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Block Man Hunted As Suspect In 8 Rapes

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Sheriff's detectives today disclosed an extensive hunt has been under way for a man who has attacked and raped eight women the past year in areas east of Sacramento.

Inspector Richard Shelby today said the same man is believed to have raped four women in Rancho Cordova, two in Del Dayo and two in the Crestview area.

He said the first case occurred in October last year. He said the man did not strike again until June. Four of the attacks were last month.

Shelby said the man also is believed responsible for a case in which a woman was molested and another in which a rape attempt was thwarted.

The sheriff's department has requested the rape cases be included in The Bee's Secret Witness program.

A reward of \$2,500 is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the rapist. Informants need not identify themselves. They are asked to telephone the private Secret Witness number, 442-6221, or to write, using instructions published on Wednesdays.

Sheriff's officials previously had asked the news media to hold back on reporting the case, saying publicity

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Hall said the cutbacks are not being caused by a lack of students at the colleges but by the fact that students are registering for fewer classes. Enrollment at the three colleges is 40,811, slightly higher than last year Hall said.

He said the smaller class sizes are causing a "chain reaction" effect. Daytime teachers will be forced to teach night classes, which in turn will result in the "bumping" of the night teachers.

The cancelled daytime classes include 55 at Cosumnes River, 40 at Sacramento City and 29 at American River.

The proposed cutbacks drew protests last night from the Los Rios Teachers Association, which said Chancellor Dr. Earl L. Klapstein had cancelled the classes without informing teachers.

Kathryn Crowe, LRTA chairwoman, said the cutbacks are unnecessary and that Klapstein's data is incorrect.

"Even if the colleges are overstaffed, the dropping of 124 sections from the day schedule would only yield an estimated saving of \$132,920 in evening college salaries," said Mrs. Crowe.

"Such an 'economy' seems foolhardy, especially when the savings are more than offset by the disadvantage of curtailing the only activity that is capable of generating additional revenue."

Mrs. Crowe said information compiled by the teachers indicates an additional \$18.8 million in new money will be available because of legislation passed after the budget was developed.

She also claimed the matter should have been studied by a fact-finding committee to verify that the cutbacks are necessary.

Klapstein said he will review the figures provided by the teachers and will give a report at the next meeting.

Hall said today he did not know which classes will be cancelled, adding that the presidents of the three

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would ruin any stakeouts aimed at capturing the suspect.

But the series of rapes came to light last night at a Del Dayo Parents Club meeting at Del Dayo School. The meeting conducted by deputies, was to have been on crime prevention in general but the series of rapes was disclosed after questions about rumored rapes from some of the 500 persons attending.

Shelby said the suspect is white, has a pale complexion, may be between 5-feet, 8-inches to 6-feet tall, of a medium build, 25 to 35 years old and has dark hair which hangs over his ears to his collar.

The attacks have been committed between 11 p.m. and 6:45 a.m. He frequently commits repeated attacks on individual victims over a period of three hours. He has entered the homes through a window.

Investigators describe him as a "cat burglar" type who finds out if a husband is home.

He has worn a mask, but descriptions are vague as to what kind. He has worn military type boots and black tennis shoes. His weapons have included a revolver, knife, a stick and a club.

He has cut and beat his victims, but none severely.

Breuner Dividend

Directors of the John Breuner Co. declared a 17 cents a share dividend on common stock, payable Nov. 15 to stockholders of record Nov. 1. The home furnishings company has paid dividends totaling 68 cents a year



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Bee Reporter Files

Sacramento Bee investigative reporter Denny Walsh yesterday sued the New Republic Book Company Inc. and Leonard Downie Jr., Washington