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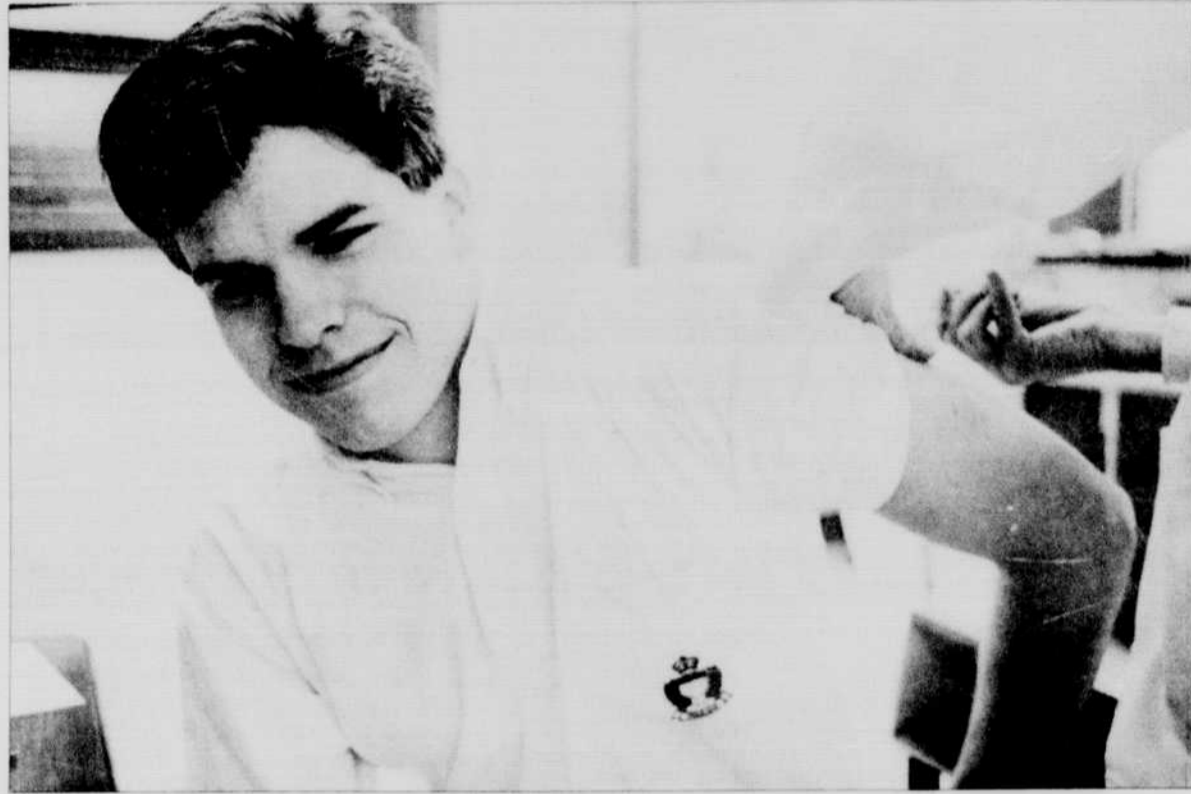


Photo by Mark Ylen

John Guinn takes advantage of free measles vaccination which the Student Health Center will offer through March 16. The health center is expecting a large turnout today.

Campus measles case reported

By Chris Bouneff
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A University student has been diagnosed as having measles, one day after the Student Health Center announced it would offer free measles injections to students.

Dr. James Jackson, health center director, said at a Tuesday afternoon news conference that the student was clinically diagnosed as having measles Monday after she went to the health center.

"The student who has come down with measles

is living in off-campus facilities so, at this point, we're not concerned about the dorms," Jackson said.

Sandy Mowrer, a public health nurse with the Lane County Health Division, said investigators were unable to trace where the student came in contact with the disease.

However, the student was in the same places as some people in the Eugene community who contracted measles, she said.

"No contact with known cases (was deter-

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Students traveling to lobby Congress

By Jolie Andrade
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Three United States Student Association board members are leaving today for Washington D.C. to lobby members of Congress in hopes that they can persuade them to abort the National Service Act.

The act would require prospective college students to serve two years of community or military service before applying for financial aid.

"Our primary concern is the reallocation of higher education budgets," said Tim Hughes, chair of the USSA North West Pacific region.

