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DPS

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with a notebook and fled. The third and most severe attack occurred Feb. 29 about 2:30 p.m. on the bike path leading from the University to the Autzen Stadium area. A female University student was walking near the Autzen footbridge when a man followed her, made threatening comments, fondled her and tried to push her off the walkway and into nearby bushes, according to Eugene Police Department reports. The suspect fled when other people walking along the path approached.

DPS and EPD officers say there is no clear connection between the three attacks, other than that women walking alone in relatively isolated areas were targeted. No suspects have been identified.

"This could be a coincidence or perhaps something else," Fitzpatrick said.

Fitzpatrick said the bulletins will encourage students to avoid walking alone, follow well-lighted paths

and use such campus programs as Project Saferide.

EPD Detective Pat Ryan, who works with the violent crimes unit, also suggested people avoid dark, isolated places.

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Shayna Kent
ASUO safety advocate

"You have a number of areas from I-5 to downtown where there is a lot of brush, and it's easy to be isolated," he said. "It's a situation where somebody could get one-on-one with a potential victim."

Ryan said the bulletins might help prevent attacks if students take the time to read them.

"If a student pays attention to them, reads them and takes them to

heart, the chances of becoming a victim are greatly reduced," he said.

DPS is forming a strategy along with the Office of Student Life to place the bulletins in conspicuous places on campus and to make the bulletins sufficiently eye-catching.

Shayna Kent, ASUO safety advocate, said the bulletins might help reduce crime.

"Students need to be more informed," she said. "There's never going to be a sufficient amount of light, but students have to make appropriate decisions about where they go."

Kent, who is working on an ASUO safety information pamphlet, suggested that students use main entrances to buildings, walk in pairs or groups and stay in well-lighted areas. Kent is also working to convince the University to put up more lights around campus and reinstall Duck Feet, the yellow, duck-shaped reflective footprint paths that lead through well-lighted areas.

Gambling

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gered \$50 or less.

"The figure [72 percent] seems very high, but what does it include?" Gray said. "Everything from playing 'horse' in the backyard on up is gambling, and if I get a survey asking me to mention all gambling, and I put that down, then the answer is yes, I've gambled. Most of what we're talking about is not things like betting with a bookie."

Of more concern to Gray and Bill Clever, assistant director of compliance, was the statistic stating that more than 5 percent of male student athletes provided in-

formation for gambling purposes, bet on a game in which they participated or accepted money for performing poorly in a game.

"Five percent; that's kind of scary," Clever said.

Gray said he does not feel that the University is any more likely to have athletes who gamble than any other school and that Eugene's relatively small size may provide a safer environment for athletes than most colleges.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association recently began conducting background checks on all officials working at the men's basketball championship tournament, looking specifically for any previous instances of gambling.

Greg Graham, an assistant coach for the Ducks basketball team, said he supports the NCAA's decision to conduct the background checks.

"I think it's good," Graham said. "If you're an official, you're under the same restrictions as the coaches or players, and you should have nothing to hide. [The background checks] help to keep the integrity of the officials intact."

Ann Vollano and Mike Cross of the University of Michigan's athletic department conducted the two surveys. The survey of student athletes is the only comprehensive quantitative research done on student-athlete gambling in at least 10 years.

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