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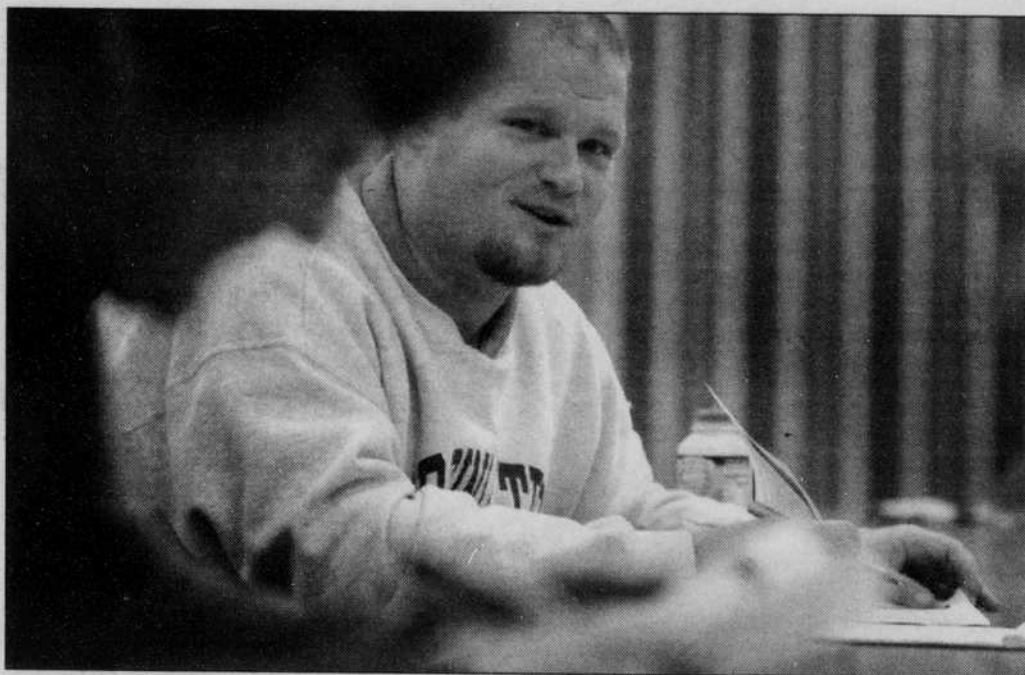
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## EDUCATING THE EDUCATORS



Theater GTF J. Nick Dickert discusses paper grading and editing with three other University instructors during a training workshop on Tuesday called "The Joy of Rubrics." Adam Amato Photo Editor

## Building better teachers

The Teaching Effectiveness Program is sponsoring workshops this week to help GTFs sharpen their teaching skills

By Chelsea Duncan  
News Reporter

Graduate Teaching Fellows are an integral part of the University's teaching team, often assisting professors and leading discussion sections or their own classes. While some GTFs may have little or no teaching experience, there are campus resources to help them improve their pedagogical skills.

This week, GTFs can learn more about teaching in "Get Savvy" workshops sponsored by the University's Teaching Effectiveness Program. The workshops, which began Tuesday and run until Friday, are available to all faculty and staff. Topics are diverse and include sessions on how to get students to talk, how to make the class more active and how to help students with difficult texts.

The Teaching Effectiveness Program, a branch of Academic Learning Services, also offers workshops throughout the year for teachers who want to become more adept in the classroom.

"I think anyone going into the classroom ... they should know what they're doing," TEP Director

Georgianne Cooper said.

The TEP workshops are just one form of training GTFs may receive before taking on the responsibility of leading a discussion or lab section.

Journalism GTF Tara Lohan said assisting a professor helped her prepare for leading her own lab.

"Initially it was difficult because I didn't have any teaching experience, but it got easier as it went," she said.

Lohan said she did have four years of professional experience as a writer for magazines and newspapers, which gave her the background needed on the material she would cover in class. But she added that learning how to teach students could only come through experience in the classroom.

"A lot of stuff you have to sort of learn on the go," she said.

