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Clairmont parking site of attempted kidnapping

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"Nobody messes with me," stated Ruth Baars who was grabbed and pinned against her car by an unknown male assailant at 10:30 p.m. April 26 in the Clairmont parking lot.

Baars, 46, a part-time instructor at the College and a teacher at Marshall High School broke away and refused to cooperate with the assailant, who looked to be about 18 years old. She was unhurt except for a slightly swollen upper lip, caused by the assailant clamping his hand over her mouth.

Detective Paul Grady of the Oregon City Police said the incident was classified as an attempted kidnapping. It may

have been a rape attempt; the assailant's exact intent is unknown, he said.

Grady noted that Barr's description of the assailant resembles that of an unknown man who has reportedly been indecently exposing himself in the Oregon City area. In both cases, the police have no suspects.

The police report said Baars had just got out of a class she was attending in the Clairmont building and was in the parking lot reaching into her purse to get her car keys.

Baars said in a **Print** interview, "I left class when everyone else did, but I was the last one to get into my car. About the same time as all the other cars left, he (the assailant) pulled into the parking lot. Either that was a

remarkable coincidence, or he was waiting for the last person in the lot."

The assailant was driving a dark blue Datsun pick-up with a loud exhaust, when he approached Baars' car, the police report stated. The driver stayed in his vehicle and asked Baars what time the College opened in the morning. Baars said that she didn't know, and suggested he use the telephone in the Clairmont building to call the switchboard to find out, according to the report.

When Baars turned away to unlock her car door, the assailant grabbed her, put his hand over her mouth, and told her to lean against the car.

Baars said "no you don't" and pushed the assailant back away from her. She told him, "You just get the hell out of here!" He backed away and began to take his shirt off. "You heard me," Baars said "Get the hell out of here!" The assailant got into his car and left the parking lot, the report stated. Baars went into Clairmont and called the police.

Baars' description of the assailant was used to make a composite drawing of a suspect, she said in a **Print** interview. "He looks like everyone, his only distinctive features," she said, "were that he had blondish-brown hair that touched his collar and turned up at the ends, and a very smooth 'baby face' complexion. It didn't look like he ever had to shave in his life.



POLICE ARE LOOKING for this man in connection with an attempted kidnapping that occurred at the College April 26 in the Clairmont parking lot. He is reportedly a white male between 5'7" and 5'11" tall and weighing approximately 150 lbs.. He is around 18 years old and has a slender build and blond-brown wavy hair. He has a fair, baby-faced complexion with big eyes. In the kidnapping attempt he was driving a dark blue Datsun pick-up with a loud exhaust. If you have any information regarding a possible suspect, contact the Campus Security at ext. 302 or call the Oregon City Police.

"When he grabbed me," Baars said recalling the attack, "I was afraid for my life, but no way was I going to let him take charge of me. I thought, 'I am going to be in control,' but you're not. If he would have had a weapon it might have made a difference, but I doubt it."

She added, "I even thought about hitting him. But then I thought what am I supposed to do, sit on him until morning?"

She said of her assailant, "He seemed scared, but maybe that was because I was so scared myself. There was a lot of fear in that parking lot."

After the ordeal in the parking lot, Baars said she was "running on adrenaline for 24 hours."

Baars said, "I am not going to be the last one out of the parking lot anymore. But, I will not quit coming to the College to take classes and teach.



MIKE DOANE SHOWS the art of serving. The men's tennis team won their most recent competition 8-1. For details, see page 7.

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'Couples' seminar offered

It has become the rule rather than the exception in America to be a two-career family. An estimated 30 million families subsist on two incomes.

The College's Focus Programs will present a workshop on "Two-Career Couples" Thursday from 7-10 p.m. in Pauling 101. It will be conducted by Jan and John Salisbury, national award win-

ners for their Family Life programs.

John Salisbury is an elementary school teacher and certified school counselor. He holds a bachelor's degree in Child Psychology and Elementary Education, and a master's in Counseling.

His wife, Jan, has been a trainer for the federal government as well as a classroom teacher for a decade. The

Salisburys have conducted seminars throughout the Northwest, and were honored in 1980 for having the best Family Life program in the nation by the United States Jaycees.

The workshop is designed to aid couples with time management and other survival techniques. Married couples are urged to register for the workshop together.



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