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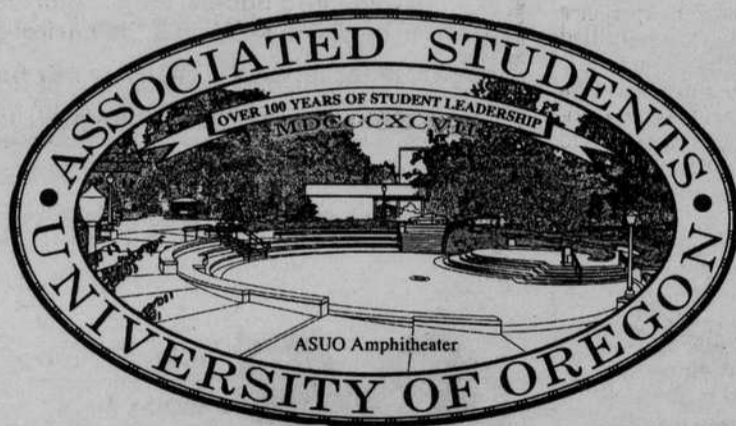
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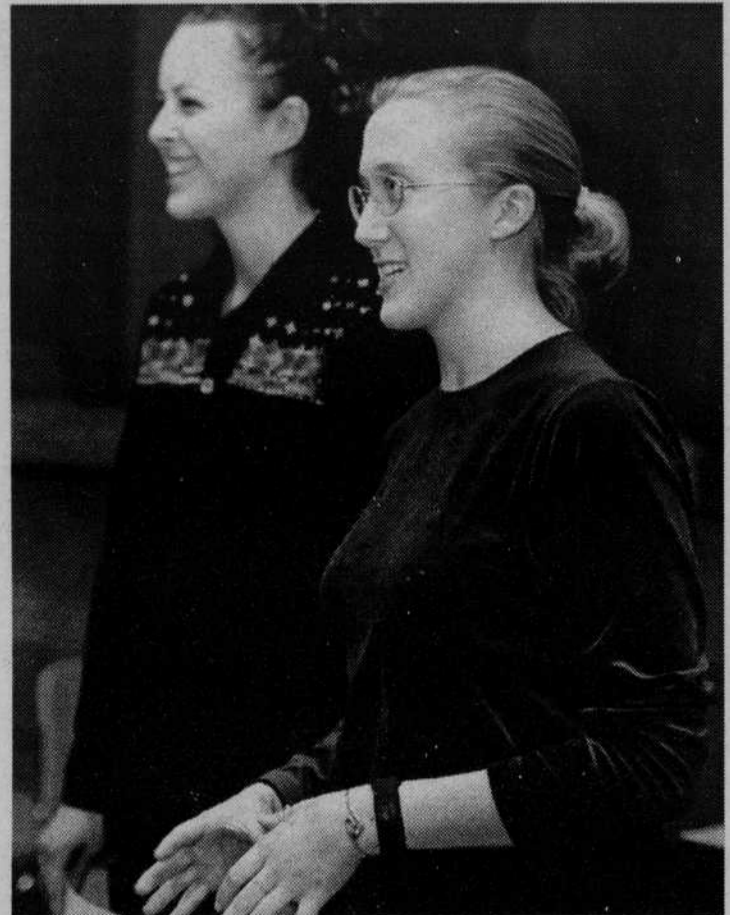
or

B) Be Controlled

You Decide.



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Catharine Kendall Emerald

Suzanna Ward (right) and Emily Wallace, the co-chairwomen of S.A.F.E., begin the 'Speak Out' Tuesday evening in the Ben Linder room.

Students 'Speak Out' against rape

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throughout college campuses like an epidemic. The alarming statistics show that currently one in seven women currently attending college has been a victim of sexual assault.

By Alana Lynn
for the Emerald

Sexual assault occurs on college campuses at an alarming rate, with one in four college women having been involved in an attempted sexual assault.

The University is expanding its resources to better assist survivors. Many students are unaware that the Student Life office has people in place to help students cope with sexual assault both emotionally and legally. The S.A.F.E. team of students made the Student Life resources available by providing a students' rights advocate, who specializes in sexual assault, at the Speak Out.

In efforts to slow this trend and give survivors and those who have been effected by sexual assault, S.A.F.E., a student group that strives for a sexual assault free environment, held its third annual Speak Out against sexual violence. The Speak Out was held in the Ben Linder Room in the EMU Tuesday night.

Mira Levine, who assists in advocacy and education, said, "There is no real way to prevent sexual assault. What we strive for is to reduce sexual assault and to provide services to students who need them."

The S.A.F.E. mission is to reduce the incidents of sexual violence on the University campus by increasing the awareness of rape and creating an environment that supports survivors of sexual violence.

Students who are victims of sexual assault "need to know that there are services available to them," said Levine. These services include the University Counseling Center, the Office of Student Life and Sexual Assault Support Services.

S.A.F.E. assists with a number of projects to provide University students with a safer environment to attend school. The group is currently working with the Office of Public Safety to increase the number of blue lights around campus. The lighting around campus is just one thing S.A.F.E. believes will add to overall campus security.

The Speak Out provided a safe environment for all who attended. Personal stories were shared along with frustrations and thoughts on sexual violence. Anonymity was highly stressed, but the recurring theme showed that silence is just as bad as being blamed.

Rape and sexual assault are serious crimes and are spreading

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