

News brief

LCC flight school investigated

The Lane Community College Flight Technology School was one of the several flight schools in the United States to be inspected by the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

Harvey Birdseye, the department chairman for LCC's flight school, said the FBI conducted a thorough investigation and the school re-

ceived "a clean bill of health."

"The FBI looked at the last six years of our files and determined that we were running a clean operation," Birdseye said. "We are now on a full flight schedule without restrictions."

FBI Spokeswoman Beth Anne Steele said she could make no comment on any investigations related to the terrorists attacks.

—Lindsay Buchele

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happened several years ago, things haven't changed as far as the University's responsibility for workers' rights or equal pay for garments we wear," she said, adding that she does not necessarily see Knight's donation pledge as positive.

Others, however, don't reflect fondly or proudly on the well-known Johnson Hall protest or efforts to sign on to the WRC.

"Our long campus nightmare is finally over," senior business major Bret Jacobson said. "It took awhile, but common sense won over blind radicalism."

Jacobson, who is also the publisher of the Oregon Commentator, added that aside from the monetary benefits, Knight's decision sends a positive message to other donors.

"Hopefully, this will be a final symbol to our alumni that this institution takes their opinions and not just their donations seriously," he said.

Senior Scott Rawitscher, president of the Beta Alpha Psi accounting fraternity, said Knight's withdrawal was a big loss, but his return to donor status will prove beneficial to all students.

"This just goes to show how loyal he is to the University," he said. "Some people would probably cut ties altogether, and I think this is re-

ally positive. Getting more donations — and the kind of money Phil Knight gives — brings more to the students and higher recognition to the schools."

But some students still remember the long fight in front of Johnson Hall spring term of 2000, which gained national attention and united hundreds of students who camped for days to show their dedication to improved labor conditions. When Frohnmayer signed on to the WRC, they thought they had reached a pinnacle.

Senior Jevon Cutler, who spent days on the Johnson Hall lawn in support of the WRC, said he saw Knight's return coming. Last year, the State Board of Higher Education approved a rule which effectively banned the University from joining the WRC. Frohnmayer also signed the University on to the Fair Labor Association, a different labor monitoring group accused by activists of working for corporations. Both actions probably helped win back Knight's support, he said.

"Even when he was pulling his money, I was saying, 'He'll be back,'" Cutler said. "The (University) took all the right steps to get him to come back. We're back to Nike campus."

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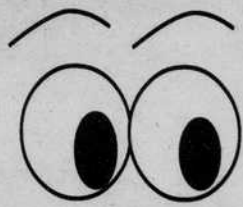
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