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## Planetarium schedules first public shows

□ Local planetarium carves a new niche as an entertainment, as well as an educational, facility

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The Lane Education Service District Planetarium has been about as visible as the Big Dipper at high noon since it was built in 1979.

Until last November, the facility, which is located by Autzen Stadium, was used exclusively as a tool to teach Lane County students about celestial wonders. Meanwhile, planetariums like OMSI were packing in stargazers and space cadets with a mix of hard rock laser shows and educational programs.

However, with a change in an Oregon statute last November, the planetarium is beginning to offer a full slate of programs aimed directly at the public. The amended statute lets the facility raise public money to run public shows.

Planetarium director John Elvert said

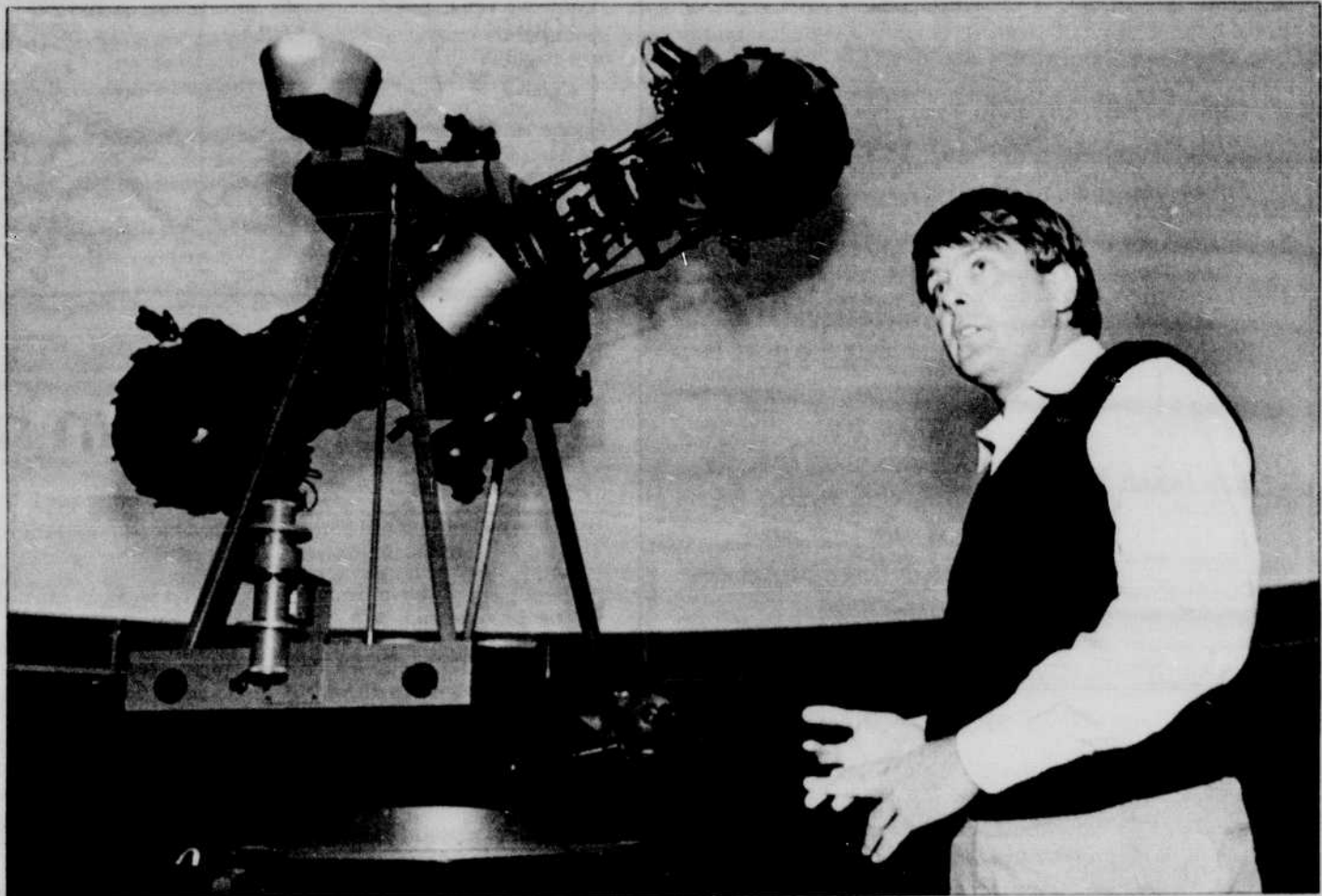


Photo by Jeff Paslay

John Elvert, director of the Lane Education Service District Planetarium, is easing the facility into the world of public programming. Until last November, the planetarium had been used exclusively as an educational tool.

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## New students seek liberal Eden

□ Freshman overlook tuition hikes and focus on the University's environment

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Incoming University students say rising tuition and fewer academic programs won't be much of a problem for them during the next four years of their college education.

They can tolerate the problems, they say, because this Oregon campus is a great, green Eden of liberal arts and culture.

At least that's what they've heard. And true or not, the reputation is bringing them here at a time when the University can use all the new students it can get.

The admissions office reports that last fall term, enrollment



Photo by Jeff Paslay

Caroline Neuman, an incoming freshman from Orinda, Calif., looks over her class options.

dropped down to 16,900 students from about 18,150 students enrolled a year earlier in 1990. Officials believe the drop was largely due to an increase in tuition.

But several future freshmen waiting to meet with an academic counselor Monday

as part of the annual Early Orientation Registration Program, said an increase in tuition didn't deter them from coming here.

Most said they picked Eugene not because of the foot-

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## Graduate programs get federal funding

□ University will provide additional funds to establish six new graduate training programs

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The University will pitch-in \$1.54 million over the next five years to combine with \$3.36 million in federal funds to launch several new graduate training programs in the College of Education.

The six programs will be aimed at helping educators cope with increases in the numbers of troubled youth and the full range of physical and learning disabilities encountered by teachers at all educational levels.

Funded for a total of about \$4.9 million from federal and University sources, the programs will be housed within the college's Division of Special Education and Rehabilitation.

Administrators with information on the University's decision were not available for comment.

Hill Walker, associate dean of special education and rehabilitation and director of the Center on Human Development, said in a press release that there is much competition among universities for such grants.

"(The grants) will allow us both to continue and to significantly expand our graduate training opportunities for Oregonians," he said. "We are trying to provide Oregon communities and their schools with the skilled personnel necessary to meet the develop-

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## WEATHER



A cooling trend that began in western Washington and western Oregon Sunday should continue for the next couple of days keeping the thermometer down and the clouds around.

Expect mostly cloudy skies today with some afternoon clearing. Highs should reach 75.

## 'MOO'VED TO STRIKE

TILLAMOOK (AP) - A lightning strike killed 23 cows Monday at a dairy farm on the Oregon Coast.

Firefighters were called to the farm near Cloverdale about 7:30 a.m. They found a 70- to 80-foot-tall spruce tree had been struck by lightning about 20 feet from the ground, said Nestucca Fire Chief Scott Koehler.

Nearly two dozen dead Holstein cows were lying on the ground, about 50 feet from the spruce. The cows had been standing in water left by a heavy rainstorm.

"Our best guess is it just electrified the water and killed them," Koehler said.

The Holsteins were worth \$35,000.

## SPORTS



SAINT-ETIENNE, France (AP) - Miguel Indurain rolled into the final week of the Tour de France easily holding onto his lead Monday.

Three-time American champion Greg LeMond quit the race Sunday over the 113-mile leg through the French Alps.

The race continues over flat terrain this week and ends Sunday in Paris.