

# 'Silent Witnesses' heighten violence awareness

■ The University's Womenspace program spreads awareness of domestic violence victims

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Blood red, the life-size wooden cutouts bear shields describing victims of domestic violence, complete with their names and the ways in which they were murdered.

These "Silent Witnesses" are part of a Domestic Violence Awareness Month exhibit made in memory of women killed by domestic violence. The exhibit will be displayed Tuesday in the Hult Center lobby from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Womenspace, the exhibit is dedicated to raising awareness about violence in Lane County and focuses on educating people about how to make the community safer.

"It's a chance for the community to come together," Womenspace employee Margo Schaefer said. "It's a very powerful exhibit, and we want to create a picture of women who are living with domestic violence."

Part of the Womenspace message is not just to remember those victims, but to recognize that there is an outlet for women and families currently in abusive relationships.

"For every one of the women killed, there are dozens, if not thou-

sands, of women who leave those abusive relationships, and we also want to honor them," Schaefer said.

University Women's Center office coordinator Lori Brown said programs such as the Silent Witness vigil make domestic violence real or personal for those who haven't lived through it and encourage people to act as allies.

"Many victims of partner violence feel they are alone in their situation," Brown said. "When we honor victims and survivors of partner violence with these events, we validate their experiences and show them that there are members of their community that are influential in their well-being."

In addition to validating the experiences of women who have escaped from abusive relationships, the event is intended to spread the message of support to those women who remain in violent relationships.

"And we want to remind women who are still in those relationships that aren't planning to leave right away or at all that we still have services for them," Schaefer said.

These services include a shelter for women and children, a crisis line, community outreach and education and two clinics — a domestic violence legal aid clinic and an advocacy drop-in clinic located at 111 E. 16th St.

"The best part of the job is when

we see a family get safe and the children not be afraid," Schaefer said. "People are open to the message when we get out there, but we need more volunteers."

Coinciding with Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Womenspace is also beginning fall training for volunteers Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The day will consist of anti-oppression training and a segment on the effects of domestic violence on children. Womenspace Volunteer Program Coordinator Nancy Hafner said the training will also cover violence on minority women or women with disabilities.

For information about the vigil, call Womenspace at 485-8232. To volunteer, call 485-7262.

## Two teachers honored for superior efforts

■ Two University GTFs were awarded for excellent work carried out during their first year of teaching

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Positive energy and enthusiasm go a long way, as Graduate Teaching Fellows Karen Barrows and Julien Guillaumot found out. The presence of these two traits in each of their teaching styles helped them become the first recipients of a new award.

The Dan Kimble First Year Teaching Award recognizes outstanding teaching performances by GTFs in their first year of classroom experience. The award also provides \$500 for each recipient.

Barrows is a GTF in environmental studies and Guillaumot is a

GTF in clinical psychology.

"The most important part of this award is that it recognizes the efforts of brand-new teachers who have not taught before," said Georgeanne Cooper, coordinator of the Teaching Effectiveness Program.

The award came about with a gift from Donald G. Stein of Atlanta, who received his doctorate in psychology from the University in 1965. The donation is to honor Dan Kimble, professor emeritus of psychology.

The award was co-sponsored by the graduate school and the TEP. The graduate school received the money and asked the TEP to participate in the award process.

"I am delighted and honored to receive it," said Barrows of the award. "I am very grateful to my students for their wonderful support, and to the Teaching Effectiveness Program and Graduate School for

their attention to the needs of beginning teachers on campus."

Last year, Barrows taught discussion sections in undergraduate environmental studies courses. She currently works as a GTF for the

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**Julien Guillaumot**  
recipient of the Dan Kimble  
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Ecological Democracy course.

Barrows said she believes her energy, passion and enthusiasm have been key factors in being selected for the award.

Recipient Guillaumot also brings

energy to his teaching.

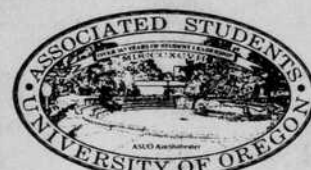
"I use humor a lot," he said. "I try to approach teaching as fun and make it contagious."

Another tactic that makes Guillaumot stand out is his ability to remember his students' names, even in classes as large as his introduction to psychology class last year, which had a total of about 120 students.

"I always try to learn all of their names," he said. "Many students are very touched that I call them by their names."

The recipients were selected from among eight first-year GTF applicants who completed a teaching workshop or department training offered by the University and submitted classroom observations and videotapings of their teaching.

Both recipients of the award completed a 15-hour teacher training workshop provided by TEP prior to the beginning of fall 1999.



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