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Sexual Assault Awareness

Special Issue

With 80% of college sexual assaults not reported, resources at OSU aim to provide support, end stigmas survivors face

Community Calendar

MONDAY, APRIL 24

Integrative Biology Seminar

You can attend a seminar led by Dr. Emily Lindsey on 'tar pits, global change and the past, present and future of ecosystems.' This event will take place from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Agricultural and Life Sciences building room 4001.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

Earth Day Community Fair

You can check out an annual fair featuring over 40 groups offering activities and information focused on sustainability. This event will take place from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. in the SEC Plaza.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

Political Discussion

You can attend the first in a series of discussions held by the political group Libertarians at OSU. This discussion will be focused on the war on drugs and the associated issue of mass incarceration, featuring former Libertarian Party candidate for governor, James Foster. This event will take place from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Bexell Hall room 102.

Waste Watchers

You can join a group of students who work on creative ways to encourage others to reduce their waste. This team plans events and marketing campaigns at their weekly meetings, but attendance is not required every week. Community and snacks will be provided. This event takes place from 6:30-8 p.m. in SEC room 112.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

The Power of the Holocaust

Anne Kelly Knowles is a professor of history at the University of Maine and formerly a professor of geography at Middlebury College. In her talk, Knowles will draw on the testimony of Holocaust survivors. This event will take place from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Construction and Engineering Hall of the LaSells Stewart Center.

Treat Yourself Thursdays

All students are welcome to participate in conversations centered around self-care and learn about holistic wellness strategies in the Women's Center. This event will take place from noon-1 p.m. at 1700 SW Pioneer Place.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Chris Anderson Reading

In the latest installment of the Literary Northwest Series, author, OSU professor and Catholic deacon Chris Anderson will read from and sign copies of his latest essay collection 'Light When It Comes: Trusting Joy, Facing Darkness and Seeing God in Everything.' This reading will take place from 7:30-9 p.m. in The Valley Library Rotunda.

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COVER: Two Oregon State University students pose to represent the stigmas surrounding campus sexual assault. Photo by Jacquie Gamelgaard.

GUEST COLUMN

Pledge to speak for survivors, not about survivors

By Judy Neighbours, Assistant Director of the Survivor Advocacy and Resource Center

When asked to write a guest opinion in an editorial for this edition of the Barometer that is focusing on sexual violence on college campuses, I thought of the myriad of topics that are so important.

Certainly the prevention of violence is paramount to the integrity and safety of our community.

The prevalence of this travesty in our country and throughout the world cannot be ignored. And as a society, we must recognize that how we might respond to survivors by questioning, challenging and offering disbelief only contributes to the further victimization of injured people.

The issues surrounding this painful and voiceless form of injury and harm can lead any of us to a feeling of helplessness and paralysis similar, but not as great, as that experienced by the survivor of any form of betrayal violence, including sexual, relational and dating violence.

It is important that we remain in touch with our hope, our own vulnerabilities and our commitment to our fellow human beings. So I have chosen to speak of hope, of support, of

listening, and of 'voicing.'

A long time ago, a wise mentor told me that the real taboo in our country is not sexual violence itself, but our inability to talk about it. Silence has been the power behind the continued problem of sexual violence. Silence occurs for many reasons: fear of not being believed, fear of being blamed, fear of retaliation, and fear of further victimization. Silence also represents our fears that this could happen to us, and that we would not have any power to prevent it or resolve the impact of it. In fact, silence is the action, or lack of action, that is one of the perpetrators of this ongoing trauma.

When we can offer true support and strong belief in a friend, family member, or colleague, who has been injured and has then taken the very difficult step toward recovery, we can help to alter the impact. Through our support and belief in that person, we contribute to a path that is less bumpy and less scary.

We cannot take away from their pain or their injury. We can only be present with them, offer our support and most importantly compassionately try to understand what they have

experienced, and listen to what they actually need from us.

And what they need from us does not require advanced skills in anything other than being willing to let go of your own beliefs about what did or did not happen, and to allow yourself to empathize, to understand their experience from their viewpoint, not yours.

Allowing survivors to speak from their voice can break silence. And to be heard by you as a credible and important voice. Your voice can contribute to helping others understand and engage. One voice alone can feel very daunting. Imagine what adding others voices to the conversation would feel like.

I have been around a while and the example I will next share is going to date me. I love the Beatles music. I also know that by hearing all four of those voices together was inspiring and so very satisfying. When they ended performing together, they each continued to sing their songs alone. And people listened. I often wonder if they had started by themselves would they have reached as many people and made such beautiful music that is still with us, and

inspiring us today. I don't think so. I think it was the strength of all of them 'voicing' that gave the strength to this one musical group.

Help be the voice. Take the challenge, the pledge to speak for survivors, not about survivors.

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month Calendar April 24-28: Pride Week

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

CONSENT IS SEXY AND REQUIRED

Hosted at the Native American Longhouse at 6 p.m., this event will include a conversation about healthy relationships, centering on folks with asexual and aromantic identities. A panel with self-identified asexual and aromatic community members will speak about their relationship experiences.



JACQUIE GAMELGAARD | ORANGE MEDIA NETWORK
The Native American Longhouse will be hosting the event "Consent is Sexy and Required" on Thursday, April 25.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

DENIM DAY

Denim Day was initiated after a ruling of the Italian Supreme Court in 1992 which overturned a rape conviction. The judges felt that because the survivor was wearing tight jeans, she must have helped her rapist remove them, thereby implying consent. Each year, those participating in Denim Day wear denim as a symbol of protest and support.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

IMAGINING A WORLD WITHOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT

Located in the Student Experience Center Plaza, community members have the opportunity to interact with different art mediums to begin to imagine a world without sexual assault.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

POSTER MAKING WITH SOL

Hosted in the Women's Center, community members can stop by and spend time with SOL to make posters for Take Back the Night, highlighting statistics around sexual assault in queer and trans communities of color.



