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## Are students safe from

■ Some women say they don't feel safe on campus, but the University points to well-lit paths and a fast response time to emergency calls

By Marty Toohey  
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The University has continued to increase its campus safety features in the past few years, but some say problems with campus safety lie in inadequate education and prevention measures.

The University maintains five well-lit paths for crossing the campus after dark and is considering installing more lights, as well as installing more emergency telephones around campus, Department of Public Safety Associate Director Tom Hicks said.

DPS dispatchers respond within two to four minutes when someone uses one of the 37 blue-light emergency phones spread throughout the campus, Hicks said. A person can notify public safety by hitting the red emergency button on the yellow poles, or by dialing 346-6666 from locations with a regular phone.

Community education major Lezlie Frye doesn't feel safe on campus, and her concerns have nothing to do with policing or quick-response measures. She said the campus fosters a "rape environment," which imposes a "curfew" on women who fear for assaults at night.

Frye said she has to move around campus at night because of her schedule and will not stop doing so.

"That's not always the safest choice, though," Frye said. "That's the problem."

Frye said the Women's Studies Program and the Women's Center are "grossly underfunded," and increasing funding to them would go a long way toward making the campus safe. She suggested the University could offer more opportunities for education about rape culture and campus safety.

A woman was assaulted behind the Knight Library two weeks ago, and police have not ruled out as the perpetrator a man suspected of six attacks last

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## a 'RAPE CULTURE'?

### Rally for safety

A group of University students concerned about the safety of women on campus will hold a rally from 2 to 3 p.m. today in the EMU Amphitheater.

The rally is a response to attacks on women on campus, including the attempted assault of a woman behind the Knight Library two weeks ago, junior Lezlie Frye said.

Organizers are calling the rally "No More Curfews On Campus" to protest "socially imposed curfews" that keep women indoors at night because they risk sexual assault and violence by going outside, Frye said.

"Because our campus is not safe, it's enforcing this curfew," she said.

Members of Sexual Assault Support Services and other campus groups will speak at the rally. Rally organizers also plan to poll students about safety issues.

—Kara Cogswell

**Walking without fear**  
Below are the most well-lit routes through campus, offered by the Department of Public Safety as the safest paths to walk.

Well-lit paths

Source: Department of Public Safety  
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## Lawmakers plan to cut \$8 million from UO

■ The Legislature's rebalanced budget would take \$48 million from Oregon colleges, but Gov. Kitzhaber says a counter proposal is on the way

By John Liebhardt and Leon Tovey  
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State legislators are preparing for a sustained fight over the proposed budget-balancing measures passed early Monday, and higher education officials are hoping things won't get worse.

The Legislature's plan, passed during the third day of a special session, includes \$48 million in cuts to the Oregon University System and about \$8 million to the University of Oregon. Gov. John Kitzhaber already said he would veto portions of the proposal and call another special session by the end of February.

The Democratic governor and the Republican-controlled Legislature have repeatedly sparred over how to pay for the more than \$830 million state budget deficit.

The failure of legislators to reach a compromise with the governor worries higher education officials, who think an extended budget battle increases the risk of permanent damage to the state's already strapped higher education system.

"Somebody is going to have to blink," said John Wykoff, legislative director for the Oregon Student Association.

Wykoff said he wants a budget agreement before the governor or Legislature possibly decide to make across-the-board cuts, a situation which Wykoff fears could hit the OUS much harder.

OUS Chancellor Joseph Cox echoed

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## Candidates run on student advocacy, diversity, town hall meetings

■ Eric Bailey and Charlotte Nisser say they will work with student groups and lobby for funding at the state level

By Diane Huber  
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Eric Bailey, a junior planning, public policy and management major, is running for president. Charlotte Nisser, a junior journalism and international studies major, is running for vice president.

Q: There are, at last count, 10 tickets running for ASUO Executive, which is more than previous years. What do you think will set yourselves apart from other candidates?

Three things: Our experience, our strong platform and our deep knowledge of the issues. Together we cover student programs, senate, executive — we have a diverse background. We know a ton about every issue just because we've

### ASUO Elections

This is the fifth in a 10-part series of question and answer sessions with ASUO Executive candidates.

been involved with it so long.

Q: What is your platform?

Next year is an election year. One of our top priorities is to get out the vote. I think last year (ASUO) did a good job getting people registered, but I would like



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to have seen more educating the voters after registration was complete. It's not so important who they vote for, but that they vote, because one of the main reasons our student population is overlooked is because of low voter turnout. Candidates feel like they can overlook us and win this thing easily without even fighting for our votes.

Q: What would you advocate for at the state level, and how would you carry out your plans?

A: We also believe we can work with student groups on issues of



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A: We all know the pending state budget cuts, as well as tuition increases, are in the foreseeable future. We feel that's probably one of our strongest issues right now. We want the people in Salem to know who we are by face and by name. We want to work with the student groups that are affected directly by budget cuts.

Q: What specific campus-oriented initiatives would you champion?

A: We also believe we can work with student groups on issues of

race and diversity.

Another issue is protecting student tickets. A big myth on this campus is that they're free. They are not; we pay a huge amount. The Athletic Department knows they can sell those student tickets for three times what we're paying for them, so it's always a struggle to make sure we get to keep at least the same amount of tickets that we have every year.

And campus safety is also important. We're not just spilling it out there as something to get votes. The overrealized fund — the surplus of the incidental fee — we would like to see that go toward campus lighting, as well as bringing back the

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