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Woman reports fighting off attack at Gerlinger

■ A student reports striking back against an assailant Wednesday night with pepper spray and her keys

By **Jeremy Lang**
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A 19-year-old female University student came away physically unharmed from a reported attempted attack between Gerlinger Hall and the Knight Library on Wednesday night, but the male assailant wasn't as lucky.

The woman was walking between the two buildings about 8:15 p.m. when a man tried to grab her from behind, Eugene Police Officer Randy Sewell said. The woman quickly turned, fired pepper spray into his eyes and hit him on his left cheek with her keys, he said.

"This woman pretty much unloaded on him," Sewell said. "I'm pretty impressed with her."

The attacker ran away into the Pioneer Cemetery, he said, and the woman ran to a

Wednesday's attacker

Eugene police are looking for a white male in his early 20s, 6 feet tall, medium build, with a mole on his right cheek. He may also have scratches or bruises on his left cheek. Call 346-2904 with any information.

SOURCE: EPD

friend's house just off campus, where she called the police.

Although the reported incident was brief,

the woman was able to give police a description with a few specific characteristics. She described the man as white, in his late 20s, about 6 feet tall and having a medium build. But she also reported a "noticeable mole" on his right cheek, and Sewell added the man probably has scratches or bruises on his left cheek from being hit by the keys.

Sewell added that the man was dressed all in black — hat, shirt and pants.

The campus has been the site of a number
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The devil and the underdog



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El Teatro Campesino, a Chicano theater group, uses a combination of music and skits to tell a history of the downtrodden Mexican worker.

A voice for farm workers

■ MEChA brings El Teatro Campesino, a farm workers' rights group, to campus for its seventh annual talent show

By **Danielle Gillespie**
 Oregon Daily Emerald

"El Corrido de Jesus Pelado Rasquachi," or "The Ballad of Jesus the Underdog," a traditional folk song that has been altered through the years to tell the peoples' news, bellowed through the EMU Ballroom on Wednesday as

El Teatro Campesino evoked the emotions of the audience while telling about the need for migrant worker's rights.

MEChA brought El Teatro Campesino to the University this year for the first time for Chicano Explosion, an annual talent show put on by the student group for the past seven years, MEChA director David Jaimes said.

El Teatro Campesino is a farm workers theater group founded in 1965 by Luis Valdez during Cesar Chavez's farm workers' rights movement. Valdez is best known for his play

"Zoot Suit" in 1978, which is the only Chicano play to reach Broadway, and for his film "La Bamba," which is still one of the most successful Chicano films, managing director Anahuac Valdez said.

"It is sad how underrepresented Chicanos are," he said.

The theater group has traveled all over the United States and Europe for two generations and has put on numerous plays.

"Many of us who are performing now
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Student reports robbery attempt

■ Julian Collins said he was approached by an armed man Tuesday near Gerlinger Hall

By **Marty Toohey**
 Oregon Daily Emerald

An attempted robbery was reported near Gerlinger Hall on Tuesday night, but the victim said he outran a man armed with a handgun.

Julian Collins, 19, of Eugene, said he was walking alone along the bicycle path between Gerlinger Hall and Pioneer Cemetery at 8:20 p.m. when he heard a man approach from behind.

"I turned around, and he had a gun shoved in my face," Collins said.

The man seemed agitated and demanded money, Collins said, and he tried to calm the robber.

"I just kept telling him, 'Calm down, it's not worth it, we don't have time for this, just put the gun down,'" Collins said. "It was scary, and your life really does flash before your eyes."

A few seconds after he was stopped, Collins said his girlfriend called his cell phone, asking if he had reached the Sigma Nu fraternity house, which he was heading to after playing basketball at the Student Recreation Center. He told her he couldn't talk, and once she hung up he turned and sprinted away from the man.

The man didn't say anything at that point and didn't appear to give chase, Collins said, but as Collins approached Sigma Nu, on 736 E. 11th Ave., he said he thought the man followed him. Collins then went to a nearby apartment and called his girlfriend and the Eugene Police Department.

The man was gone by the time the EPD responded, and police don't have any leads, EPD spokeswoman Pam Alejandre said.

Collins described the man as a white male in his early 20s, about six-foot-two and 180 pounds, with dark hair

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Senators decry hike in athletic ticket cost

■ The ASUO Student Senate narrowly passes a special request for \$27,512 in order to keep student pre-season tickets

By **Kara Cogswell**
 Oregon Daily Emerald

The ASUO Student Senate passed a \$27,512 special request by the Athletic Department Finance Committee on Wednesday



night by a vote of 10-7.

The Senate also voted to reallocate the ADFC budget so that 5.5 percent, rather than 2.88 percent, of the 7 percent increase approved by the Senate will go toward student tickets for in-season games. The remaining 1.5

percent will go toward tickets for pre-season games.

Senators who voted for and against the reallocation and the special request voiced their dismay at what they perceived as the ADFC's lack of concern for students.

"This whole situation, for lack of a better word, simply sucks," Sen. Mary Elizabeth Madden said. "It feels like blackmail."

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