SYDNEY MCHALE | ORANGE MEDIA NETWORK
The Women's Center will be hosting the event "Poster Making with SOL" on Thursday, April 27.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

RED SHAWL PROJECT

The Red Shawl Project was created in Minnesota to raise awareness about the prevalence of sexual violence against women in Native communities. Hosted in the Native American Longhouse, community members can join in a discussion about the project.



ORANGE MEDIA NETWORK ARCHIVES

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

CONVERSATIONS WITH BRENDA TRACY & JACKIE SANDMEYER

Attendees will have the opportunity to speak with Brenda Tracy, an OSU consultant, and Jackie Sandmeyer, a member of the Sexual Assault Task Force, to help with sexual-violence prevention.



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TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

Take Back the Night is a historical event held across the world annually, protesting sexual violence. Beginning in the early 1970s, TBTN rallies have taken to the streets to raise awareness about the issue of sexual assault.

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Take Back the Night, a campus-wide rally to raise awareness of sexual assault, is taking place on Thursday, April 27.



FRIDAY, APRIL 28


MEN'S DEVELOPMENT & ENGAGEMENT COFFEE HOUR

Hosted in the Student Experience Center Involvement Lounge from 10-11:30 a.m., the weekly coffee hour will be focusing around Sexual Assault Awareness Month-related topics and discussions.

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Sexual assault by the numbers



1 in **5** females experience sexual assault in college.



Sexual assault affects someone every **98** seconds.



1 in **16** males experience sexual assault in college.

1593 cases were recorded in **Oregon** during 2015.

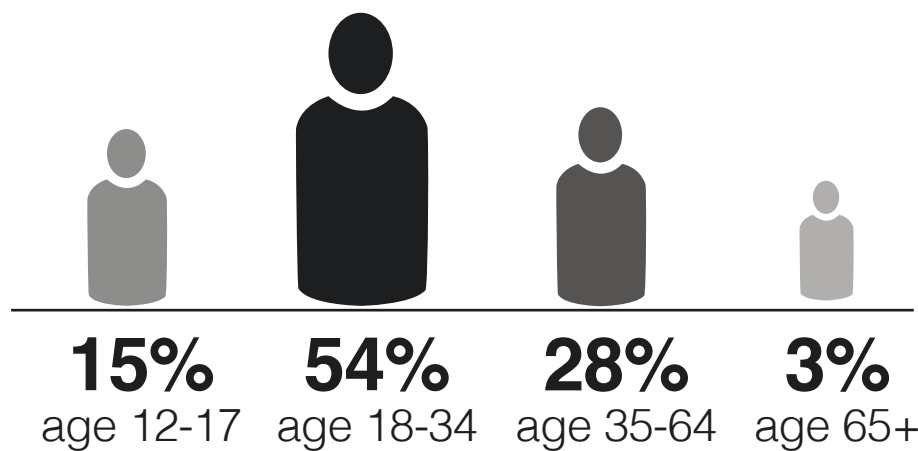


There are nearly **272,350** assaults every year in the United States.

80% of college assaults are **not reported**.



0.6 percent of those who commit sexual assault will end up in prison.



The majority of sexual assault victims are under **30** years old.

70% of assaults are committed by a **known person**.

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Information from Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network.



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Oregon State Counseling & Psychological Services, located in Snell Hall, is one of the many resources on campus that confidentially helps sexual assault survivors.

OSU aims to provide resources for survivors

Sexual assault survivors do not need to make official report to receive support

By Tiffani Smith, News Contributor

Starting out her first year at Oregon State University, freshman Stephanie Kutcher was excited to begin her college experience. She went to classes, got a job and made new friends, as expected. However, during her fall term, Kutcher's OSU experience changed. Kutcher was sexually assaulted.

Kutcher did not report immediately after her sexual assault because she was worried that people would judge her for reporting.

"The first three days after it happened, I didn't know what to do. I didn't want to talk to anyone about it because I didn't want to complain," Kutcher said. "Going in is scary because people can see you walking in there. Even though no one really cares and no one's really going to think twice about it, sometimes you feel like everybody is staring at you and watching you go in."

According to Kutcher, another challenge she faced in regard to reporting her sexual assault was the time she needed to emotionally prepare herself.

"It takes a lot of emotional energy to go (report), it's just a lot of extra energy. You have to prepare for it and I just haven't had time to prepare myself for it," Kutcher said.

Regardless if survivors choose to report or not, OSU provides numerous resources and has several organizations dedicated to providing support, advocacy and help to sexual assault and sexual violence survivors. These resources and organizations include, but are not limited to, the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access, Survivor Advocacy and Resource Center, Sexual Assault Support Services and the Department of Public Safety/Oregon State Police.

Judy Neighbours is the associate director of the SARC at OSU and works specifically with survivors. According to Neighbours, it is recognized many survivors face various challenges that may delay or prevent them from reporting their sexual assault.

"According to what survivors have told me, and what the research suggests, is that many survivors choose not to tell for a variety of reasons," Neighbours said in an email. "These reasons include not thinking the assault was serious enough to report, fear of not being believed, fear of being blamed, fear of lack of support or even retribution, not wanting to get someone in trouble and belief that it is not going to help them recover."

Although Kutcher has been reluctant to report her sexual assault, she is now seriously considering going in and seeking out legal and emotional resources.

"When I found out a friend could come with me, I changed my mind and it made me feel more comfortable with going," Kutcher said

Making a report

According to the EOA website, under the legal requirements of Title IX, OSU has a policy prohibiting any form of sexual harassment, including stalking, dating and domestic violence, sexual violence and sexual assault.

