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to a PBX switchboard, the old style board with cords that had to be physically plugged into the appropriate slot.

The office used to be called Telephone Exchange until people started calling and asking if they exchanged telephones.

In 1970, the system was upgraded to the Centrex system, the first direct dialing to an extension available on campus.

In February 1990, the system was upgraded again to AT&T System 85. Several upgrades later, the current system is the Lucent G3 which offers voice, data and video capabilities.

"I love being a telephone operator," Grover said. "I always have and that's why I'm still here."

Dianne Nelson has been an operator for 38 years. If the other women in the office don't know the answer, she's the first person they ask before

referring a call to Grover.

"People think because I've been here so long that I know their voices and I know who they are," Nelson said. "Sometimes, people say I'm the voice of the University because I've been here for so long."

Jenny Marston, a first-year law student and a part-time operator, said some of the most popular requests are for information about ballroom dancing, financial aid or transcript requests.

Marston said the most interesting call she can remember was from someone who needed to know what to do about an arrest warrant.

"Luckily, because I'm a law student, I knew what to do," she said.

Kristina Granby, a senior English major and part-time operator, said she frequently takes calls when someone asks, "Is Dave

there?" or so-and-so.

Her response is to ask for a last name so she can look up the number but the answer she gets is, "Well, don't you know? He goes to school there."

"I think people think [Eugene] is outback or something and it's amazing that we even have a college," Granby said.

Sometimes it's difficult to find out what a caller really needs.

"You have to be investigative reporters to find out what they need," Grover said. "The thing is to clarify. Clarify. Clarify. Clarify. I love having calls I really need to research. Sometimes, it's just like a puzzle for the campus operators."

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grave concerns among all members of the court," according to an e-mail sent from Corcoran. The court established several rules in addition to the court rules governing public hearings. The rules will do the following: set distinct time limits for the petitioner, Scott Austin and the respondents, ASUO executive to speak; permit the court to ask questions of anyone present or requested to be present and give the Court the choice of canceling the hearing if any disturbances occur.

Corcoran affirmed the court's support of free speech but discouraged behavior which "would detract from our serious attention to addressing the questions and issues raised in this case."

Corcoran described the crime as a form of harassment and attempted intimidation.

"Whoever did it has decided to take it to the next step and make it personal," Barker said.

Tamir Kriegel, managing editor of the Oregon Commentator, said his publication was not involved with the crime.

"Whenever people combat the written word with physical action it is evil," Kriegel said.

He described the action as "Godfather-esque" and said the Oregon Commentator is "totally contained within the written and spoken word."

Representatives from the Committee to Re-establish OSPIRG, which also has a ballot measure proposed for the special elections, were not available for comment. Barker reported the dead chicken

to the Eugene Police.

Because Constitution Court members are considered government employees, the chicken deposit constitutes a threat against a government official.

According to Special Agent Gordon Compton of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it violates United State Code, title 18 section 115.

It also could be considered an intent to impede, intimidate or retaliate, he said. The punishment for these crimes is a fine or imprisonment for up to a year, or both.

"Without suspect information we cannot investigate," said Jan Powers, media representative of the Eugene Police Department. "They [Barker and Corcoran] are being punished for what they were elected to do."

News Briefs

Former World War II pilots speak today

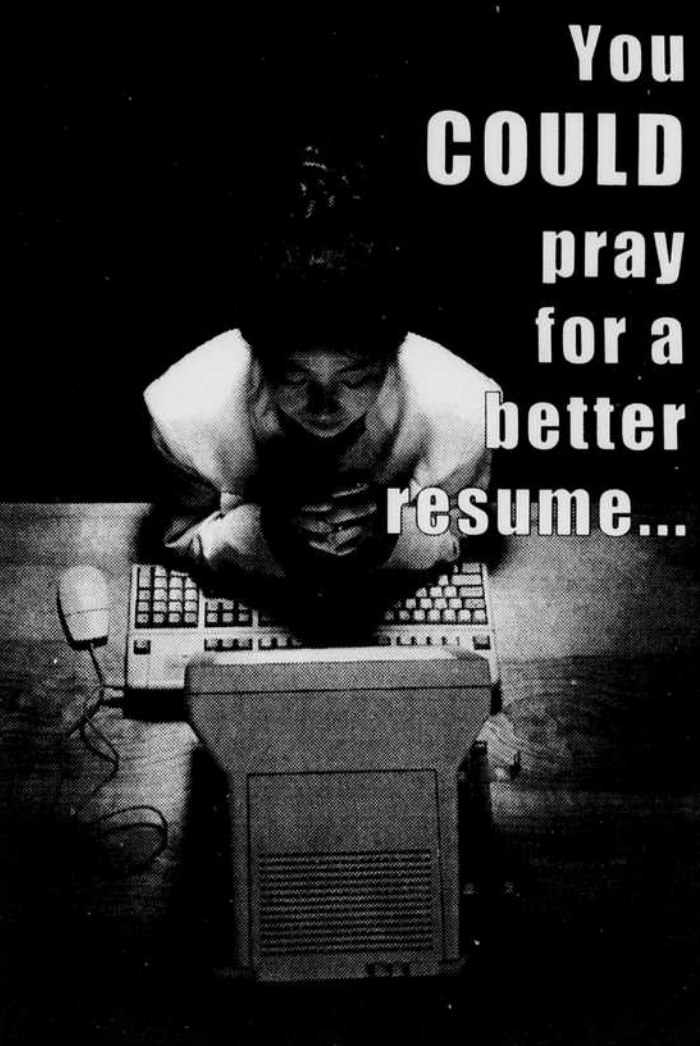
The three former World War II pilots, Jim Wiley, Bill Holloman and Ed Drummond, were all members of the Tuskegee Experiment, which marked the first opportunity for black Americans to train and serve as pilots.

The lecture is a part of the Freshman Seminar, "Come Fly With Me: Exploring the Heritage of Flight" taught by Bill Lamon, University associate professor emeritus and ex-Belgian Air Force reserve officer cadet. He is also a search and rescue command pilot in the Civil Air Patrol.

Freshman Seminars are small-

class sessions taught by veteran faculty and provide first-year students with opportunities for in-depth studies on a variety of topics. Freshmen may choose from among nearly 200 seminar offerings each year.

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