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University senior raped near campus

One in four college women are victims of sex crimes; only 10 percent report it

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NEWS REPORTER

On Sept. 24 around 2:15 a.m., a University senior was raped by a man she did not know. She wants to share her story to raise awareness about sexual assault happening to college-age women.

This is what she remembers: She was alone leaving The Jungle, a downtown nightclub, when two men in their early 20s followed her to her car. One offered her a ride home.

She started the engine, but one man held the door open. The man then forcibly laid the student across the front seat of the car and raped her.

The second man watched. The attacker ordered the student to move to the backseat, but she refused.

Fifteen to 20 minutes later, a middle-aged man "appeared out of nowhere" and asked her if everything was OK.

The attacker backed away.

With tears streaming, the student mouthed the words "No. Everything is not OK. Please get me help" through the windshield.

The man then approached the attacker and the student was able to escape.

Moments later, crying hysterically, the student called Womenspace, a domestic violence shelter, and was soon connected to a 911 dispatcher.

She filed a report with Eugene police that morning.

Excruciating physical pain made the student go to the emergency room for a rape examination later that day. She brought an advocate from the Sexual Assault Support Services, who provided emotional support while the student waited seven "grueling" hours to be examined.

"If I didn't have an advocate with me, I probably wouldn't have been that patient," she said. "All I wanted to do was shower — shower and go to sleep."

The student believes her attacker is the same man involved in the Sept. 26 rape on Highway 99 in which a rapist dressed as a police officer. She said her attacker looked like a sketch created by police after the Sept. 26 rape.

"When I watched the news, I thought they were describing my perpetrator," she said.

However, the police do not believe the two cases are linked, said Eugene Police Detective Jeff Donaca, who is investigating the case.

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New project studies familial drug use

With a grant from Health and Human Services, the College of Education hopes to protect children from parental drug use

BY KELLY BROWN
NEWS REPORTER

The College of Education has begun research on the effects of parental drug use on young children and is developing assistance programs that could be put in place by the state to help those families.

The project is made possible by a \$575,829

grant from Health and Human Services, awarded on Oct. 1.

Jane Squires, an associate professor with the early intervention program, will direct the study. She said she hopes the research will expose holes in the child protection systems and establish a standard protocol for doctors to quickly identify children who might be

affected by familial drug abuse.

"The idea of this grant is that hospitals and protective services and treatment programs have procedures that are working together so that kids are getting screened and getting protected," she said.

She said she hopes the program will enable doctors to assess children in the first days after birth so that they can get the help that is needed for development and a functioning family.

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Construction continues on courthouse

The Wayne L. Morse Federal Courthouse contributes to an effort to revitalize downtown

BY CHRIS HAGAN
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The skyline north of Franklin Boulevard near the Ferry Street Bridge has been changing as a giant glass and steel structure slowly rises.

The structure is the new Wayne L. Morse Federal Courthouse, expected to be completed next summer. Construction on the 270,000-square-foot courthouse is expected cost the federal government \$70 million.

Beyond its role as a judicial hub, many hope it will lead to a revitalization of downtown Eugene.

The courthouse is being built on the old Agripac cannery site at Eighth Avenue and Mill Street. The city purchased the land after it was awarded the courthouse project in 2001 over a riverfront site in Springfield.

The courthouse building was

designed by Thom Mayne and his Morphosis architecture firm of Santa Monica, Calif. The Eugene courthouse will be more modern than the courthouses of old, abandoning the classic look of Greek columns and square architecture for a glass entry with curving exterior walls above it.

Though Eugene already has a courthouse, with only one courtroom it didn't meet the needs of the area, and some had concerns about security at the building.

The new courthouse will have separate travel ways for the public, judges and prisoners, a new safety requirement for courts. The current courthouse was built before the requirement and doesn't have separate travel ways, General Services Association Public Affairs Manager for the Northwest/Artic Region Bill Lesh said.

GSA is the federal agency overseeing the project.

"It is considered an insecure

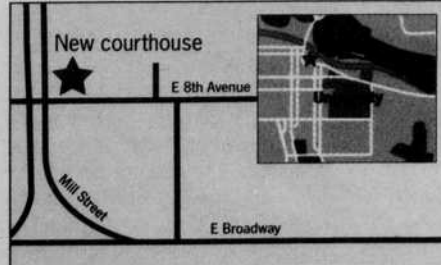


TIM BOBOSKY | PHOTO EDITOR

The new United States Courthouse in Eugene is being constructed on Eighth Avenue near the Ferry Street Bridge.

building and very crowded," said Lesh. "The different courts are very anxious to move already."

The building will have six courtrooms, chambers for six resident judges and



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Filmmaker Lynch addresses University

The award-winning director talks on campus tonight about transcendental meditation

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DAVID LYNCH'S PRESENTATION

What: David Lynch will be presenting "Consciousness, Creativity and the Brain: The inside story on transcending and the brain."

When: Today at 7:30 p.m. in 150 Columbia.

There are no more tickets available for this event, but a live simulcast viewing will be featured in the EMU Ballroom. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for seating space or standing room.

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University discusses plans to sell apartments

The Lane County Housing Policy Board reviewed the possible Westmoreland Apartments sale

BY MEGHAN M. CUNIFF
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Lane County's Housing Policy Board had its chance to hear from the University firsthand Monday about its plans to sell the Westmoreland Apartments in West Eugene.

The board was not required to hear the University's plans and could not formally rule on anything, but a member requested that University officials discuss the possible sale with the board.

The 404-unit apartment complex is considered affordable housing by many, and board members questioned what selling the complex could do to the low-income housing market in the city.

Board member John Wagner said one of his main concerns hinges on the effect the sale could have on Eugene's need for low-income housing.

"If the University is not providing for that need, that need will fall on the community," Wagner said.

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