Kim Kirkland, the executive director of EOA and OSU's Title IX coordinator is responsible for the implementation of and monitoring compliance with respect to violations of the university's policy prohibiting any form of

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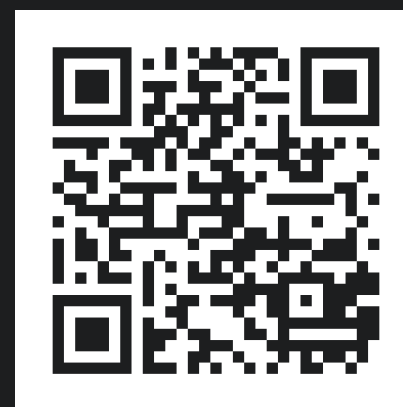
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BAO TRUONG | ORANGE MEDIA NETWORK (TOP) Snell Hall houses the Office of EOA, one of the resources around campus for sexual assault survivors. (ABOVE) CAPS provides counselling services to students.

Survivors

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sexual harassment.

Survivors are able to report incidents of any form of sexual harassment to EOA, according to Kirkland. Under the requirements of Title IX, all

reporting survivors are given a number of rights during the investigation and hearing, including due process. Other rights given to reporting survivors include notice and opportunity to supply testimony, evidence, witnesses and the ability to have someone with them for support, as well as an appeal route.

Sexual harassment reports, especially sexual assault reports, can also be made to the DPS/OSP in Cascade Hall. According to Senior Trooper Johnathan Wolfenbarger of the OSP, individuals can report incidents of sexual assault by calling DPS on their emergency or non-emergency line, directly speaking with a dispatcher at the DPS office or by waving down a DPS officer or OSP. If an incident of sexual assault is happening immediately, reports can also be made on the spot by using a Blue Light Emergency Phone, Wolfenbarger added.

"If it's a case where there possibly is someone that's still out, maybe a random attacker, we're going to be out there right away, as quickly as we can," Wolfenbarger said. "We're going to be taking the statement from them (the individual that made the report) and have other officers going to wherever the scene was, processing the scene to see if we can find some evidence, maybe bringing in a dog tracker."

The longer after an incident of sexual assault has occurred, the longer the investigation of the incident may take, according to Wolfenbarger.

"If it's not a case that just happened, or a hot call, there's going to be more time taken to establish everything that happened, get a full statement from the victim or the survivor, talk with them about when and where and what happened, maybe even talk to some witnesses if there were any that can help point toward what happened," Wolfenbarger said.

Upon making an official report, an investigation will ensue and a case will be established, according to Wolfenbarger. Once a case report is completed and sufficient evidence is collected to presumably prove the case, the report is sent to the district attorney's office. From there, the case will be presented in trial in front of a jury and judge, Wolfenbarger added.

"The jury gets to decide, after all the closing statements have been given and all the witnesses have talked, whether or not to charge the suspect with whatever (they are accused of)," Wolfenbarger said.

According to Kutcher, it is a difficult and scary

task to officially report your sexual assault, regardless of the method chosen.

"When it comes to reporting it, for some reason you just feel like they're not going to believe you, or they'll say like, 'Oh, that's not actually sexual assault, that's just you being an idiot,'" Kutcher said. "You can't help but think in the back of your mind that someone's just going to think you're being dumb."

The choice of whether or not to conduct an investigation on a sexual assault report is up to the survivor, but regardless of the decision, DPS/OSP is a resource that all survivors can use, according to Wolfenbarger.

"We're here for you. We go to work every day wanting to help the community and we will do everything we can to help you feel safe and bring normalcy and power back to your life and we're here to support you," Wolfenbarger said. "Just know that we're here to help and we're not going to judge and we want (survivors) to come forward and talk to us so we can help them process it. Whether they decide to go forward with an investigation or not, they can come and talk to me and we can talk about options, we can talk about support systems. If they want to go forward with an investigation, great, if not, that's good too. We'll help you however you want."

Resources provided on campus

Due to stigmas—such as those faced by Kutcher—OSU offers confidential resources dedicated to providing support for survivors, according to Shaznin Daruwalla, a psychologist for Counseling and Psychological Services and SASS. These resources also provide advocacy and help for survivors, on top of the ability to report incidents of sexual assault and other forms of sexual harassment.

"Recognizing that there is a stigma around sexual violence as well as a lot of myths around sexual violence is one of the reasons we offer confidential services," Daruwalla said via email. "We also use the services to empower and give agency to the student who is seeking the services."

SASS offers care for individuals who have experienced trauma as well as individual and group counseling sessions, according to Daruwalla. Psychologists within SASS can also facilitate referrals as needed, both within and outside of the OSU community. Additional support that falls under the context of trauma-informed care can also be provided as requested

or needed by the survivor, including additional counseling sessions, Daruwalla added.

According to Ray, OSU aims to help survivors recover after incidents of sexual assault by providing institutional support in various forms.

"In far too many cases, survivors are burdened with an additional sense of institutional betrayal as they attempt—oftentimes alone and without others' understanding or care—to recover physically and emotionally having been betrayed by the very colleges or universities responsible for student safety and security," Ray said via email.

"Our goal is to be supportive of each survivor who comes to us and follow due process."

One of the ways survivors can seek such support on campus is through the SARC.

According to Neighbours, SARC is a confidential organization that can provide survivors with emotional support and assistance with crises. Although individuals cannot make reports to SARC due to the organization's confidentiality policy, SARC offers services such as informing survivors about and connecting survivors to medical and counseling resources, housing relocation, support in managing and maintaining academic success and legal and administrative proceeding assistance.

"We are able to help survivors understand their rights regarding reporting to either the university or to law enforcement," Neighbours said. "Our hope is that by informing them of their rights and how to report, they are then able to make the best choice for themselves."

Continuing to Improve

OSU President Ed Ray said he has been working with the university on sexual assault awareness in various ways to continually improve.

"Over the past four years, we have altered the sexual assault conversation at Oregon State University. And we have altered and greatly expanded our survivor support services and the university's sexual assault prevention and response efforts," Ray said via email. "I am committed to continue these services at Oregon State and improve them as part of our many efforts to support survivors and bring an end to sexual assaults."

