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*"The reaction from his children was priceless. They hadn't seen their dad in some time, and the expectation would be that they would get teary-eyed and they did and I did, too. It's great to welcome him home."*

— Air Force Col. John Devillier, on the reunion of Jeffrey Fowle with his family after having been imprisoned by North Korea for five months/A3

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**"We know how enormous the problem is, but we want to be in the position to make meaningful changes."**

— CAROL STABLE, TASK FORCE CO-CHAIRWOMAN

## Panel proposes UO sexual violence office

Centralizing resources for victims is one of the 23 recommendations from a task force studying prevention

By JOSEPHINE WOOLINGTON  
The Register-Guard

Resources for victims of sexual violence at the University of Oregon are too scattered and should be centralized in one office dedicated to addressing the problem, according to a series of recommendations by a task force charged with studying the UO's prevention efforts.

The creation of a single office on campus for sexual and gender violence was among 23 recom-

mendations presented Wednesday to the University Senate by the task force's co-chairwoman, Carol Stable, a journalism and women's and gender studies professor. The recommendations are intended to improve the UO's prevention and support policies for victims. The changes would cost the university at least \$500,000 — a number that UO interim president Scott Coltrane said at the

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meeting made his "eyes bulge a little bit."

Other recommendations put forth by the task force include suspending the university's plans to expand the number of sororities and fraternities chapters at the UO; forming a sorority and fraternity sexual assault task force; auditing the UO's Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity; funding a campus

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ASHON LANSER/The Associated Press  
**A man wipes his eyes at a memorial where a soldier was shot down.**

## Attack shocks Canada's capital

A gunman kills a guard and opens fire in the Parliament building

By IAN AUSTEN AND RICK GLADSTONE  
The New York Times

OTTAWA — The heart of the Canadian capital was thrown into panic and placed in lockdown on Wednesday after a gunman killed a corporal guarding the tomb of the unknown soldier at the National War Memorial, then entered the nearby Parliament building and fired multiple times before he was shot and killed.

It was the second deadly assault on a uniformed member of Canada's armed forces in three days. The Ottawa attack heightened fears that Canada, a strong ally of the United States in its campaign against the Islamic State militant group conquering the Middle East, had been targeted in a reprisal, either as part of an organized plot or by a lone-wolf assault by a radicalized Canadian.

Law enforcement authorities in Washington said their Canadian counterparts had

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## WINDY WALK

PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS PIETSCH/The Register-Guard



University of Oregon freshman Katrina Chen (left) and fellow student Cici Mao, both from China, make their way against driving wind and rain as they walk across campus in Eugene on Wednesday afternoon. Rain is expected to continue in the region. Weather details, Page A2.

## LTD aims to dampen EmX impact

The transit agency offers marketing aid to businesses and free passes to riders

By CHRISTIAN HILL  
The Register-Guard

Lane Transit District is launching a major initiative to help businesses and residents as construction of EmX bus rapid transit service into west Eugene draws near.

The spending includes an advertising campaign and free group passes and ticket vouchers for employers and residents, respectively, on or near the corridor. Business outreach and work-

### EMX PROJECT UPDATES

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**Project e-news:** weemx.ltd.org

shops already are underway. Construction of the \$96.7 million project — the most expensive in LTD's history — is scheduled to start in late November in downtown Eugene.

Transit officials say the start date still could be pushed back a bit.

The work will last two years. The project will build 28 transit stations and widen sections of the corridor to accommodate so-called business access and transit — or B&T lanes — that allow the buses to bypass traffic congestion but still allow motorists to turn onto side streets or into businesses. The line will be nine miles round-trip.

The first buses are set to roll in early 2017.

The financial assistance is more robust than what LTD of-

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## Blackwater Iraq guards found guilty in shootings

By PETE YOST, SAM HANANEL AND ERIC TUCKER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Four former Blackwater security guards were convicted Wednesday in the 2007 shootings of more than 30 Iraqis in Baghdad, an incident that inflamed anti-U.S. sentiment around the globe and was denounced by critics as an illustration of a war gone horribly wrong.

The men claimed self-defense, but federal prosecutors argued that they had shown "a grave indifference" to the carnage their actions would cause. All four were ordered immediately to jail.