Petra Hagen, graduate secretary for the University School of Journalism and Communication, said GTFs are selected mostly based on their past professional experience in a media- or journalism-related field. She added that GTFs have a working knowledge of the subject matter because many of them have taken the classes for which they lead discussion, and they often assist professors in a lecture before they move on to leading their own lab sections.

Jeff Ostler, associate professor and head of the history

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## Students face run-in with 'the masturbator'

A string of indecent exposure reports recently has prompted an EPD investigation as well as additional safety precautions by students

By Ali Shaughnessy  
Senior News Reporter

For most of her life, University student Libby Shannon has never been afraid of leaving her door unlocked.

That all changed Saturday at 3:30 a.m.

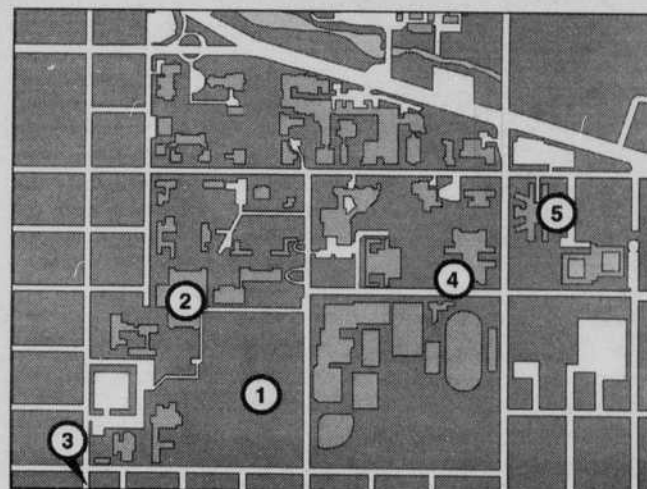
Shannon and her roommate, University student Kristi Kraus, were the latest victims in a series of unwanted exposures by the infamous campus masturbator who is rumored to have been in the campus area since 2002.

Shannon and Kraus had spent their evening at a few bars before heading back to their house with some friends. The two University seniors normally left their blinds open and the back door unlocked, until around 3:30 a.m. when they tromped into the kitchen for a late-night snack.

"We were standing in the kitchen when some guy opened up the back door, walked into the kitchen and started to masturbate," Kraus said.

She identified the man as wearing khaki pants, a plaid shirt and an imitation of the mask used in the movie "Scream." Kraus and Shannon said it took a minute for them to understand what was going on; they initially thought the person was a friend of theirs pulling a prank.

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1. Feb. 2002: Multiple sightings in Pioneer Cemetery. 2. Feb. 4, 2003: Knight Library. 3. Feb. 11, 2003: The corner of East 19th Avenue and Alder Street and the corner of East 21st Avenue and Alder Street. 4. Feb. 22, 2003: Clark Hall. 5. Feb. 25, 2003: Dunn Hall.

## OSPIRG creates hotline for assisting student renters

With the launch of their new Renter's Rights Campaign, OSPIRG helps educate tenants about rights and responsibilities

By Chuck Slothower  
News Reporter

University students who feel they are being mistreated by their landlords have a new ear to turn to.

OSPIRG launched a free hotline on Tuesday for students who need help facing rental problems. Representatives of the group said they want to inform students of their rights as tenants and the legal obligations of their landlords.

OSPIRG plans to operate the hotline — 346-HELP — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays year-round.

"Eugene is unique in that it doesn't have a housing code," University OSPIRG Chairman Tim Johnson said. "Renting is a huge issue for

students and people in Eugene."

Although the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group has crusaded for a cleaner Willamette River and chemical weapons disposal, Johnson said the new Renter's Rights Campaign addresses an issue that affects more students.

"More than three-quarters of students rent in the city at large," Johnson said.

One community leader agreed that the hotline would help.

"That's a big step," said Paul Reader, owner of

Pegasus Smokehouse Pizza and a founding member of the West University Task Force. "Virtually none of (the students) know their basic tenant rights. They are basically bulldozed by many of the landlords by their ignorance and apathy."

Johnson said that OSPIRG sees a clear need for the hotline.

"About every month, we get 10 to 20 people in the office that come in for renting services,"

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