According to Steve Clark, OSU vice president of university relations and marketing, changes and advancements in regard to prevention of sexual violence have recently been made at OSU. These changes include instituting a nationally-acclaimed policy prohibiting transfer students, who are unable to re-enroll in a post-secondary educational institution due to student conduct reasons, from enrolling at OSU and implementing sexual harassment training and reporting systems in the College of Pharmacy as well as the College of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences.

"Bottom line, we are all responsible for fostering a safe environment for every individual within the university community," Clark said in an email.

"Looking ahead, we recognize there is still much work to be done. But we are fortunate that ASOSU leaders and so many students are involved in these efforts from the ground up."

Individuals who want to help and advocate for survivors can do so as long as it is done supportively, according to Daruwalla.

"Listen nonjudgmentally, believe and support. (This is) something that the Survivor Advocacy Resource Center uses as their model," Daruwalla said. "Don't question the experience, don't find blame or fault-finding. It's more along the lines of what I would recommend and what CAPS would recommend; if you have a survivor and you're looking to support the survivor, listen to their story, do not ask them questions about their story, do not ask them to share their story, just follow the lead, is what I'm also trying to say."

Survivors can also find support from other sur-

vivors and share their feelings with individuals that have more of an understanding, according to Kutcher.

"For people who are survivors, there's a huge family of people who feel your pain, even if it's something small," Kutcher said. "You do not

need to feel like you have to be raped to report something. You have to know that anything you feel uncomfortable with can be considered (sexual) assault. It's okay to not have the worst story in the world. It's still bad."

Sexual assault reporting process

Step 1

Sexual Assault Reported:

A report can be made to the Department of Public Safety/Oregon State Police or to the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access, who will work with DPS/OSP to conduct an investigation.

Step 2

Investigation:

Depending on where the sexual assault occurred, an investigation will be conducted by one of two departments.

On-Campus
Oregon State Police investigates and potentially makes an arrest.

Off-Campus
Corvallis Police Department investigates and potentially makes an arrest.

Step 3

Case report goes to District Attorney:

DA prosecutes case in front of a judge and jury. The jury decides whether or not to charge the suspect with their accused crime. The judge decides the punishments.

“Our goal is to be supportive of each survivor who comes to us.”

*Ed Ray
OSU President*

INFORMATION FROM JOHNATHAN WOLFENBARGER

Assault statistics publicly accessible

Under the Clery Act, U.S. colleges are required to report all crime statistics

By Erin Dose, News Contributor

In the year 2015, there were 18 reported sexual assaults related to Oregon State University. Eleven of these occurred on property affiliated with OSU, and seven occurred on OSU's campus.

This information is public on the U.S. Department of Education's Campus Safety and Security website, as provided by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act, otherwise known as the Clery Act. Statistics on sexual assault as well as all other crime statistics for OSU and every other college campus in the nation are reported under the Clery Act.

The Clery Act enforces transparency surrounding crime statistics and policies at college campuses, including those involving sexual assault, according to The Clery Center's website. The Clery Act became law in 1990, inspired by the lobbying of parents who lost their daughter, Jeanne Clery, to rape and murder in her residence hall. Under the law, all colleges must contribute complete reports of campus crime to the Clery database and provide students and employees a public annual security report on October 1, in order to receive Title IX funds.

Efforts around Title IX, like those associated with the Clery Act, are working to end sexual assaults, according to OSU Vice Provost for Student Affairs Susie Brubaker-Cole.

"One of the primary goals of all the energy and resources invested in Title IX (legislation that prohibits discrimination on the basis

of sex within the education system) across the country is to eliminate sexual assault on college campuses," Brubaker-Cole said in an email. "Given the prevalence today, that goal will not be achieved overnight, so it is essential that universities track reported incidents of sex-

ual assault over time to measure progress and ensure that our actions are indeed moving toward elimination of this violence in our communities."

Colleges and universities have a number of responsibilities they need to understand under the Clery Act to further campus safety, according to the Clery Center website. In addition to reporting crime statistics, colleges and universities must also issue timely warnings to all students when crimes do occur.

Under the Clery Act, the crimes are cat-

egorized based on location and are reported as on-campus, on-campus student housing, non-campus and public property, according to Michele Spaulding, OSU's clery compliance manager. For an assault to be reported in OSU's Clery statistics, it must occur on-

campus, on public property bordering campus, such as Monroe Avenue, or on property affiliated with OSU.

"Non-campus locations include Greek houses and agricultural or other research facilities owned by the university," Spaulding said. "Crimes that occur at off-campus locations such as at a community park, retail store, restaurant, privately owned home or apartment complex are not part of what is reported by OSU in its Clery Act crime statistics."

OSU tracks sexual assault data in different

ways, according to Spaulding.

"According to the requirements of the federal Clery Act, the university tracks four crimes in the sexual assault category: rape, fondling, incest and statutory rape," Spaulding said.

Until 2013, the statistics for sexual assault were categorized differently. According to the Know Your IX website, the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act of 2013 broadened Clery requirements to include reports of all incidents of sexual violence.

"Prior to 2013, sexual assault statistics were separated by forcible and non-forcible crimes and were divided into these categories: forcible rape, forcible sodomy and forcible sexual assault with an object. After 2013, the forcible and non-forcible labels were removed," Spaulding said.

On the Clery Report, rape and fondling are now sexual assaults classified as forcible sexual assaults while incest and statutory rape are classified as non-forcible sexual assaults.

