

The Old West



More than 70 of Leonard Everett Fisher's "scratchboard" images are on display this week at the EMU gallery. These drawings are made by removing a thin layer of

black ink to reveal the white board underneath by scratching with knives or needles. Fisher has illustrated over 200 books.

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Education becoming top priority

University: Due to a proposed 15 percent cut, the Legislature has received proposals to fund higher ed

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Keeping tuition down and increasing compensation for faculty and staff top the list of priorities for both University lobbyists and Oregon State System of Higher Education government representatives.

"The bottom line is higher education is vitally important to Oregon's economy," said Randy MacDonald, director of legislative and community relations. "We just really need to convince the Legislature."

MacDonald, who is the primary lobbyist for the University, said he is cautiously optimistic because "there's not enough money to go around."

Even though the session is only two days old, leaders in the Legislature said they have an understanding of the educational funding needs throughout the state through speeches and proposals.

However, accommodating some of the crime initiatives passed in November's election has led to cuts in most areas of state government, higher education included.

Gov. John Kitzhaber's proposed budget includes a 15 percent cut in the amount of money higher education receives from the general fund. For the current biennium, higher education received \$667 million. Kitzhaber proposes to give \$603 million to higher education in the next biennium.

MacDonald said he is going to work to get more money from the general fund than Kitzhaber has proposed.

According to Grattan Kerans, director of government relations for OSSHE, there are a variety of ways to close the 15 percent gap. He said that tuition from increased enrollment, without changing the level of faculty, will help.

Kerans qualified his statement by saying the increased enrollment will be marginal and due in part to the increase in the number of Oregon high school graduates.

This will "include making sure each section is

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Workshop focuses on attitude as defense

Women: How to avoid personal attacks on campus

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Awareness and attitude are the first lines of defense against personal attack. Awareness of surroundings. Awareness of situations. And awareness of one's own attitude and ability in the event of an attack.

Lynda Staples of Personal Protection Training of Eugene spent two hours Tuesday highlighting the kinds of things

she said people need to think about in order to gain awareness. Staples' Self Defense Workshop was sponsored by the University's Women's Center.

Staples, a survivor of a violent sexual attack when she was a student here at the University, said the attack was part of her motivation for leading such workshops. But she said her unwillingness to become a victim — to let one episode in her life steal her independence — is another reason.

She spoke the eight women in attendance about being a survivor.

"It's not about sex. It's not about

appearance. It's not about attitude or lifestyle," she said. "It's about power. It's about hatred."

Attitude of being a survivor is critical, and a commitment to that attitude is what matters when it comes down to it, she said.

"We all have a survivor inside of us," Staples said. "And we need to be in touch with that survivor."

John Archer, a self defense instructor who holds instructional workshops in schools in the Lane County area, spoke

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GOOD MORNING

► (AP) A series of Pacific storms will move inland over the next few days bringing periods of wet and windy weather to much of Oregon.

The forecast for Wednesday calls for mostly cloudy skies and rain with highs ranging from the upper 30s to the mid-50s.

► SEATTLE (AP) — More than \$3 million was collected for 6,545 Washington workers from employers who violated the federal minimum-wage law during the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, the federal Department of Labor said.

The agency said Tuesday it also collected \$950,837 for workers in Oregon, \$694,155 in Idaho and \$326,648 in Alaska.

In all, \$5,027,715 was collected for 9,662 workers in the four states, including \$3,056,075 from 267 employers in Washington.

The federal minimum wage is \$4.25 an hour.

TOP FLICKS

You say you have no plans this three day weekend? Maybe what you need are some movies to watch. Here are the Top 10 all-time movies based on video rentals and sales.

1. E.T.
2. Jurassic Park
3. Star Wars
4. Return of the Jedi
5. Batman
6. Empire Strikes Back
7. Home Alone
8. Ghostbusters
9. Jaws
10. Raiders of the Lost Ark

SOURCE: 1995 World Almanac

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Lawsuits filed against Measure 8

Pension: Many public workers question the measure's constitutionality

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Public workers are actively battling the enactment of Measure 8 and have filed at least five lawsuits against it in various counties around the state.

Measure 8, which requires public employees to contribute 6 percent of their salaries to their pension funds, went into effect Jan. 1, but only affects future contracts. Most public employee contracts are renegotiated every two to three years.

For a large portion of public employees, namely workers under the governor's control, contract negotiations have been delayed from January to July.

The legal challenges have been filed by groups ranging from the League of Oregon

Cities, the Oregon Public Employees Union, former Govs. Robert Straub and Vic Atiyeh, to the city of Eugene itself.

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MEASURE

Third in a five-part series

One suit claims that Measure 8 revises the Oregon Constitution as opposed to amending it. The plaintiffs claim that Measure 8 is tantamount to a revision of policy.

Another constitutional challenge claims that Measure 8 violates the "home-rule" pow-

ers granted to municipalities through the state Constitution.

According to Phil Weiler at the city of Eugene, "home-rule" powers are granted to cities to govern their citizens.

According to Weiler, even though Eugene voters rejected Measure 8 by 63 percent, the state approval of the measure would require Eugene citizens to change the way it pays its employees.

"It erodes Eugene's home-rule powers," Weiler said.

Another suit involving a constitutional challenge questions the appropriateness of making a constitutional amendment about state employee contracts.

"The Constitution gives guiding principles on government," Weiler said. "It doesn't outline how much you plan to pay employees."

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