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## DeFazio hears child-care concerns

By Carolyn Lamberson  
Emerald News Editor

Rep. Peter DeFazio heard from his constituency last night at Harris Hall in a town meeting on child care issues.

DeFazio (D-Ore.) moderated a panel composed of child care providers, users and state and local child-care administrators, who discussed options available to parents who need child-care centers.

Among the issues discussed were the affordability of child care to low-income parents and students, the need for qualified day care providers, the need for more infant care and care for sick children, and the role of government in facilitating and providing day care.

Janice Elliot Watkins, the state assistant child care coordinator, touched upon some of the things Oregon is doing in terms of child care.

"Until this last year, the goal of Oregon was restricted to primarily certification and regulation of child-care facilities. In the last legislative session, there began to be some changes in that regard," she said.

Looking ahead at the new session, Watkins predicted the state would take on a more facilitating role. She added that a tax credit incentive approved last session for employers who invested in services related to employee's child care was a start in this direction.

Another example of how the



Photo by James Marks

**Rep. Peter DeFazio said about one-third of this nation's day care was provided by church-related organizations.**

state is becoming more involved in the issue, is the governor's Great Start program contained in his Children's Agenda. This program would allow counties to receive money to examine child-care needs within the community, she said.

The issues facing student parents also was discussed. Watkins said the State Child Care Commission is looking at some innovative funding to subsidize child-care costs for

students with children.

The ASUO got its word in as well. Phil Nebergall, chairman of the ASUO Child Care Task Force, distributed material to the media and DeFazio that outlined student concerns.

The recommendation suggested that federal legislators should include students when examining child-care issues.

"Advisory committees addressing the child-care issues

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## Second copy of art stolen from studio

By Brad Robertson  
Emerald Reporter

A second woodblock print belonging to graduate student Connie Davidson was stolen from the print studio in Lawrence Hall last Thursday.

The nearly completed piece was stolen sometime Thursday morning from the unlocked room. According to Davidson, a few months ago a copy of the same print in its earlier stages was stolen.

"I can't even tell you how many hours I've worked on it," Davidson said.

According to art instructor Ken Paul, there have been previous thefts from Lawrence Hall and he hopes publicity will help to stop them. "You can't stop a determined felon but you can make a little noise," Paul said.

Davidson has been working on this current project for about six months and said she plans to sell the

eight remaining copies of the work.

While she said that the prints could bring approximately \$100 each, the monetary loss was not her primary concern.

"I'm not looking at this as a monetary ripoff; I'm looking at it as taking something that someone has worked real hard on. I feel like a victim," Davidson said.

Davidson said the thief must of had to climb on a chair to remove the print, which was hanging in front of a window on clothespins. The circumstances lead her to speculate that the thief might be someone from the department, Davidson said.

The print studio is unlocked during the day and was open to students at the time of the theft.

"It's real frustrating when it might have been a fellow artist," Davidson said.

"We have got to try to do something, get some publicity and make it a little hot for someone," Paul said.

## Professors predict woes for Bush

By Greg Hough  
Emerald Reporter

The presidency of George Bush likely will offer Americans much of what they've been getting during the "Reagan era," according to a pair of University political science professors who moderated a Eugene forum Tuesday night.

Jerry Medler and Priscilla Southwell, both associate professors in the political science department, gave presentations speculating on "The Next Four Years in American Politics" at the third of six University-sponsored educational forums scheduled this academic year at the downtown Eugene Hilton.

Speaking to about 60 people, Medler dealt primarily with the domestic situations Bush will face, and Southwell mostly addressed Bush's foreign-policy concerns. Both at times were harsh in their assessments of prospects for the Bush administration.

"He'll be dashing to take advantage of a hundred-day 'honeymoon' period traditionally accorded first-term presidents," Medler said. "But about the first of May, Mr. Bush should be in the 'deep doo-doo,' to use his phrase."

## Bill could disclose students' records

By Don Peters  
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A bill presented to the Senate for the first time Monday would allow higher education officials the right to inspect and disclose the content of student records under certain circumstances.

Senate Bill 263, if passed,

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would amend Oregon state law ORS 351.070. The law, in part, would read, "Nothing contained in this paragraph prohibits authorization of the inspection of such records or the disclosure of their content by institution officials or employees who have a legitimate educational interest in inspecting student records, or by a representative of a state or federal government agency that is required by law to inspect student records."

SB263 is one of the numerous bills drafted during the interim session, and was filed at the request of the Executive Department.

Dave Fiscom, assistant to the director of the Executive Department, initially said he was unaware of the bill. Af-

ter further inquiry, Fiscom said the Executive Department filed the bill at the request of the chancellor's office of the Oregon State System of Higher Education (OSSHE).

According to Gary Esgate, the executive assistant to the vice chancellor, the bill is a "housekeeping measure," designed to mesh Oregon law with Health Department statutes.

"The Health Department is required, by law, to report people with certain contagious diseases," Esgate said. "The bill came about because we wanted to make sure that our people could comply with the Health Department. I think people misunderstand what this bill is trying to do."

Esgate stressed that only state or federal governmental agencies required by law to inspect student records would be allowed to disclose information, although the Health Department was not mentioned by name.

Steve Hoyt, ASUO vice president and vice chairman of the Oregon Student Lobby (OSL), expressed concern over the bill.

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Photo by John Stoops  
**Associate political science professor Priscilla Southwell said last night that Bush's foreign policy will be similar to President Reagan's.**