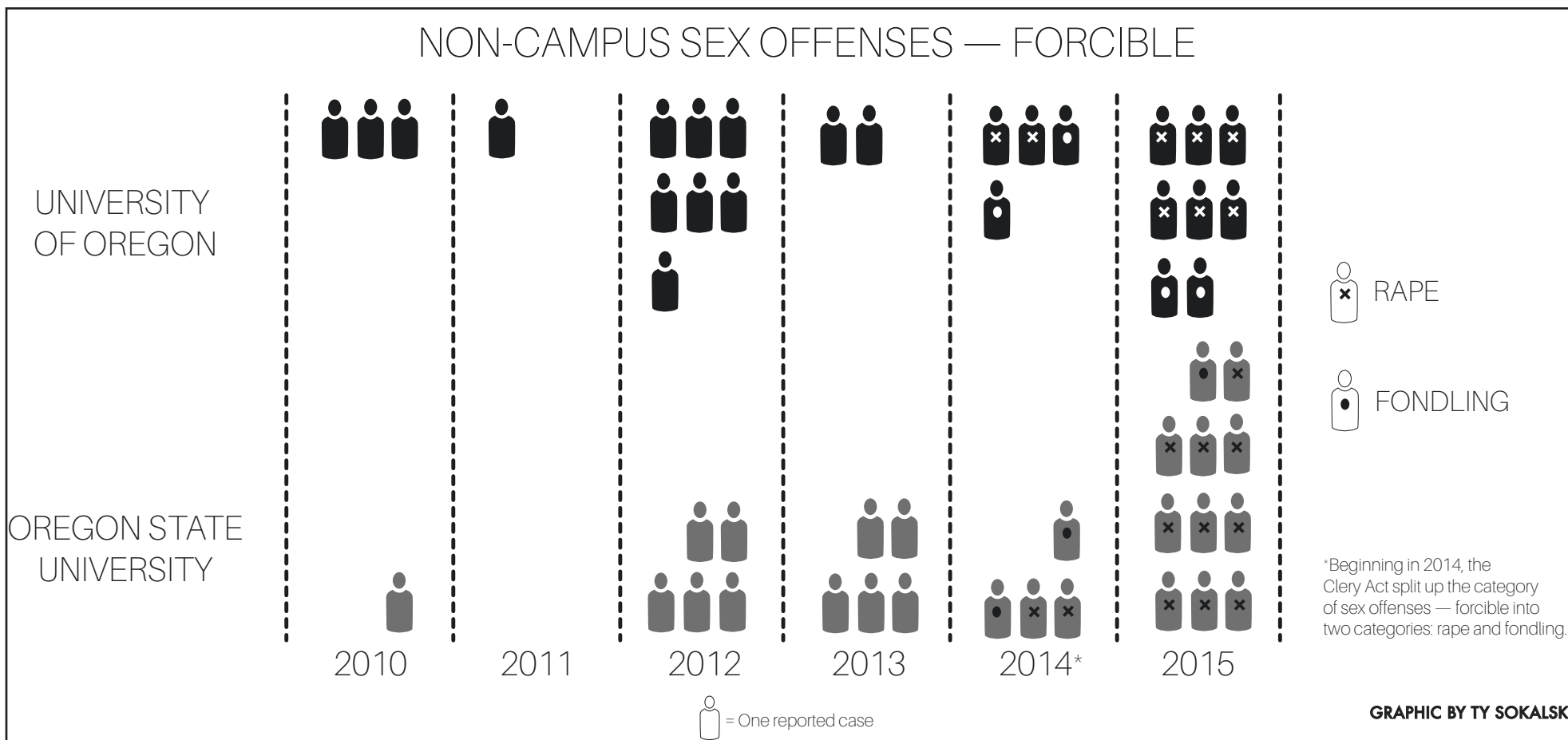
This change in classification does not affect the accuracy of the data, according to Spaulding.

"Accuracy is still provided. However, the change in crime definitions acknowledges that a lack of consent, rather than the use of force, is key in determining if a sexual assault has occurred," Spaulding said.

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Survivor Advocacy and
Resource Center*

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According to Judy Neighbours, the Associate Director of the OSU Survivor Advocacy and Resource Center, many survivors nationwide choose not to report. Their unreported assaults are not included in the Clery data.

"The national studies tell us that only five to 10 percent of survivors nationally report to the authorities," Neighbours said.

According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network organization's website, survivors have a many reasons to avoid reporting. Twenty-six percent of student sexual assault survivors thought their situation was personal, 20 percent were worried about retaliation, 12 percent didn't think it was important, 10 percent were worried about getting the perpetrator into trouble and nine percent didn't think the police would help.

Even when a report is made, it may not be verified by OSU as a sexual assault for varying reasons, according to Neighbours.

"For example, believing a survivor is telling the truth and the standards of evidence do not always match, and that is very difficult for survivors," Neighbours said. "Many survivors should be proud of themselves for taking an action and coming forward regardless of the result of the reporting procedures."

For more sexual assault statistics, see page 3. For more information on the Clery Act and to see the Clery report, visit the Campus Security and Safety website run by the U.S. Department of Education.

