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## UO students protest gay oppression in silence

■ LGBTQA supplies bandanas and cards to students participating in the National LGBT Day of Silence, which ends in a rally at South Eugene High

By Robin Weber  
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Students supporting the National Queer Day of Action took a stand for their voices on Wednesday without speaking a word.

Workers in the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Alliance office supplied black bandanas, rainbow stickers and cards all day advocating their cause in support of the of the National LGBT Day of Silence. The day-long vow of silence is designed to symbolize their oppression in society.

This is the project's first year at the University.

"It's really important to get it going," LGBTQA Publicity Coordinator Cat McGraw said.

Participant Jo Humphreys stuck to the vow of silence for the day, writing about personal experiences and involvement in the project.

"Being transgender, I definitely have a lot of fear and hear about people in similar situations getting beat and killed all the time. A chance to bring focus onto that is a good thing," Humphreys wrote.

University representatives joined more than 300 schools across the country participating in the day of action. According to the project's Web site, [www.dayofsilence.org](http://www.dayofsilence.org), the Day of Silence Project was founded in 1996 at the University of Virginia to raise awareness.

By 1 p.m., only 10 to 15 students participated, LGBTQA Co-Director Maddy Melton said. The LGBTQA aimed at a larger scale but did not want to interfere with International Week activities.

"We initially wanted the event to be bigger," Melton said. "However, we wanted to respect the fact (the International Student Association) had previously planned events this week."

According to the Web site, the Day of Silence is the brainchild of Maria Pulzetti, who in 1996 wrote a school paper about nonviolent protests with a grassroots approach. After the first turnout boasted 150 participants, Pulzetti joined forces with Jessie Gilliam to push the project to the national level.

During Wednesday's Day of Silence, the LGBTQA sent out silent students with two speaking allies to ask people to fill out written assessments about gender and silencing. They are also recruiting input from campus cultural groups about how their members are quieted in the hopes of opening up lines of communication within the

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## EPD, DPS to expand safety measures



Jonathan House Emerald

The Department of Public Safety has begun preparations for a pilot safety program, to be known as Yellowjackets.

**NEW PLANS:** Additional night patrols are in place, while other plans to increase security await approval

By Darren Freeman  
 Oregon Daily Emerald

Responding to recent attacks against women on campus, the University, the Department of Public Safety and the Eugene Police Department are poised to expand existing security programs and are considering new methods to make the area safe at night.

Proposals include assigning volunteer observers to comb campus after dark, constructing a comprehensive outdoor lighting infrastructure and increasing community education. Already, DPS and EPD have shifted schedules and paid overtime to increase night patrols.

"We want the campus to be safe and to feel safe," DPS Associate Director Tom Hicks said. "There are certainly other things that can be done. Public safety can be more visible, and we can have more people out there."

University administrators, student leaders, EPD and DPS representatives will discuss recent attacks, security reforms and proposals at 5:30 p.m. today in the Knight

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**LIGHTING:** University officials question the ASUO's interest in the campus lighting project

By Darren Freeman  
 Oregon Daily Emerald

Members of a planning subcommittee charged with fine-tuning the University's new outdoor lighting system said participation in the program from ASUO President Nilda Brooklyn and Vice President Joy Nair has declined in recent months.

"We have tried and tried to have consistent input. ... We have had very limited success," University planning associate Christine Thompson said at the subcommittee's April 4 meeting. "They've been invited to every meeting."

ASUO Vice President Joy Nair, who was in the ASUO office during the April 4 meeting, said she didn't receive an invitation.

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Junior Lezlie Frye leads a March 5 rally against campus violence and for campus awareness.

## Lawyers compare Japanese internment to Sept. 11

■ The lawyers, who have defended Japanese Americans, spoke out against government injustice and national 'hysteria'

By Eric Martin  
 Oregon Daily Emerald

Three lawyers who fought to overturn the convictions of Japanese Americans who "broke" curfews and "disobeyed" evacuation orders in the seething aftermath of Pearl Harbor told listeners Tuesday evening to "stand up" against government injustice.

The lawyers, who spoke to a crowd of more than 50 people in 110 Knight Law Center, said the emotional climate in America after Sept. 11 was dangerously close to the "hysteria" that prompted government officials to order the internment of more than 120,000 West Coast Japanese Americans after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

"It's up to the rest of us to reach out to them," attorney Dale Minami said of Arab Americans. "By coming together, it makes it impossible for the government to do that again."

Minami argued for Fred Korematsu in the Californian's attempt to reverse his 1944 Supreme Court conviction for failing to comply with an evacuation order. The Court reversed the conviction in a landmark 1983 decision.

Minami said in his travels to discuss the case, he has seen members of the Japanese American community support Arab Americans as the world searches for a scapegoat for the terrorist attacks.

The other lawyers, Rodney Kawakami and Peggy Nagae, also

won landmark cases representing Japanese American clients convicted of similar crimes. University journalism Professor Lauren Kessler shared stories from her prose about an Oregon family forced to live in cramped internment camps.

"If there was even one example of someone of Japanese descent involved in espionage who gave the government a reason to have internment, it would be easier to understand," first-year law student Jennifer Wang said.

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