

## Victim voices need for awareness on campus

This is the first in a three-part series about campus safety

■ A student shares her experience of being attacked near Pioneer Cemetery, one of 10 assaults or attempted assaults in the past year

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Gwynne Engelking is jumpy. She's easily startled, and she doesn't walk alone at night anymore.

The University sophomore has good reason to be wary — in March she was one of six women attacked by a man believed to be responsible for assaulting as many as eight women since February 2001.

Engelking is one of the lucky ones. She got away before the man could do any serious harm to her, unlike one victim who had a knife held to her throat.

"It wasn't very late at night," Engelking remembered. She was between the Knight Library and Pioneer Cemetery, walking alone from Beall Concert Hall on March 16, when she felt someone's presence behind her.

"I felt his gait getting a little faster. I sped up," she said. But she wasn't fast enough.

"He grabbed me from behind and twirled me toward him and started screaming obscenities."

Engelking was wearing boots, so she took the only option she had available and stomped down on his foot — hard.

"I tried to break his foot. ... He let go and I took off running," she said.

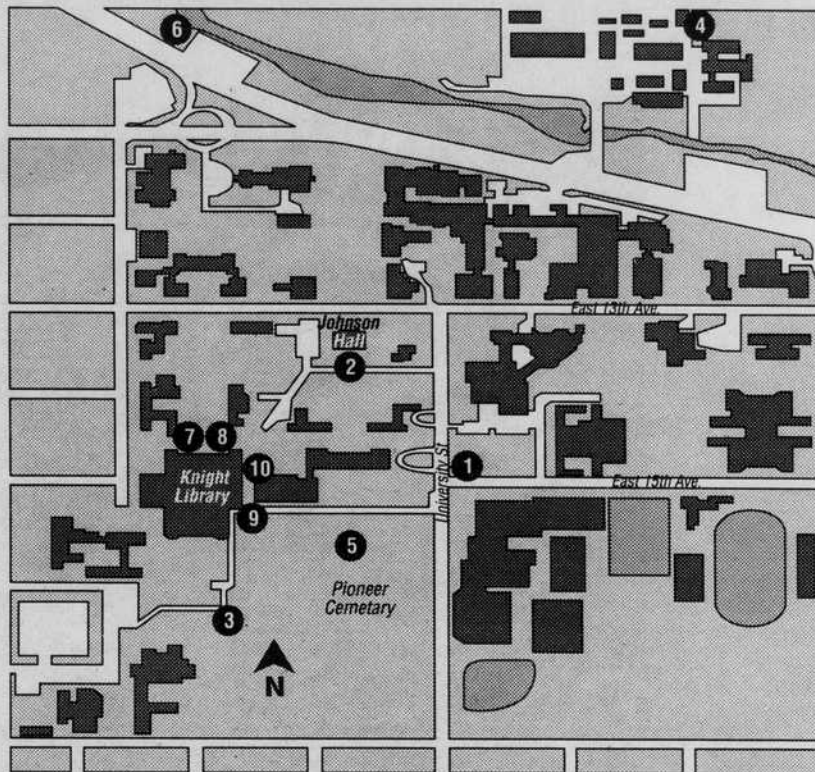
To this day, the student doesn't remember every detail of how she got away. She thinks she might have broken her attacker's foot, but only recalls running to her residence hall room and frantically dialing an emergency number. Engelking never considered running toward one of the Department of Public Safety blue emergency phones on campus, because that would have boxed her between the library and cemetery.

"I figured I could run faster than DPS could get there," she said.

She said wants her story told because students need to realize certain areas on campus should be avoided at night.

"I just want this to be heard," Engelking said.

After last year's cemetery attacks, another recent string of assaults against women has begun. The campus has seen masturbation, attempted rapes and even an attempted robbery with a firearm in the last few months. Police and campus security officials are still urging students to exercise



### Campus Attacks

1. February 2001 — East 15th Avenue and University Street
2. February 2001 — south side of Johnson Hall
3. February 2001 — northwest side of Pioneer Cemetery
4. March 2001 — north of the bike/footbridge
5. April 2001 — woman approached in Pioneer Cemetery
6. April 2001 — Kickerbocker bicycle bridge
7. January 2002 — attempted rape, north of Knight Library
8. February 2002 — attempted assault north of Knight Library
9. March 2002 — attempted armed robbery between Knight Library and Pioneer Cemetery
10. March 2002 — assault between Gerlinger Annex and Knight Library

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caution in an area that may not be as safe as one's own backyard, but the numbers supplied by law enforcement don't reveal an unprecedented trend.