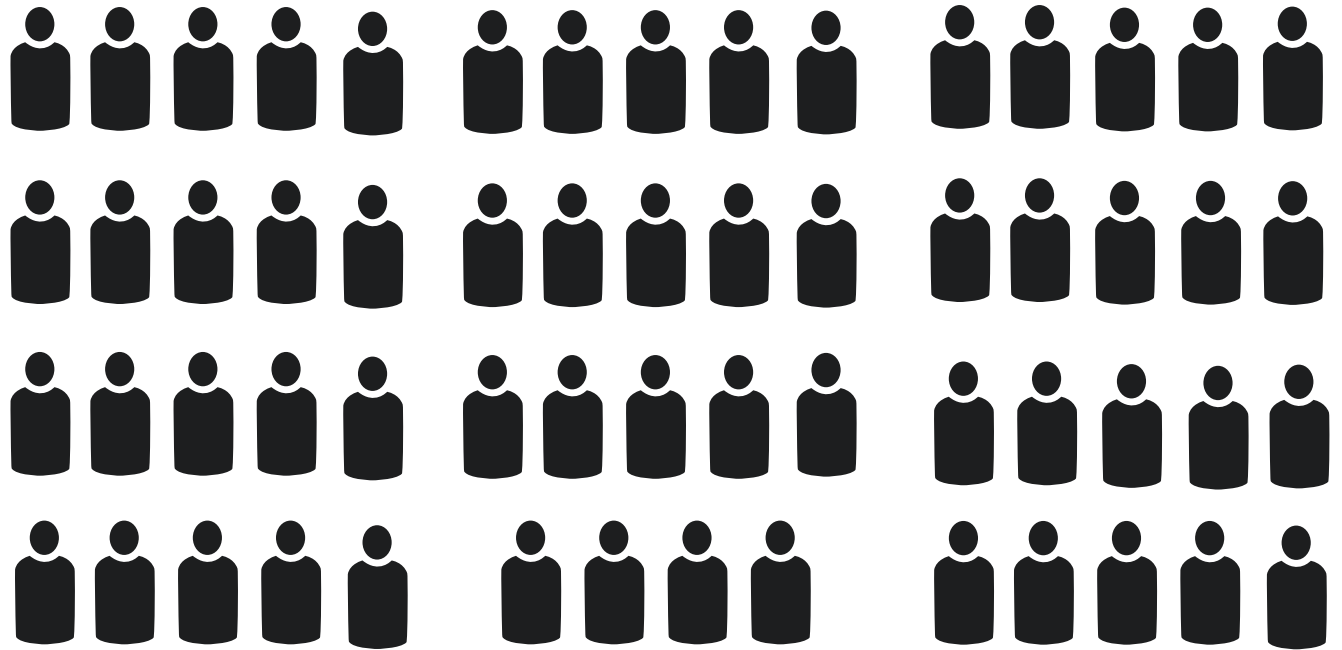
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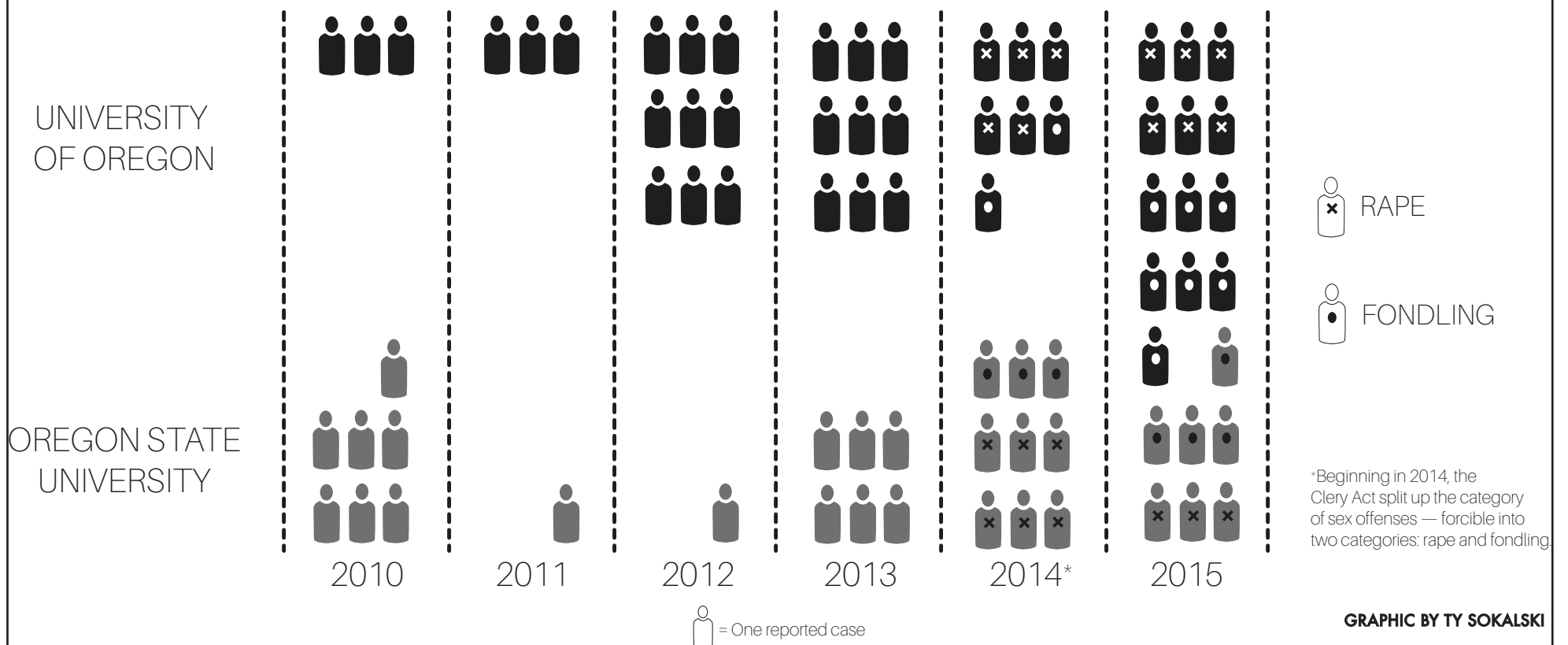
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ASOSU President Rachel Grisham and ASOSU continue to work with the Prevention, Advocacy and Wellness team to prevent sexual assault and provide support.

Taking the pledge

'It's On Us' initiative assists in the fight against sexual assault at OSU

By Jessica Boyd, Practicum Contributor

The video opens and focuses on actor Zoe Saldana with a solemn expression on her face. As different celebrities flash on the screen, lines explaining consent are spoken, concluding with a call to action to take the pledge. From Saldana to Josh Hutcherson, several important figures have been supportive of the "It's On Us" campaign since the program was announced in September 2014 by President Barack Obama.

"It's On Us" is an initiative dedicated to assisting in the fight against sexual assault. Along with public figures, many organizations such as the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the Pac-12 have joined the cause, according to the "It's On Us" website. "It's On Us" has spread to over 200 campuses nationwide, with Oregon State University adopting it onto campus in 2014.

This campaign is designed to create campus environments where sexual assault does not exist, according to the White House Archives website. "It's On Us" does this by shifting responsibility onto all members of campus communities, so that no one takes on the role of a bystander. By holding everyone at a university accountable, it creates a culture where survivors are encouraged to share their stories, and helps others speak up instead of standing by.