Their lawyers are promising to file appeals. The judge did not immediately set a sentencing date.

The federal jury found Nicholas Slatten guilty of first-degree murder, the most serious charge in a multicount indictment. The three other

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# UO: Panel asks for quick action on some issues

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“climate” survey to assess rates of victimization; expanding opportunities for women’s self-defense training on campus; developing proposals to mandate that all students take classes on gender, sexuality and social inequity; and empowering the University Senate Intercollegiate Athletics Committee to address sexual violence issues within the UO athletic department.

“This is just the beginning,” Stabile said. “We know how enormous the problem is, but we want to be in the position to make meaningful changes.”

“We think the University of Oregon can be a leader in addressing this problem,” she added.

The University Senate will vote Nov. 5 on whether to approve the recommendations.

The University Senate task force — formally, the Task Force to Address Sexual Violence and Survivor Support — is urging the university to complete most of the recommendations by early next year, although the group is asking the university to act on some of the changes by Nov. 19.

The group has been meeting since July. It was formed shortly after three male UO basketball players were accused of raping an 18-year-old female student in the spring.

The 19-member task force’s initial recommendations represent a blueprint for long-term efforts to address sexual violence on campus, the group

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS SEXUAL VIOLENCE AT UO

- ◆ Create an Office to Address Sexual and Gender Violence on campus
- ◆ Give \$75,000 to fund a “climate” survey to assess rates of victimization on campus
- ◆ Immediately suspend plans to expand fraternities and sororities at the UO
- ◆ Empower the Senate Intercollegiate athletics Committee to address sexual violence issues related to athletics.
- ◆ Create a sexual assault task force for fraternities and sororities
- ◆ Hire more Sexual Awareness Advocacy Team members, at a cost of \$90,000
- ◆ Hire a coordinator with legal expertise to enforce a federal civil rights law, and hire three deputy coordinators, at a cost of \$205,000

wrote in its lengthy report, called “Twenty Students Per Week.” That number is an estimate of how many female UO students on average during college experience some kind of unwanted sexual contact for the first time, based on preliminary results from a UO psychology professor and graduate students’ survey.

That survey’s early results suggest that nearly 1 in 5 female students has been raped or experienced an attempted rape while attending the UO.

The initial findings from the survey — conducted by sexual violence expert and UO professor Jennifer Freyd, with her graduate students, Carly Smith and Marina Rosenthal — also indicate that 35 percent of female students have had at least one sexual experience without their consent.

Women in sororities are much more likely to be raped or experience

some kind of nonconsensual sexual contact compared with other students, the preliminary data show.

The task force — made up of UO faculty, students and a U.S. attorney — wrote in its report that such rates of sexual violence “directly jeopardize commitment to undergraduate and graduate education.”

A majority of rape victims suffer from chronic physical or psychological conditions and are more likely to commit suicide, according to the group’s report.

“We have no idea how many (students) are prevented from completing their education because of sexual violence,” Stabile said Wednesday. She said the task force believes the university should start tracking that data.

Task force members said the UO has defended existing sexual violence policies instead of working with campus and com-

munity leaders to improve those policies.

The committee also criticized the university for keeping secret information about sexual violence on campus and for blacking out most documents and emails related to the three now-former basketball players who were accused of rape. The committee said such actions have “had devastating and divisive consequences for our community.”

“We have a new opportunity to come together to do the hard but necessary work of creating effective, collaborative and sustained efforts to address sexual violence,” committee members said in the report.

Stabile said the university should not ignore research that shows that students involved in athletics and fraternities and sororities “play disproportional roles in sexual violence” on campus.

The task force’s report includes several recommendations to give additional sexual violence training and education to those students, as well as to students in band, debate and club sports.

In response to the task force’s preliminary recommendations last month, UO interim president Coltrane established a \$15,000 emergency fund to pay for prevention efforts and to support resources for sexual assault victims. He earmarked money from the president’s discretionary fund.

Coltrane on Wednesday spoke briefly about the recommendations. He said he appreciates the

task force’s efforts and that his office will consider the changes.

“It’s a very important problem,” Coltrane said. “We need to get ahead of it.”

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