care, which it uses to recruit graduate students

■ **TIME LINE:** Contract is negotiated every two years. Negotiations will begin March 7

University, they decided to play "follow-the-leader" through Johnson Hall.

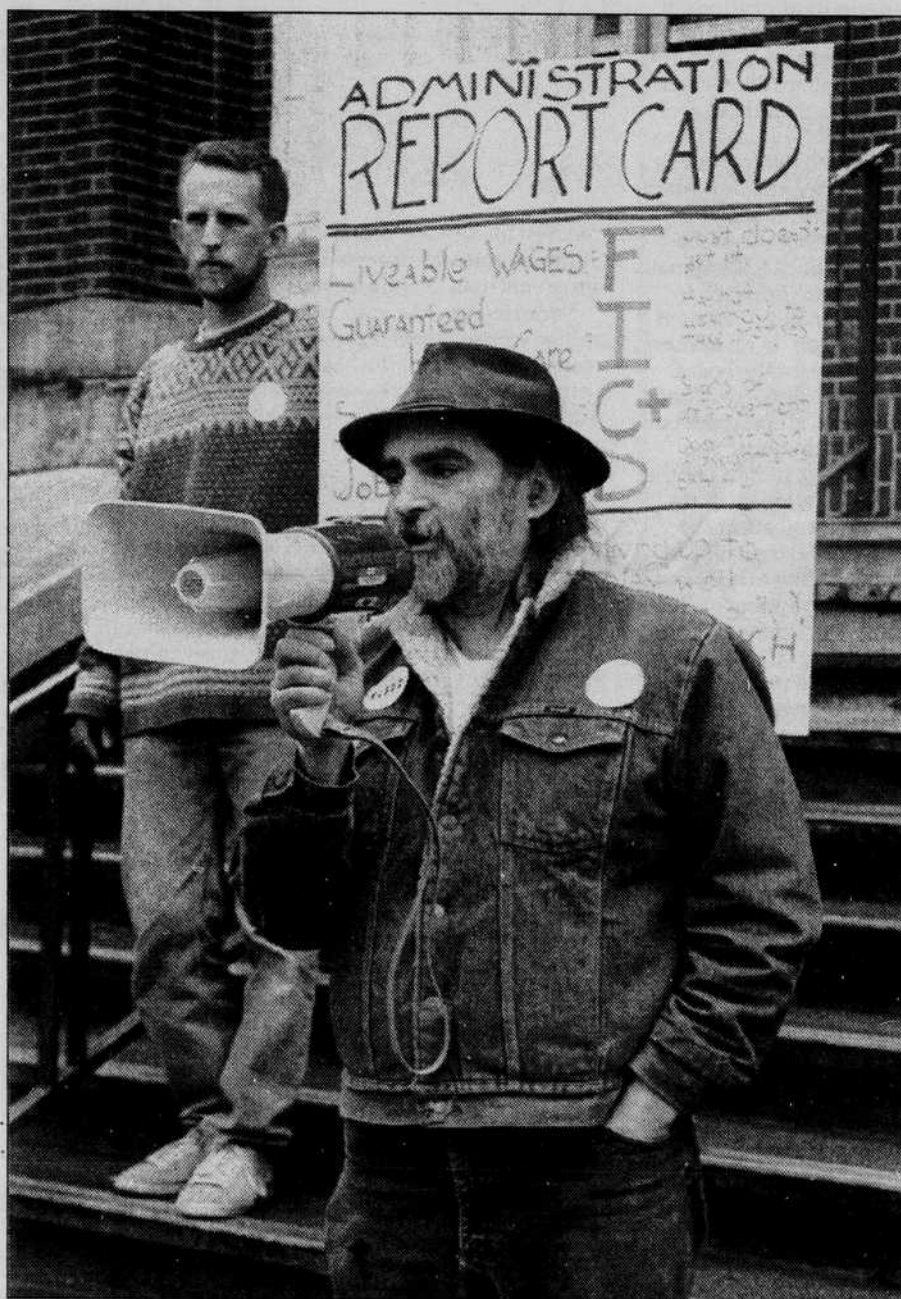
But the doors were closed before the leaders could enter.

