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Steve Lopez poses with some of his work, which is on display in the Laverne Krause Gallery in Lawrence Hall.

By Kristina Rudinskas  
*Oregon Daily Emerald*

Graffiti artist Steve Lopez wants to bring ideas to life through his art, on exhibit this week at the Laverne Krause Gallery in Lawrence Hall.

At the University, he brings the illegal art of graffiti to a more accessible level.

"I'd like to paint them on walls, but who's going to come through somewhere and take the time and get out of their busy schedules, get out of their little worlds and check out something on the back of the wall or under a bridge or something?" he said.

The origin of illegal graffiti is a form of expression that fuels his art.

"You've already been set within a political realm of why things aren't making sense to you," he said. "You see the way things happen in your neighborhood, and they don't appear right, so you paint that."

The artwork's violent colors and political overtones leave a lasting impression.

His artwork tells stories of sexism, racism, environmental degradation and child abuse.

"I've often wondered if people think I have a big mouth, man," he said. "Cause I got a voice, and it's pretty big."

## Art that goes BOOM

Using canvas instead of the walls of buildings or underpasses, Steve Lopez paints emotion as graffiti

He plays off stereotypes and contradictions. In two matched pieces he depicts men and women as tools such as hammers, screws, nails and nuts.

"Kinda like how much do you know of construction and of yourself," Lopez said.

Another piece shows a clock and a toxic symbol turning into a peace sign. Lopez said the painting depicts environmental racism and the degradation of the environment.

"We want to show contrasts. If we're going to show destruction, we

want to show good," he said. Lopez, who signs his name Frust8, uses acrylic spray paint on huge wall-size canvases. Using four different tips on the spray cans, he can regulate the flow onto the canvas.

Most of his eight-foot-high pieces were finished in a couple hours. The largest painting consists of several connected six-foot canvases completed over four or five days with another graffiti artist during last summer's Lane County Fair.

Lopez started creating graffiti art when he was a teenager in East Los

Angeles. Today, as a visual design major, his pieces are loud and creative.

"I'm just one of many; I'm nothing special," he said.

Part of the attraction of graffiti art lies in its assault on the senses. Vibrant oranges and teals swirl across huge pieces on the gallery wall.

"Sometimes we worry about technical aspects so much that it swamps the creativity," he said. "I just wanted it to look cool. I wanted it to catch your eye and go boom."

Lopez plans to go into animation because he wants to make his ideas move. He also works with computer graphic design and has produced a few album covers.

"You've got to realize what makes you turn, what makes you vomit, what makes you smell," he said. "You're not going to be all sissy-foot. You're not going to look at something and be all calm and nice. You've got to feel some kind of urge inside you to explode."

He said he wishes more artists would embrace the power they have to communicate messages or ideas. He uses graffiti art as an outlet for frustrations and emotions about the way the world works.

"Without this stuff, I would probably go insane."

## Program collects old coats to keep homeless warm

Collection bins are located around campus and at the Community Internship Program office in the EMU Breezeway

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Project Warmth wants your old coats to keep others warm.

The Community Internship Program, located in the EMU Breezeway, is collecting old coats during November to distribute to the Eugene Mission, a local homeless shelter.

Drop-off bins are located in front of the ASUO office, the CIP office in the breezeway, in front of the University Bookstore, in Hamilton Complex and the University Inn and at several greek houses.

Students who drop off coats will receive a coupon good for 25 percent discount on GEAR sports jackets at the University Bookstore.

The Community Internship Program has been a fixture on campus since 1969. The new office in the EMU Breezeway has raised its visibility.

The program offers students a unique opportunity

to receive credits for community work through the College of Education.

"Internships in general are more and more important," said Laura Wallace, CIP director. "A degree isn't enough. You need to have experience."

Students who volunteer for a non-profit organization and work 30 hours per term can earn one practicum credit on their transcript. Those who apply for the first time must attend a seminar once a week geared toward the topic of the internship.

"A lot of people do their placement in relation to their major," said Michele Vandemeghel, events and outreach coordinator for the CIP. "It gives people a direct funnel for their energy through experience."

The program places students in five different areas. Students can volunteer to coach or tutor in local public elementary or high schools.

Another option, the mentorship program, allows students to earn credit for participating in Big Brother and Big Sister programs or Committed Partners for Youth, which works with at-risk teenagers.

Interning students who hope to be future educators often determine which age groups they want to work with, Wallace said.

The program can also place University students

in the Outdoor School program in the winter. In the program University students help students with special needs during the week-long science education camp.

"I've seen people come back and say, 'Wow, I didn't know I could do that and survive with sixth graders for a week,'" Wallace said.

Student leaders can also earn credit if they are in non-stipend positions and volunteer for an ASUO program. Shadowing a community leader, such as Mayor Jim Torrey, is also an option for students to pursue in the program.

The human services category encompasses all other students volunteering for non-profit organizations.

One of the goals of the program is to increase community awareness and offer people the opportunity to be a positive influence in their neighborhoods, Wallace said.

The demand for student participation in the community is high. More than 500 organizations can be reached through the CIP.