"This is by no means a crime spree. I would say (reports of attacks are) probably going to be a little higher than previous years," DPS Associate Director Tom Hicks said.

### Preventing Attacks

Eugene Police Department Sgt. Scott McKee, who has worked on the campus attacker case for more than a year, said students should be particularly wary of the area around the cemetery.

"You're more safe traveling around at night if you're with somebody,"

McKee said. "It's been a shortcut since they laid the first body there. But it's not a safe place at night."

The statistics back up McKee's claims. Of the 10 assaults or attempted assaults committed against students since last year, six have occurred in or near the cemetery. But safety advocates disagree with McKee on what students should do to stop more attacks from occurring.

"There's ways to reduce your risk," said Michelle Manoguerra, community education coordinator for Sexual Assault Support Services. But Manoguerra said it can be dangerous to focus purely on what students can do to stop attacks.

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## Logo's fate is 'sealed'

■ President Frohnmayer officially endorses the historic seal and the athletic 'O' as the school logos

By Eric Martin  
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University President Dave Frohnmayer "sealed" the logo debate with an "O" Tuesday when he announced two symbols will represent the school: The historical seal and the athletic "O."

The "O" identity "will become stronger and stronger over the next six months to a year" as the school uses up older supplies and orders more stationery, Frohnmayer said. The logo will adorn letterheads and business cards, among other things. Frohnmayer said the school will use the seal, which depicts a silhouette of Mount Hood and the Latin words for "Mind Moves Mass," for academic functions such as graduation.

The president polled various on- and off-campus groups since the fall to help him decide which symbol best represents the University's academic and athletic image. He also asked Portland-based consulting firm Landrey & Co. to gather information about the school and help decide on a logo that best symbolizes it.

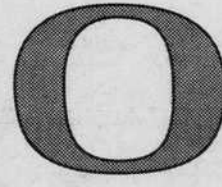
Prior months had seen heated wrangling over the issue, as some University senators said the "O" reflects athletics more than academics. Others said a designer spent hours with Frohnmayer discussing academics and his vision for the school before creating the "O," which has become synonymous with a wide variety of Duck athletic apparel. And still others bemoaned the idea of abandoning the seal because it is so entrenched in school tradition.

"Symbols make people develop very strong feelings," Frohnmayer said. "And symbolism is always important in the academic world."

Concurring with the president, University Senate President Nathan Tublitz said something as simple as a logo can elicit complex emotional responses in people. He said the Faculty Advisory Committee and University Senate Executive Committee have spent hours deliberating over the issue with the president and other officials since early fall.

"Obviously, a symbol with a middle finger raised is going to generate a different response than a symbol that doesn't have something like that," he said. "I fully support (Frohnmayer's) final decision."

The move leaves open the possibility for academic departments to decide for



## LGBTQA embraces day of silence for cause

■ The organization will also be passing out cards to honor National Queer Day of Action, hoping to combat the 'silence queers face'

By Robin Weber  
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University students will wear black bandanas across their faces today and observe a day of silence in support of the National Queer Day of Action.

The University's Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Alliance will have cards for participants to hand out about the oppression of

queer youth and why members are maintaining silence for a day.

"The purpose of the event is to bring a voice to people who don't have one," LGBT Educational and Support Services Director Chicora Martin said.

The cards explain the participant is not speaking in silent protest of the discrimination, and challenges people about how they can end the silence.

"The cards are about those who face violence and discrimination because of gender identity," said LGBTQA publicity coordinator Cat McGraw.

The day of silence project began in 1996 at the University of Virginia.

The LGBTQA is also encouraging participants to attend the Break the Silence rally at 3:30 p.m. today on the lawn at South Eugene High School, 400 E. 19th St. The rally is sponsored by Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

The event is open to anyone who wants to demonstrate against the "silence queers face," McGraw said. For more information, call the LGBTQA at 346-3360.

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