

# Abuse

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Witnesses," life-size cutouts of women who have been killed as a result of domestic violence.

The exhibit began in Minnesota in 1990 by a group of women artists and writers who wanted to speak out against the escalating domestic violence in their state, and has since become a nationwide effort.

The exhibit will represent 12 of the 20 women killed in Oregon each year by their spouses.

Sexual Assault Support Services community education coordinator Michelle Edwards said domestic violence is not exclusive to married couples or women.

"Dating violence happens all the time, and we need to identify it and know what's going on," she said. Schaefer agreed and said one out of every five girls has been in a violent relationship before the age of 18, and many men are abused by partners as well.

"The statistics for men are not re-

ally that accurate," she said. "Men are less likely to report violence because of shame, and the message for men is to 'be a man.'"

DVAM activities also include giving friends and family a chance to learn about domestic violence. Schaefer said more than 80 percent of people experiencing domestic violence turn first to friends, family and co-workers who may not know how to help the situation.

"Friends and family are not always taught the right thing to say," Schaefer said. "They need to learn how to be a good support network."

Schaefer said the key to being a supportive friend is not to lecture and give advice, but to show support.

"As a friend, we often come in as the cavalry and get disappointed when the person returns to the abuser," she said.

Schaefer said it's a natural process for a person being battered to return to the abusive partner several times.

"People who are battered are conflicted," she said. "They want to believe their partners when they say

they're working to change and believe that it will be the last time. Abusive partners are not just violent jerks, they are often charming and manipulative."

Brown said the main goal this month is to educate as many people as possible about how to help those experiencing domestic violence.

Womenspace and Sacred Heart Medical Center will host a free educational session about domestic violence from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 8 in Sacred Heart's auditorium at 13th Avenue and Hilyard Street.

SASS will be displaying its clothes-line project (T-shirts made by domestic violence survivors) from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 4 at 62 W. Broadway.

The University Women's Center will be talking about domestic violence on campus radio KWVA's "The Girl's Room" from 10 p.m. to midnight Oct. 17. The show will feature local comedians and young women activists.

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# Autonomy

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Pilliod said she went to the meeting hoping to get an overall sense of clarification and added that she wanted to find out how much room was left for collaboration.

"I saw (the meeting) as constructive, but I see it very much as a starting point," Pilliod said.

In June, the presidents of the seven Oregon University System institutions sent a letter to the board asking for autonomy from the system, citing the freedom as a way "to survive in today's environment."

At the meeting, Oregon University System Chancellor Richard Jarvis said he hopes an agreement can be established and submitted to the board by Oct. 18.

The issue of tuition was of chief concern for many of the students at the meeting. If the universities are granted autonomy, the institutions would be able to set their own tu-

ition rates. With budgets being cut all around the state, some are worried that universities will raise tuition, forcing students to pick up the tab.

And while university presidents listed many reasons why students shouldn't worry, Burns, who had hoped to discuss setting a range for tuition increases over the next few years, didn't feel she was given adequate answers.

"They answered, but they just gave me party line," Burns said. "I felt like I was heard, but I wasn't being listened to."

University President Dave Frohnmayer noted that tuition is less than half the overall cost for most students to attend college, while others said it would be impossible to raise tuition drastically.

"We're all in competition," Eastern Oregon University President Phillip Creighton said. "If we price ourselves out of the market, we will lose."

Burns, the most vocal student leader at the meeting, said Tuesday

that she will fight autonomy "every step of the way."

At this time, Pilliod said that ASUO has no "formal opinion" on whether it supports the University's attempt to seek autonomy from Oregon University System, but she said the issue is of importance.

"There's definitely a reason to have concern when talking about making decisions that change the Oregon University System," Pilliod said.

And while no one is certain of what will happen, most realize that any decision will ultimately come down to compromise.

"This is a work in progress," Frohnmayer said during the Sept. 19 meeting. "We're all working on a moving target here."

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