

## News brief

### Domestic violence clinic receives additional funding

The Oregon Attorney General's Office recently helped expand the services of a Lane County domestic violence clinic.

The County Domestic Violence Clinic of Legal Aid, which provides legal services to low-income victims

of domestic violence and stalking, received a \$274,000 grant from the attorney general's office in August.

The grant money has allowed the clinic to hire two new attorneys and two new advocates specifically charged with bringing the clinic's services to rural and Spanish-speaking victims of domestic violence.

The clinic, which is co-sponsored by the University School of

Law, also offers internship opportunities to University law students. Each term, up to 10 third-year law students get to represent clients in court — usually in cases involving contested protective orders.

According to clinic director Marlene Drescher, the students, most of whom have never tried a case before beginning their internships, represent about 75 people per year and win about 85 to 90 percent of their cases.

The clinic first opened in January 1999 and currently serves about 550 clients per year. The grant will help the clinic to serve more clients and reach previously unserved groups in the community, Drescher said.

"We feel that the Latino community has been underserved," she said, "both because of language and culture barriers and because of a lack of community resources in the past."

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## Budget cuts

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results to the governor. In October, Kitzhaber called on all state agencies to submit budget reduction plans to offset a projected \$290 million shortfall in state revenues. The plans, he said, will help lay the groundwork for a special session to rebalance the state's biennial budget. The proposals were initially due Friday, but the board was given until Wednesday because they could not hammer out details of the cuts.

Board members voting against Cox's proposal objected to spending \$7.2 million on a new campus while being forced to consider state funding cuts that could reach 10 percent.

"This is not an easy thing to say, but somebody at some point has to say it: We can't afford the education system we have," State Board student representative Tim Young said. "Putting another hungry mouth at the table would do a disservice to the programs we already have."

Young said he voted against the plan because of worries over funding of the Cascades campus. He speculated that at least four of the six "no" votes were also because of similar funding issues with the Cascades campus.

However, officials at Oregon State University expressed concerns that Monday's vote may signal a lack of commitment to the campus, whose

academic programs began in September 2001.

"This could become a self-fulfilling prophecy in terms of students who are deciding to attend the university this year," OSU Provost Tim White said. "It is a great concern that we do not lose enrollment over this conversation."

Construction on a building to house faculty offices and classrooms will be completed in August 2002. Also, OSU is in the process of hiring faculty members and an "executive officer" to run the campus.

Board member Erin Watari, who voted for the budget proposal, agrees that the Cascades campus could suffer because of apparent lack of commitment to the campus.

"I don't think we can back out on our commitment," she said, pointing out that a 20-year lease was signed for the new building.

Watari also questioned the timing of opposition to Bend, just days before budget cutting plans are due.

The Board originally met on Friday to discuss proposals to cut the state budget. However, they asked Cox to revise some of the proposals to protect statewide public service programs, research funds and new engineering programs. Cox said his plan took those concerns into account as well as educational priorities of the legislature and the governor.

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**Student Life Events**

**Wednesday, Nov. 21**  
Flu clinic: Lane County Public Health offers flu shots for \$15. 1-4 p.m. 135 E. Sixth Ave.

**Friday, Nov. 23**  
Craft show: The Oregon HomeCrafters Association presents the HomeCrafters Christmas Show featuring quality arts and crafts. Show runs Nov. 23-24 and Dec. 1 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Nov. 25 and Dec. 2 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Performance Hall, Lane County Fairgrounds. Free admission and parking.

**Monday, Nov. 26**  
Flu clinic: Lane County Public Health offers flu shots for \$15. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wheeler Pavilion, Lane County Fairgrounds.

Reception: The New MFA Students' Show, with work by new MFA students. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. LaVerne Krause Gallery, Lawrence Hall. 7-9 p.m. Free.

## Breema

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According to Dr. John Schreiber, director of The Breema Center, Breema originated in remote mountain villages in the Middle East, where it had been practiced for centuries. It was never written down, but was passed down by an unbroken lineage of teachers.

But Pearlson said the history isn't as important as incorporating Breema into everyday life.

"It's important to concentrate on what's happening right now," he said. "Life only happens moment by moment."

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## Bioterrorism

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dent at the University on Thursday. He said the response by University administrators and emergency response teams demonstrated the effectiveness of protocols implemented locally since the threat of bioterrorism began in late September.

"We're the beneficiary of recent experience on the East Coast," Torrey said. "One of the topics at (Thursday's) meeting was the fact that the nation is involved in a war on two fronts. Our emergency crews need to be as well equipped as our troops in Afghanistan. Fortunately, we are blessed with a well-trained, state-of-the-art fire department HazMat team."

But while emergency response teams may be well prepared, area medical centers could not handle a full-scale outbreak of the type experienced in New Jersey, according to Lane County Health Department program manager Karen Gillette.

"We have a system in place," she said. "But we don't have enough

people."

If the substance at the University had not tested negative for anthrax — as the Lane County Public Health department reported Saturday — an understaffed county health system could have been overwhelmed by large numbers of people asking for testing and treatment, Gillette said. However, she agreed with Torrey that the response to the incident was timely and effective, and she urged people who might still be concerned to "trust the experience" of local authorities who say the risk is minimal.

And according to Dr. Gerald Fleischli, director of the University Health Center, the risk is indeed minimal — even to those students and professors who were in Willamette Hall on Thursday.

The Health Center already had 100 doses of Cipro on hand, and after Thursday's incident they ordered 100 more. Fleischli said that would have been enough to treat everyone who came into direct contact with the substance found on Thursday, had it been anthrax. The

University is reasonably well prepared, he said, but some things could have gone better.

Fleischli said the Health Center was not aware of the events unfolding in Willamette Hall until a student came in after reading an e-mail sent out by Dietrich Belitz, head of the physics department.

Why the Health Center was not informed of the incident will be one of the subjects of the post-incident "debriefing" that will take place after things have calmed down, Fleischli said.

And while Fleischli is relieved that the incident turned out to not be a real case of bioterrorism, he is concerned that incidents like this will hurt preparedness for a legitimate emergency.

"Repeated occurrences will hone our ability to respond correctly," he said of emergency procedures. "But they can also cause a sense of complacency."

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## Energy fee

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gents approves fees, he said. But in Oregon, the state board of higher education — Oregon's equivalent to the board of regents — determines tuition and fees, he said.

The ruling does call into question charging a fee that pays for something previously included in tuition, such as energy costs, he said. But, he said, he couldn't speculate on the likelihood of a similar outcome in Oregon because he had not seen a copy of the Washington ruling.

"Whether that's legal in Oregon

based on the decision in Washington, I don't know," he said.

OSA plans to study the Washington ruling, but has no plans to file a similar lawsuit at this time, he said.

Kevin Neely, a spokesman for Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers, said no lawsuits to eliminate the energy fee are pending in Oregon.

The Washington ruling won't affect the energy fee charged by the University, Moseley said. But, he added, University students may see their energy fees drop by next term.

"What we are doing right now is analyzing our energy costs ... and looking at the possibility of lower-

ing (the fee) for winter and spring terms," he said.

Administrators initially estimated the fee would be about \$30 per student each term. A decision on whether to lower the fee is likely to be reached within the next two weeks, Moseley said.

Next week, ASUO will kick off the conservation campaign with a dance in the EMU Ballroom, and will step up publicity to let students know what they can do to save energy, Nair said.

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