"It's On Us" aims to fundamentally shift the way we think about sexual assault, by inspiring everyone to see it as their responsibility to do something, big or small, to prevent it," the White House Archives website states. "The campaign reflects the belief that sexual assault isn't just an issue involving a crime committed by a perpetrator against a victim, but one in which the rest of us also have a role to play."

According to the "It's On Us" website, the initiative also aims to define consent in a culture where the lines can be blurred. Tips to clearly understand consent are also found on the campaign's website.

"Consent is voluntary and mutual and can be withdrawn at any time. Past consent does not mean current or future consent," the "It's On Us" website states. "There is no consent when there is force, intimidation or coercion."

At OSU, "It's On Us" falls under the Associated Students of Oregon State University umbrella and OSU's campus works to offer many aspects of the campaign, according to ASOSU President Rachel Grisham.

"One of the continuing goals is to change the culture and create a culture that is more inviting and more supportive of survivors," Grisham said. "Also to continue to have a multifaceted approach to sexual violence prevention. There's education and talking about what consent is. There is education around bystander intervention and how students can intervene. And lastly, reactive work and guiding folks towards resources."

According to Michelle Bangen, associate director for prevention and wellness at OSU, the campaign is a collaborative effort on campus.

"ASOSU continues to partner with the Prevention, Advocacy and Wellness team at Student Health Services to promote sexual violence prevention and support for survivors," Bangen said in an email. "They contribute to

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It's On Us

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the work of the Prevention and Advocacy Coalition charged by Dr. Susie Brubaker-Cole and Clay Simmons, and they support the broad implementation of 'Beavers Give A Dam,' PAW's marquee bystander intervention program across campus."

Getting involved in the campaign is accessible for all members of the community, according to Grisham.

"It's a pretty inviting campaign where there is few barriers to access, you just really need to be a caring person in the community to engage in the pledge," Grisham said. "That could apply to anyone and hopefully everyone."

OSU, the "It's On Us" campaign and ASOSU want engagement from even more of the OSU community, Grisham said.

"I think that we're not done until every single person on this campus thinks this is important and has taken the pledge," Grisham said. "We also want to get to a place where we are not just signing our name and taking the pledge, but we are actually thinking about every interaction we have and how can we eliminate victim blaming, support survivors that come out in our community and move toward this believing, supporting and listening."

According to the associate director of OSU's Survivor Advocacy and Resource Center, Judy Neighbours, student involvement can be powerful.

"We would like to see the student orga-

nizations become even more involved, because we understand the power of a message coming from invested groups who are committed to reducing the occurrence of sexual violence among their friends and colleagues," Neighbours said in an email.

Greater involvement of the OSU community could increase the number of assaults getting reported, according to Bangen.

"The number of students willing to engage in difficult conversations around sexual violence and the number of survivors who now feel safe to come forward for support encourage me," Bangen said in an email.

"While it may seem counter-intuitive, it is well established that strong prevention practices help create a community of care, ultimately increasing report rates. This is so important given that sexual assault is the most underreported crime in America, with as few as five to 10 percent of victims coming forward."

Because of this, OSU is striving toward more involvement, Neighbours said.

"OSU has a number of events during Sexual Assault Awareness Month," Neighbours said in an email. "Each event has a goal of increasing awareness of those factors that contribute to sexual violence, to those actions people can take to reduce violence and to supporting those who have experienced the negative impact of sexual violence."

Individuals can take the pledge at the official "It's On Us website" or visit the ASOSU office in the Student Experience Center. For more information, contact ASOSU at asosu@oregonstate.edu.

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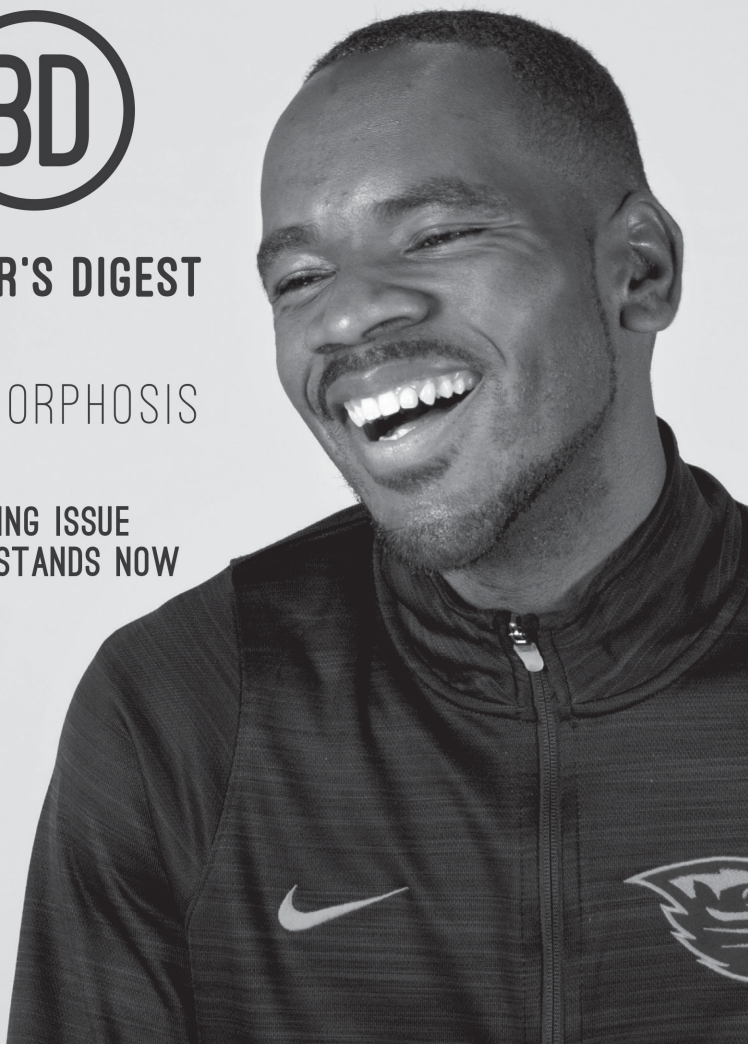
ASOSU President Rachel Grisham and those involved with the "It's On Us" campaign hope to further engage the OSU community with their work. This goes beyond individuals just signing their names to the pledge, but rather everyone is actually thinking about the best way to support survivors.



