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## Shake

## continued from page 1 quake, and I needed to get out of

the building," she said. Novkov said it was the first earthquake she experienced and "hopefully, my last.

While she said she isn't too concerned about aftershocks, Novkov said she hopes the University takes the proper steps to ensure PLC doesn't collapse in any later quakes.

"I hope they check this building over thoroughly, and soon," she said.

Dawna Miller, a city manager's

were made by Seattle leaders.

assistant who was inside City Hall during the earthquake said "it felt like my chair was rocking forward and back, forward and back.'

'We just had everybody leave the building. We checked the building for structural damages and found none," she said.

Police blocked off Eighth Avenue between High and Pearl Streets during the evacuation, forcing a few Lane Transit District buses to reroute

Ike Jenson, Lane County emergency management coordinator, said his office has received no reports of earthquake-related damage in the county.

And Greta Pressman, campus relations director with Facilities Services, said there was "no reported damage," though she heard several campus buildings rocked through the earthquake that lasted less than a minute.

Doug Toomey, an associate professor of geology, said while earthquakes can be destructive, they also relieve some of the seismic pressure along continental plates that may prevent a large quake in the future

"Whenever there's an earthquake, it does release pressure," he

said. He said the Northwest is a prime

There was damage to a number of

other buildings, mostly minor

cracks and broken glass. Bricks fell

from the top of Starbucks headquar-

ters onto cars parked below and

piled up on sidewalks in the popu-

lar Pioneer Square neighborhood,

the scene of Mardi Gras celebrations

the night before.

area for earthquakes because it is near where the Juan de Fuca continental plate is slowly moving below the North American plate, creating a subduction area.

'That gives rise to considerable types of stress," he said.

While California has the reputation for earthquakes, Toomey said they are more frequent in Washington and Oregon then most people realize. He said seismic activity is common, but just on a geological time scale that is far different from a human sense of time.

"It's probably rare on our scale, but it's not that rare for the area," he said.

Mayor Paul Schell said city crews

were examining buildings for safe-

ty. He said preparations and seismic

"I think the city has been very mindful of earthquake risks," Schell

said. "We have no catastrophic

remodeling had paid off.

damage."

Quake continued from page 1 your voice getting walls at the governor's mansion, de-HEARD? clared a state of emergency, freeing state resources and clearing the way for federal aid. Similar declarations

Screams erupted at a Seattle hotel where Microsoft founder Bill Gates was addressing an education and technology conference. He was whisked away as his audience bolted for the exits. Some people were knocked down by others trying to get out. Overhead lights fell to the floor.



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called the arrangement a sell-out.

"There is nothing we can do as far as preventing that other than asking people to respect each other's ideas and to keep an open mind about things and allow other people to speak," Landis said.

Law student Jennifer Soice, one of the four organizers this year, said she felt the hecklers acted within reason.

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ceptance of other people's ideas, and understand that it is a forum and you don't have to agree with everything that is said," she said. "But I think it was the right thing to do.'

She said many new organizations and ideas have begun at previous conferences. Owl Litigation, protection for owls, and E-Law, environmental protection through the law, were created here, she said.

Adams said he is encouraged by the number of ideas that come from the conference. He said it is

easy to forget about the important issues in the environment. 'When you're doing your own

work, it is easy to become focused on one thing and forget about the big picture," he said. "When you come here and there are 20-plus panels, you get your eyes opened to so many new ideas.

"There is a sense of urgency," Landis said. "The environment is not going to get any better by itself. It has got to be something that takes work on everyone's part to make sure it is there for our grandchildren to enjoy."

"I hope people take away ac-



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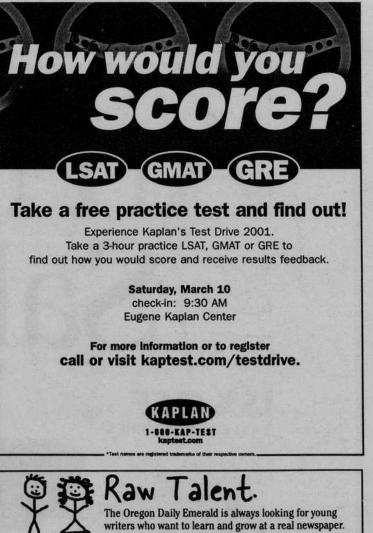
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