"The decision to close the doors was made by OPS officers on the scene," Stan Reeves, director of OPS, said. "The doors were locked to ensure that business would continue as usual."

Before the demonstrators attempted to storm the steps, many opinions were expressed on new negotiations for graduate student benefits.

"The University's commitment to health care is shallow," said Alan Moore, a member of the GTFF bargaining team and a graduate student in the reference

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Jon Silvermoon addresses GTFF members and supporters at a rally, which he helped organize, in front of Johnson Hall. The protesters want more benefits for the GTFFs.

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High marks go to grad programs

■ **RANKINGS:** The School of Law, School of Architecture, and College of Education all performed well

By Sarah Keech
Higher Education Reporter

Several of the University's graduate programs have performed well enough to place highly in the annual U.S. News and World Report national rankings.

The College of Education, the School of Architecture and the Law School all received rankings based on various factors related to each individual program.

The College of Education was ranked 20th in the nation overall and fourth in the nation in the category of special education.

Previously the college was ranked 30th overall and fifth in special education.

The 191 ranked education programs were judged on faculty resources, research activity, student selectivity and measure of reputation.

"I think the jump in our ranking was because of an internal reorganization. We are trying to better prepare our students to go out into the real world," said Diane Bricker, associate dean of the College of Education.

The College of Education is hoping their improved ranking will continue recruiting excellent students to their program.

"Our department has excellent faculty and students. The ranking will hopefully alert potential students who weren't previously aware of our program," said Bricker.

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THE RANKINGS

■ **SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE:**
15th this year
17th last year

■ **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION:**
20th this year,
30th last year
Special Education
was ranked
4th this year

■ **SCHOOL OF LAW:**
Second tier
this year
Environmental Law
was ranked 7th
this year.

Police arrest suspect in west Eugene attempted kidnapping

■ **SUSPECT:** Suspect arrested in kidnapping and robbery case is preliminarily ruled out as suspect in similar Reid kidnapping

By Ryan Maughn
Community Reporter

A kidnapping and robbery case that began Wednesday at the Eugene Grocery Cart store ended in an arrest Thursday night due to a citizen's tip to police. The suspect, John Erva Dunn, is now in custody and is expected to face formal charges sometime next week.

Initially the attempted kidnapping and robbery showed similarities to the Rebecca Reid kidnapping last month, and while investigators haven't completely ruled out the possibility of involvement, they have preliminarily ruled it out.

A decision of the possible linkage will

be determined after forensic test results come back on the evidence that was seized from a search warrant for Dunn's house.

The suspect, who was described by the victim as a regular customer, entered the Grocery Cart store at 9 p.m. and later returned at 9:55 p.m. when he presented a knife to the victim and demanded that she open the cash register, a press release stated.

However, before she had a chance to open the drawer, the suspect grabbed her and began pulling her toward the front door.

Lt. Victor Mann of the Eugene police department said the suspect was be-

lieved to have released the victim because she "was actively resisting" and a customer in the store as well as customers in the parking lot were yelling at him to release her. One of the customers reported the incident to police at 9:57 p.m., and they arrived on the scene at 10:05 p.m.

Dunn was contacted by police Thursday because a citizen's tip alerted investigators that the truck described as the suspects matched a description of Dunn's. Dunn volunteered to accompany officers to the police station at 1:30 Thursday afternoon.

After investigators performed a subsequent investigation, Dunn was charged with the crime.

UPDATE ON KIDNAPPING

■ **SUSPECT:** John Erva Dunn, 32, of Eugene

■ **WHAT:** Police arrested a man for the kidnapping and robbery at a west Eugene Grocery Cart store. He is expected to be charged next week.

■ **BACKGROUND:** Victim says Dunn brandished a knife and demanded money. He then attempted to pull victim from the store. She resisted while customers yelled for him to stop. He released the victim and ran away.