"Nine out of 10 just want someone," Vandemeghel said. "If we don't have what you want, we have lots of connections."

## University briefs

### Leadership meeting positions available

The ASUO is accepting applications for participation in the Northwest Leadership Conference at Portland State University Nov. 13-14. Currently, ASUO has 26 open sponsorships available.

The conference will give students the opportunity to work on leadership development and hosts more than 90 workshops dealing with topics such as advocacy, community service and media relations. More than 500 students from all over the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia are expected to attend.

The conference is open to any student, and the cost is \$25. Any one interested should stop by the ASUO Office at EMU Suite 4 to sign up. Those interested should talk to outreach associate Tifani Jagodnik or outreach director Jessica Billingslea.

Jagodnik has attended the conference for the past two years and found it to be a positive experience.

"It's amazing meeting students from around the Northwest," she said. "Issues on their campuses are similar to issues on all campuses across Oregon."

### Vietnam's economy subject of lecture

Two Vietnamese scholars who are in the United States to help develop international business programs in Vietnam, Thailand and Oregon will present a free public lecture today at 3 p.m. at Collier House. The lecture will focus on Vietnam's efforts to transform itself into a market-driven economy.

Dr. Pham Lan Huong and professor Pham Dinh Phuong are currently in residence at the University as visiting scholars in a U.S. Information Agency project.

The Center on Asian and Pacific Studies is sponsoring their visit as part of the three-year project. The program allows the exchange of 15 scholars from four participating universities, including the University, Oregon State University, Van Lang University in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, and Payap University in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Pham is the director of Van Lang University's International Training Center, has participated in the development of an economic and social development plan for both South Vietnam and Ho Chi Minh City, and is researcher and an author as well.

Phuong, dean of Van Lang University's College of Business and Economics, is the manager of the Department of Foreign Investment Consultancy and Marketing with the Saigon Architect and Engineering Co., located in Ho Chi Minh City. He researches tourism, quality management and industrial development.

### CAS professor awards presented at banquet

A Hollywood actor/writer/director, a software entrepreneur and a molecular biologist will receive the highest alumni award given by the College of Arts and Sciences on Friday, at the fourth annual CAS Profiles in Achievement Awards Banquet in the Paul Olum Atrium in Willamette Hall.

The 1998 CAS Alumni Fellow Awards will go to veteran filmmaker Larry Ferguson; Marcia Youel Smith, president of the

software company Columbia Cascade Inc.; and Prapon Wilairat, associate director of the Institute of Science and Technology at Mahidol University in Thailand.

The award was formerly called the Dean's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Each recipient of the Alumni Fellow Award will meet with students in regularly scheduled classes and seminars. Wilairat and Smith also will participate in an open seminar to be held on campus the day of the awards. The topic of the seminar will be "South East Asia: Challenges of Science and Technology in the Twenty-First Century."

The college will also bestow Distinguished Professorship Awards on professors in Humanities, Natural Sciences and Social Sciences.

Receiving the award will be Thomas Givón, a linguistics professor and author of the critically acclaimed novel, "Running Through Tall Grass"; James Mohr, a history professor and a nationally recognized expert on the history of abortion in the United States; and Franklin Stahl, a biology professor and one of seven University members of the National Academy of Sciences.

The Department of Chemistry will honor alumnus and chemistry professor at Dartmouth College Gordon Gribble with the 1998 Alumni Achievement Award.

The distinguished professorship awards recognize scholarly achievement by senior faculty.

### Lecture to discuss Russian literature

The historical reasons for the contemporary crisis in Russian culture will be discussed at a free lecture and reception Nov. 9 at 3:30 p.m. in Gerlinger Lounge.

Russian literary scholar Dr. Mary Petrusiewicz will use themes and trends in contemporary Russian literature to approach the problem of a changing Russian nationalism.

Petrusiewicz is the Russian and Eurasian Research Scholar Program manager with the American Councils for International Education. She earned her doctorate degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in Russian literature. She is currently writing a book entitled "Ivan Bunin and European Modernism," with an expected publication date of June 2000.

### Slide show presents ancient Roman battle

Cleopatra and Antony's last battle will be presented in a slide show entitled "The Search for the Battle of Actium," on Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. in 115 Lawrence. The Eugene chapter of the American Institute is sponsoring the lecture, led by professor William Murray of the University of South Florida.


The Actium project focuses on the birth of the Roman Empire and the victory of the West over the threat of the East. Murray specializes in marine archaeology and participated in the Actium Project, the first underwater survey of its kind, in 1993, 1994 and 1997. He will present the latest results as well as artifacts located by means of underwater robots.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, call 346-1037.

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**Wednesday November 18, 6:30-10:00pm**  
 Jewish Culture Night. Featuring the local band: **Klezmonauts**. The Fir Room, EMU.

**Thursday, November 19, 7:30pm**  
 Rosh Chodesh-Head of the Month. This is a special event for women only. Hillel, 1059 Hillyard.

**Tuesday, November 17, 4:00-5:30pm**  
 JSU's monthly coffee talk hosted by Professor Richard Stein. 4:00-5:30. The Multicultural Center, EMU.

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