

Dating and rapists...Such a hot idea?

Picture this, if you will. (This is an imagined situation.)

Bobby calls up Marci on the phone, asks her out to, let's say, a favored motion picture of his. They have a great time, and on the way home, he gets real honest with her. He tells her that he is a convicted rapist, but he believes it to be behind him.

This situation could possibly happen. In Oregon, there is a radical new program that would teach convicted rapists interpersonal skills, teaching them to date, so it were. But is this the best so-

lution, or is it a solution period, to the endless problem of rape in society?

Those who oppose it argue that what could happen with this program is that rapists might rape again.

Those who support this program say that interpersonal skills are exactly what rapists need to

get over their problems.

My opinion: Wait and see. Women might be afraid of, or opposed to, trusting someone who may have violated them in the past. And besides, date rape is a very common crime these days.

But then again, my editor told me that the legal system is failing. Convicts will be released in any event because jail space is scarce, so why not develop a program that would teach them fundamental skills to function normally in society? And while this may not be the best idea, it's all we've got to go on. So therefore, my opinion is wait and see.

I have decided to go out into the college campus for a version of "Campus Views." So here is the question: Oregon has a program that would teach rapists to date. Do you believe that this is a good idea? Please explain.



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AT THEATERS DECEMBER 11

Parking lots can be dangerous places... Tips for being safe at night

by Jeff Kemp Staff Writer

Parking is seemingly one of the easiest tasks we have when we come to college, but often it turns out to be one of the most pivotal decisions we make.

Parking can turn out to be as crucial to you as a science lab, or a calculus exam. We can all live with a 'D' on an English paper, but we can't all live with a careless decision in a parking lot.

Hundreds of thousands of women report being raped every year, and those numbers don't even reflect the women that do not report the assaults for one reason or another. Thousands of cars are either burglarized and/or stolen per year, and with the recent increase in "car jacking," an assailant can combine both of these inhuman acts into one deadly escapade. With these kinds of numbers, do you want to be playing "Russian Roulette" when it comes to where you park your car?

"Person to person crime is our number one concern, however, the tight funds we have to work with make it difficult," said Jim Wiseman, Public Safety supervisor at Clackamas.

Although the reports of rape and the risk of it are small at CCC, it is still something that everyone should be on the lookout for, especially in our parking lots.

"Although we haven't experienced rape, we know that it's not very far from mind," Wiseman said. He also went on to say that the best way to avoid problems in the parking lot is to be alert. "As you are approaching your car you should be at your greatest lookout," he explained.

According to the Public Safety office in Clairmont Hall, Japanese imports are the most

commonly targeted cars for thieves. "All it takes is a flat handed screw driver and you're in," Wiseman said. Wiseman made it clear that any valuables should not be left in the car. "If something valuable is in sight, even with people in view, they will get it," he added.

Although there is a patrol car on campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the men and women that work in Public Safety can only protect us so much. After that, it is our responsibility to watch out for ourselves, as well as the others around us, he said.

To help insure your safety in the parking lot, the following list was composed with some help from the Public Safety Department:

Top 10 Safety Tips for a Pleasant Parking Experience.

1. There is safety in numbers. Go in pairs.
2. Be on the look out for suspicious cars and/or people.
3. Express your awareness of your surroundings. Eyes and cars are good for this.
4. Park in a well-lit area, if attending night classes.
5. If possible, avoid parking in the McLoughlin parking lot at night -- the large trees make it the most dangerous and frightening spot to park for anyone.
6. Don't leave valuables in sight.
7. Always lock your car doors. You never know who or what could end up in your car with you. Alarms won't cut it.
8. Walk quickly and directly to and from your car. Don't stop for anything unless you're sure it is safe.
9. Avoid the dark, because trouble doesn't.
10. Always have your keys ready when you get to your car.

'Pen Don' shows in new theater

by Tracey Roozenboom Staff Writer

Emlyn William's play "Pen Don" is coming to Clackamas.

Director and Speech Instructor Jack Shields exclaimed, "The cast and crew have been working very hard so that this will be a marvelous experience for our audience."

The play is about a clan called Tribe of Lowie who ask Pen Don, (mountain of the earth goddess), to help their people from any retribution for letting Lan live. They worry that Lan may bring about disfavor to the clan when they enter King Arthur's Avalon. But in the end peace prevails under

Keldin (Lan's good hearted twin).

The production stars Marty Conklin, Dennis Corwin, David Harvey, Lichen June, Joseph Lechuga, Dona Miller, Perry Perkins, Camberly Torres and Elliot Zippodt.

One advantage of this play over previous ones is that it will be in the newly remodeled theater. According to Shields, "Folks who haven't been in the newly remodeled theater will find it comfortable and warm."

Tickets are \$6 for general admission and \$3 for students. "Pen Don" will run Dec. 3-5 and 11-12 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 13 at 2:30 p.m.



'Pen Don', playing in the CCC theater, is about the Tribe of Lowie and Pen Don (mountain of the earth goddess.)