Menacing of UO Students - Update

A similar, possibly related incident happened at 13th Avenue and Agate street on 01/09/10 between 0215-0245 hours. Two unknown males on BMX bikes and an unknown female on a bike approached a group of UO students. One male suspect physically harassed one of the students, then displayed a black 9mm handgun in his waistband. The same suspect then menaced the group of students with the handgun. Beer was demanded from each student and when the students could not provide beer, the suspect verbally harassed them with racial and derogatory words and physically harassed each individual in the group. The three suspects left the group and rode north on their bikes towards Franklin Boulevard. No physical injuries were sustained. An investigation is being conducted.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Department of Public Safety at 541-346-2919.

UOOPS SAFE CAMPUS TIPS

Members of the University of Oregon campus community are encouraged to utilize the following personal safety tips.

1. Walk in lit areas that are well-traveled and usually occupied by others.
2. Walk in groups and/or utilize one of the various campus safety escort programs.
3. Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. Remember that influences such as fatigue, alcohol, drugs and headphones can reduce your situational awareness. Keep your eyes and ears open.
4. Be aware of safe locations you can go in an emergency such as open businesses, police and fire stations, hospitals and restaurants, as well as emergency phones.
5. Change your travel routine, planning safe havens along each route so you are prepared to react appropriately to developing circumstances.
6. Trust your instincts and avoid people and areas that make you feel uneasy. Do not hesitate to cross streets or move away from circumstances that make you uncomfortable.
7. Walk with confidence and assertion, wearing comfortable clothes so you can run if necessary.
8. Walk facing traffic to make it harder for someone to follow you. Utilize natural and man-made barriers to create a buffer between you and the safety concern.
9. Make noise if attacked, to scare off your attacker and alert others for assistance. Carrying a whistle is a simple means of creating awareness to your situation.
10. Never engage others in a manner that might escalate the situation. Avoid using inappropriate language or physical gestures when confronted by aggressive behavior.
11. Always carry a fully charged cell phone with emergency numbers pre-programmed into the device.