

Group addresses safety concerns

Students discussed West University neighborhood crime and safety issues with community members

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Students voiced their concerns and frustrations Monday about being possible victims of burglary, vandalism and personal crimes in the West University neighborhood during a meeting set up by students of a public policy class.

For an hour and a half, the group addressed concerns and possible solutions to making the area between East Broadway and 19th Avenue and Willamette and Kincaid streets more safe. Eugene police officer Ken Saxon, Elizabeth McCravy of Sexual Support Services and Marje Bigelow, a volunteer victim's advocate from Victim Witness Services, were invited to share their view of the situation.

According to Saxon, crime in the West University neighborhood during the last seven years, during which he has been pat-

trolling the area, has been changing at a rapid rate. "Someone coming from a large city may see Eugene as the Flintstones and pretty laid back. However, I see things as pretty violent," he said.

The small room filled quickly with University students who listened to statistics and opinions from the advocates in the room. Then it was their turn to brainstorm ideas on how to make the neighborhood a more pleasant place.

Immediately, more lighting was mentioned as an idea. In response, Saxon said, "They've been saying that for 20 years." Trying not to show his frustration, he said, "I try to stay neutral because you are all positive, but it seems everything that happens is a reaction to something bad that happens."

Other ideas were to create visual displays of crimes committed to make people more aware of the incidents that do happen in the areas surrounding campus. Also, marches, a block watch or signs declaring a safe house for people to run to were mentioned.

For the next meeting, tentatively scheduled for Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m., the group decided to contin-

ue to talk further about possible visual displays or a type of block watch.

"Next meeting we will decide what it is really about and how to carry it out," public policy student Belinda Vivier said. "Hopefully it will continue to be an ongoing thing, and once we leave it won't stop, but continue to the end of the year," she said.

The meeting was directed by a group of students from a planning public policy and management class, in which students work with the West University neighborhood to solve crime problems or other issues, such as landlord/tenant relationships.

"I think [the meeting] ended on a positive note. It forced people into being interested and to become involved. People left saying when can we meet next, and I think we will have a good show-up at the next meeting," public policy student Laura Ferguson said.

The class hopes to either have something accomplished in the next four weeks, or to at least set up a community group that will carry out the ideas that are formed, and to continue the efforts into winter term.

Event: Reception has home office in ASUO

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dating for many students," Fabella said. "'Weaving New Beginnings' humanized those professors and faculty for students."

Hui said the reception also gave faculty and staff an opportunity to show their support for students of color.

"It releases the structure of meeting in a classroom setting," said Lakeysha Washington, director of the Black Student Union. "Students feel more comfortable approaching faculty with business-related issues."

The event allowed faculty and staff from different departments to interact, said Robert Wasson, ASUO multicultural advocate.

"Many faculty may feel isolated in their different departments where they are one of the few people of color," he said. "This gives them a chance to meet

each other and form a peer support group."

This is the reception's third year, but this year the event has a name and a home office in the ASUO, Wasson said. The University has held similar events in the past, but it was reorganized three years ago.

One of the various artworks on display was a double-edged Chinese sword contributed by Ben Greer. The placard said the double-edged sword is one of the hardest weapons to master due to weight and length, but its movements are poetry in motion.

It was a theme echoed throughout the night — in unity there is strength.

"Students of color are a small group on campus," said Virginia Ng, a member of APASU and the Women's Center. "If we isolate ourselves, our voice on campus won't be as loud. Tonight we start at the basic level to meet and work together through the year to put together programs and cultural events."

Tech: Funding may be released in November

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dents. "It's in response to industry needs for additional graduates and professionals for the current work force and opening up education opportunities in tech," Stevens said.

However, Stevens said there is a "tremendous demand" for high-tech education from Oregon students and professionals. "People

currently in the industry need to advance their skills," she said.

Although the plan has been approved, the funding hasn't. The board will ask the Oregon State Emergency Board to release the \$5 million at the end of November, according to Clifford.

The Engineering and Technology Industry Council will remain intact after the plan is implemented.

"They will continue to work with us and monitor how to make the programs better and to continue making recommendations," Stevens said.

She said she expects the individual corporations to be involved in other ways than just overseeing the project, especially in terms of private financial donations, equipment donations, scholarships and internships.

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