This is the most critical time for students to lobby because the reallocation of financial aid, which takes place every five years, is being considered this session, he said.

Hughes said students suffered a great loss in financial aid during the last reallocation session. Now, President Bush is proposing to lower the number of grants and Perkins loans even further.

The National Service Act is Congress' way of dealing with the increase in the number of students defaulting on government loans, Hughes said. Students volunteering for community service will receive a \$100 a week stipend. The maximum amount students may borrow after completing the requirements is \$10,000.

USSA is fundamentally opposed to this act because it deters the number of students entering universities.

"It targets the low-income and traditional under-represented people preventing them from further education," Hughes said. This also creates an added strain on the economy and educational system.

"It is also false to say that it's voluntary," he said, adding that a committee would assign students to prospective areas of service, essentially leaving them with little say in what they do.

President Bush is suggesting that this plan be instituted in conjunction with higher education, Hughes said.

Although Hughes agrees that default of student loans is an alarming problem, he does not feel this will deter the problem.

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Seniors make night-long vigil for rhet/com classes

By Thomas Prowell
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During the early hours Tuesday morning, more than 75 University rhetoric and communication seniors joined others who had camped overnight in lining up to pre-register for what few classes they could get in their major.

The festivities in Villard Hall started at 12:30 a.m. when two students, Mike Keep and Kelly Wieber, brought their pillows and blankets to mark the head of the line.

Registration for rhetoric and communication classes was not to begin until several hours later, at 8 a.m., on a first come, first served basis.

"This is kind of the response to administration's neglect of rhetoric classes," Wieber said.

By 7 a.m., the line stretched far back behind Wieber and Keep, down the three flights of stairs in Villard. People were dressed in sweats and jeans; several people nursed coffee cups. Sleepy looks were common. Students expected to be

eloquent speakers instead muttered in tired whispers and sentence fragments.

Despite the slumber party atmosphere, there was an undercurrent of resentment. All along the line, rhet/com majors were talking about the state of their department, which has been hard hit by budget cuts.

The students in line were limited to signing up for two classes; only seven 400-level classes were being offered. Many seniors need one or more of these classes to fulfill their major requirements and graduate by spring term. The competition to get them is fierce.

For the first two weeks of winter term, waiting lists of 60 to 70 people for classes that only held that much to begin with were common, Wieber said.

"You don't see this kind of behavior — this kind of pre-registration for any other department. You can see the list of classes is a joke. The department is in a state of disarray.

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Bartlett addresses state's 'health'

By Stephanie Holland
Emerald Reporter

Higher education Chancellor Thomas Bartlett was the keynote speaker Tuesday night at the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Partnership's annual board meeting.

The board, which met at the Valley River Inn, had dinner and listened to speakers highlight the past year's activities.

Bartlett discussed the economic and social futures of the state and of the country.

"Oregon is still uncertain of who we are," he said.

He said the country is entering an "economic age," which incorporates global and technological characteristics, and also includes a new idea of comparative advantage.

Oregon must be economically healthy and competitive to attract other people and industries to the state, Bartlett said.

This means the state must be an attractive place to live and work, it must have a stable and honest political system and it must have educated people.

However, Bartlett said Oregon has a long history of ambivalence about education.

"Education should be a magnet and a resource if we want to emphasize our comparative advantage," he said.

Higher education, most importantly, can contribute to the education of people — to "human capital," Bartlett said.

It can also contribute to the increase of international confidence, to specialist training, to research and to technology, he said.

Bartlett said he sees public schools, community colleges and universities pulling together for these efforts, and he praised bilingual elementary schools for their strides in bridging international problems.

Bartlett said he found Oregon's high rate of high school dropouts depressing.

He said 80 percent of the people incarcerated in United States jails and prisons were not graduated from high school. The majority of these people are functionally illiterate, he said.

The United States pays about \$24,000 per person each year to keep criminals in jail, Bartlett said. However, it costs about \$4,000 each year to keep a student in college.

"It's cheaper to send everybody to Harvard than it is to send them to prison," he said.

Bartlett also said the American emphasis on competitiveness and on small businesses masks a common fear of many people — the country needs more cooperation based on voluntary commitment.

Oregon overemphasizes individualism and its "instinctive reliance on small-scale entrepreneurs," he said. Small businesses are essential to the economy but they cannot compete on a global scale.

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