

Clear roofs, supply food

LHR volunteers fight snow

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For volunteers who have donated their time to Lane Human Resources (LHR) Center, less glory has been granted than enemy casualties in a John Wayne movie.

The hours have been long and the work tedious as volunteers have fought the effects of the record-breaking snowfall. Many people have stayed over night at the LHR offices on East 6th in order to handle cases early in the morning.

Willie Mims, head of the center, gave credit to all segments of the community for helping out. He singled out the work of University students, saying, "A great amount of gratitude is due to University kids who have unselfishly given their time to help the needy."

Remarkably, the spirit of the volunteers has remained high. As one girl said, "You have to be cheerful and happy just to keep going."

Averaging 215 calls during the 12 peak hours of the day, life in the LHR center is a scramble at best.

To handle the calls for assistance 180 volunteers and 60 four-wheel drive vehicles have been in constant service.

Typical of a case LHR has handled was the purchase and delivery of food to a welfare family sick with the flu.

They were without money because their check had not come in from Salem.

Monday night an alarm came in from two sisters over 80

Lane Human Resources directors have requested that students wishing to participate in volunteer emergency programs contact the center's offices at 342-5567. Volunteers may work in the offices or in groups clearing roofs and delivering necessary supplies to families in need. Offices are located at 34 East Sixth Ave.

years of age in Springfield whose roof was caving in. A jeep with six "roof jockies" was dispatched to the scene. Although the road leading to the home was covered with three feet of

snow for one-half mile, the volunteers trudged the distance to the isolated house.

Fortunately, the rescuers were able to save the roof.

Delivering firewood, transporting the sick to hospitals, having prescriptions filled, and purchasing food for invalids and the needy, are among the tasks LHR has undertaken.

Mims said he was very pleased with the community response to the emergency.

Response to LHR volunteers has ranged from amazement to gratitude.

One elderly gentleman asked a volunteer wearing an Oregon sweatshirt if he actually went to that place.

Most people helped by LHR were grateful and if possible contributed money to help offset the large debts run up by the organization in purchasing goods to give the poor.

Various merchants in the Eugene-Springfield area including Medo-Gold Dairy, Pietro's Pizza, and Williams Bakery, have contributed food, wood, and gas, to meet the emergency.

Parking, heating . . .

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The EMU will be open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. and all services will be provided.

According to Don Smith, assistant University Librarian, the general library, including the reserve book room, the science library, the architecture and allied arts library and the law library will be open today from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On Thursday, Friday, and the weekend, the general library will be open from at least 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Co-op will not be open because many of the staff live out of town and no parking space is available for them, according to G. L. Henson, Co-op manager.

Henson said he would try to get a skeleton crew together and open Thursday.

McArthur Court has also been closed because of a possibility the roof may collapse from the weight of the snow. Mac Court is the only building on campus in such danger according to Henshaw.

He said there was also no danger of power outages on campus since all wires were underground.

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The Eugene City Police report that efforts are being made to clear the city's main streets before tonight's expected snowfall.

Equipment has been borrowed from the National Guard and government agencies in order to clear the streets.

The city does not own equipment capable of handling the record breaking snowfall.

Police advise that motorists within the city use chains when traveling. Four wheel drive vehicles are best capable of traveling in hilly areas, according to officials.

Class . . .

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Nursing Education—no cancellations. The trip scheduled for Saturday to the University Nursing School in Portland has not been cancelled.

Philosophy—classes taught by John Wisdom cancelled.

Physics—no cancellations of large classes.

Political Science—large classes will meet. Students in seminars should contact department office.

Psychology—classes with more than 100 students will meet.

Religion—no cancellations.

Sociology—lecture classes will be held.

Speech—Speech 121 and 122 classes taught by Brice Wilkinson, the 9:30 class taught by Horace Robinson, and Speech 370 are cancelled.

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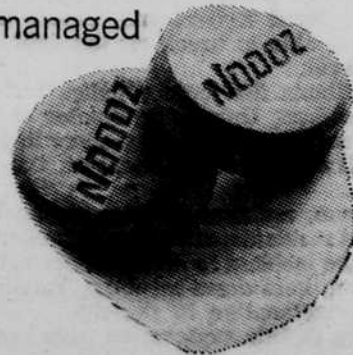
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