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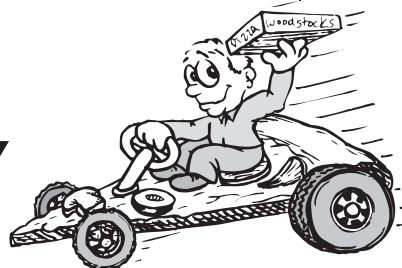
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HOROSCOPE

Monday, April 24 – Sunday, April 30, 2017
Aries: March 21 – April 19

You'll have good news as Saturn brings you positive vibes. Maybe you did something nice for a friend, and now somebody is going to do something nice for you when you least expect it. Give yourself permission to have lovely things happen to you.

Taurus: April 20 – May 20
There's a nice new moon in your sign, and this will bring you clarity and insight. If you've been involved in a complicated relationship, you'll figure things out. If you're single, you'll feel more at peace about your past and optimistic about your future.

Gemini: May 21 – June 21
Just when you thought nothing good was ever going to happen to you, Jupiter will surprise you with something amazing. Maybe you'll finally get that huge promotion and raise that you wanted. Or perhaps that great person you care about will fall in

love with you.

Cancer: June 22 – July 22
You could encounter somebody who is more aggressive than you are. Venus is pushing at you a bit, forcing you to stand up for yourself more. Maybe you'll interact with somebody who challenges you, yet there is intense chemistry with this person.

Leo: July 23 – Aug. 22

Venus is helping you out, especially with your love life. Maybe you'll realize you're still in love with a former flame. Consider getting back in touch with that person, just in case you can get back together. Keep an open mind.

Virgo: Aug. 23 – Sept. 22
You're in a good mind this week, thanks to the moon. You'll enjoy some fun times with friends, co-workers and family members. Along the way, you could become attracted to somebody special who is a new character in your life.

Libra: Sept. 23 – Oct. 23

Venus is moving opposite your sign for a while. This

means you need to take some time to really look at your relationship patterns. Maybe there are certain things that you are doing that you need to change. It's healthy to take stock of these things.

Scorpio: Oct. 24 – Nov. 2

The sun isn't doing you any favors lately, and this means you need to chill out and relax. Don't make any huge decisions about your personal life. You need to take a break from anything that would create permanent change.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

You need to travel and expose yourself to some new things. Mercury is encouraging you to take a risk and embark upon an adventure. Find a way to take a break from your usual routine, even if you're just going away for a weekend.

Capricorn: Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

A friendly new moon is telling you to stick to your guns. If you've been

questioning a relationship, wondering if somebody is a good person, it's healthy to go through this process of examination. Be assertive, be strong and stand up for yourself.

Aquarius: Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Mars is enhancing your creative energy. It's a great week to write a love song, craft a sexy poem or write a confessional blog post that reveals your emotional vulnerability and warmth. Somebody might notice how sweet you are.

Pisces: Feb. 19 – March 20

It's OK to have standards in your love life. Venus is reminding you that you might not want to be with somebody who has certain behaviors that make you uncomfortable. It's okay to express the fact that you need your partner to adhere to certain ideals.

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CARDV provides services to survivors of violence

By Sydney McHale, Keep S.A.F.E. Blog Manager



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The Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence has been serving the Corvallis community for 35 years.

The tan exterior of the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence looks similar to an average house. However, the inside of the center provides 24/7 services to survivors of violence in the Linn and Benton counties, and has done so since 1981.

CARDV provides services and safe places for survivors of sexual

assault and intimate partner violence.

For the past 35 years, CARDV has been serving the Linn and Benton counties by providing shelters, resources and relocation services.

"It's the first time our name has been displayed for the community to see, but it's just an office so people can walk in and access services. A very small portion of what we do is based out of this office," Letetia Wilson, executive director of CARDV in the Linn-Benton area, said.

According to Wilson, the Linn-Benton area CARDV center receives anywhere from 5,000 to 7,000 calls each year. These calls come from both counties and the 20 staff members on call are there to ensure each person in need is tended to.

"We meet people where they're at, that's the crux of what we do. We meet people wherever they are, with whatever they need," Wilson said.

On top of coming to those who need their services, CARDV has two separate offices in Corvallis and Philomath, as well as two anonymous shelters where survivors can seek refuge.

The shelters first opened in 1981 when CARDV acquired their first shelter; they bought their second before the 2000s with the help of the county.

"This started as a grassroots movement when women were coming together discussing these issues they were facing, but

nobody was sure what to do, so they started the hotline every Friday to Sunday out of their homes," Wilson said.

From running the hotline only on weekends, CARDV has expanded to a 24-hour crisis line, with at least one person on call at all times.

CARDV is continually expanding and hopes to reach out to all survivors of violence and create awareness about their services in the public, according to Wilson.

All four CARDV buildings are located in the Benton County area, but the staff hopes to expand more facilities into Linn County soon, according to Wilson.

CARDV has made a lot of progress over the last 35 years, according to Wilson. From starting with just a few local volunteers coming together to solve a problem, they have grown to a group of professional workers out to extinguish violence.

However, according to Wilson, they still have a ways to go.

"Obviously the ultimate goal is to end violence, but I don't see that happening in my lifetime, but to have a realistic goal, it is to meet every person in Linn-Benton County that's experienced violence," Wilson said. "To be able to let everybody know that we're there, where to go for help and that we're able to provide them with that. That's a pretty lofty, but attainable goal."

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