

# Program links learning with labor

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The University's new Learn and Earn (LEarn) Program is called a success by many of its coordinators and has helped students benefit from their on-campus jobs financially and through hands-on experience this year.

The LEarn Program, which was implemented last fall, was created to help students prepare for the working world by developing new technological skills and linking students' learning in the classroom with learning experiences outside the classroom.

"The LEarn Program recognizes that learning occurs and important skills are developed in campus settings outside the traditional classroom," said John Moseley, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

A variety of jobs was developed for both need-based and non-need-based students, including help with linking the Yamada Language Center with

the Janus system, acquiring new equipment as a purchase consultant and assisting in editing an academic journal. Of the 175 new positions created, 145 have been filled.

Larry Smith, director of the Career Center, said the success of the program indicates further expansion next year.

"The jobs that have been created for this program are amazing," Smith said. "The faculty and staff have been very supportive and excited about this new program. We anticipate being almost overwhelmed with new positions for next year."

Other schools have noticed the program and may start similar programs of their own, said Michelle Waltuck, special projects coordinator for the vice provost.

"It's become a nationally known project in such a short time," Waltuck said. "Many other schools are talking about it and featuring it in their newspapers."

Although many of the posi-

tions are created for need-based students who have work study through the University, \$200,000 will be used for positions open to all students.

Bill Taylor, the program coordinator, said these jobs are more than just a way to help finance school. Many positions can help boost a student's career, he said.

"The job titles that were created are really high quality to be used on resumes," he said. "It's not just a paycheck or punching a time clock everyday."

Gerry Moseley, vice provost for academic support and student services, said the program is beneficial to the University.

"This program takes on the dual role of both assisting in the work we, as University professionals, do as well as utilizes and evaluates the skills important in students' later lives and employment," Moseley said.

Information about LEarn positions is available in the Career Center.

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# Measure may limit child pornography

SALEM (AP) — Bob Vandolemen is doubtful that a measure aimed at halting child pornography and tightening the state's obscenity law will put the adult entertainment industry out of business.

"It's just like prostitution, that's been here since the [dark ages]," he said. "People just can't control it."

Vandolemen should know.

For the last 20 years he has owned an adult book and video store in Salem. He says he carries no child pornography and caters only to consumers of what he calls "mainstream porn."

But Vandolemen is not sure what a proposed constitutional amendment being pushed by Senate President Gordon Smith, R-Pendleton, would do to his store.

"They've tried for quite a few years, and nothing has passed. I know eventually it's going to," he said. "I don't want to go out of business. But there's nothing I can do about it."

Putting people like Vandolemen out of business is exactly what Smith says he has in mind.

His measure, SJR41, would give obscenity and child pornography no greater protection under the Oregon Constitution than afforded by the U.S. Constitution.

"Their products victimize women and children just by their very production," Smith said. "I think we ought to have the courage to see the difference between legitimate free speech and filth."

The measure was scheduled for a Wednesday vote in the Senate.

The proposal is similar to a measure on the

November 1994 ballot that voters defeated.

Smith says his measure is different because the bill stresses the words, "no greater protection." He blames failure of the 1994 measure on a ballot title drafted by the attorney general.

Smith says the Legislature can write its own title for his proposal, so the public will better understand the purpose of the bill.

"I think the public got hoodwinked by a terrible ballot title that created a false argument about free speech," Smith said. "The ballot title allowed the pornography industry to hide behind the diary of Anne Frank."

Dave Fidanque, executive director of the Oregon chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, said like the last proposal, Smith's measure threatens freedom of speech.

"You don't need to amend the Oregon Bill of Rights to prohibit child pornography," he said. "The only reason to amend the Bill of Rights is to take away the freedom of expression from Oregonians and to encourage censorship."

Fidanque says he understands the motives of Smith and Rep. Kevin Mannix, D-Salem, who has introduced a similar measure in the House.

"It's a well-intentioned effort that is going to lead to greater censorship of legitimate expression. It will give the green light to censors to challenge library materials," he said.

Mannix says Oregon needs to outlaw selling, purchasing and viewing of child pornography. His measure, HJR20, is intended to bring Oregon's obscenity statutes in line with other states.

# Bonney Lake man suspected in 12 rapes

SEATTLE (AP) — Authorities are seeking a Bonney Lake man charged Tuesday in two rapes and considered a suspect in 10 other attacks on women in King, Pierce and Thurston counties over the past year and a half.

Jeffrey Paul McKechnie, 26, was charged Tuesday with two counts each of first-degree rape, robbery and burglary by King County prosecutors.

He is a suspect in nine additional rapes, burglaries and one attempted rape since January 1994 in communities from Federal Way to Vancouver, Wash., according to court papers filed by Senior Deputy Prosecutor Kristin Richardson.

Charges were filed and a warrant issued for McKechnie's arrest after more than 130 tips poured in to the Kent Police Department, which late last week released a composite drawing and videotape of the suspect using automated teller machines to withdraw money from the victims' accounts using ATM cards and identification codes he forced from them.

One of the victims, a 63-year-old Kent woman, tentatively identified him as her assailant in a photo line-up, police and prosecutors said.

His wife also identified him from ATM photographs, court papers said. She told police she had discovered a knife, a mask, a rope with loops at each end and bloody towels in the car she shared with the defendant, but had never ques-

tioned him about the items, court documents said.

McKechnie had been working for Lumber Products in Kent, but did not show up for work Friday and has not returned to his home in the Pierce County community of Bonney Lake, police said.

Authorities suspect he has fled the area.

"We don't know where he is but we'll be following up on some more leads," said Detective Sgt. Bob Holt of the Kent Police Department. "We feel that it was important to get his name and photo out because it is through the public that he was identified."

Most of the rapes occurred late at night in the victim's home, police said. The assailant usually entered through an unlocked door or window while the victims were sleeping. All were tied up and threatened with the attacker's gun or a knife from their own kitchens.

Prosecutors said he had been convicted of attempted statutory rape and had a record of prior arrests for robbery and theft.

His wife said he had recently been reading law books and had told her he would "never get caught again," according to court documents.

Arraignment was scheduled for May 24, said spokesman Dan Donohoe in the prosecutor's office. The arrest warrant suggests a cash bail of \$500,000.

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