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## Chemical waste to be investigated by firm

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The University has acquired the services of a Portland-area engineering firm to conduct an environmental impact study of areas within the Riverfront Research Park possibly contaminated with hazardous materials.

Dan Williams, University vice president for administration, announced at a Monday afternoon news conference that the University decided to investigate rumors that certain areas of the park were exposed to hazardous materials during the 1960s.

"We picked up on some rumors ... that lead us to believe with some certainty that about 15 to 20 years ago, residual chemicals from instructional labs in chemistry were dumped in holes over here," Williams said.

Williams said he does not believe the sites are hazardous to human or environmental health, but the University was investigating what could have been deposited to ensure future safety.

No documentation of what types of substances were deposited exists because federal regulations did not come into existence until 1976, Williams said.

Moreover, Williams said the research park would not be affected if any hazardous materials are found.

"If there are contaminations there, then the University will have a responsibility to remove them," Williams said. "I don't think whatever we learn there is likely to have any direct impact on our plans for developing that site."

Some of the chemicals that were in use during the 60s included nitric and sulfuric acids, perchloric acid, halocarbons and trace heavy metals, Williams said.

"As the development began to be more of a reality, it seemed to me that we needed, at that time, to find out more about what was going on," Williams said. "It's just a matter of priority and timing."

Opponents of the Riverfront Research Park said they were outraged that the University delayed announcing the possible hazards within the proposed park site.

"It is my understanding that this is more than unsubstantiated rumors," said Dan Stotter, a University law student with the Citizens for Responsible Land Use.

"The University already has a mess on its hands," he said. "No amount of investigation is

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Photo by Mark Ylen

Tailback Derek Loville answers questions from the media at a press conference announcing Oregon's Independence Bowl bid. In the background, from left, are Joe Meerten, Johnny Taylor, Bill Musgrave and Chris Husko.

## Bowl bid ends post-season blues

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For the first time since 1963, the Oregon Ducks will be in a bowl game.

After being pushed aside by the Freedom, Copper and

John Hancock Bowls, Oregon accepted a tentative bid to play in the Dec. 16 Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La. Oregon Sports Information Director Steve Hellyer announced Monday evening.

The Ducks finished the regular season with a 30-21 win

over Oregon State on Saturday and will meet the University of Tulsa, which finished its season at 6-5. The last time Oregon was in a bowl, it defeated Southern Methodist University 21-14 in the Sun

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Photo by Kelvin Wee

University student Phillip Zerbo is dragged off during a protest against U.S. support of El Salvador, outside the Federal Building.

## Twenty-nine arrested in protest of U.S. military support of El Salvador

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Twenty-nine people were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct Monday when they barricaded the entrances of the Eugene Federal Building.

The protest, which effectively shut down the Federal Building for more than four hours, was a continuation of Sunday's rally denouncing the United States' economic and military support for the El Salvadoran government.

"We're here for as long as it takes. It's not business as usual today," said University student Phillip Zerbo, when he was asked how long the blockade would last.

Zerbo said the protesters were demanding an end to all U.S. aid to El Salvador; a complete withdrawal of all U.S. military personnel from El Salvador; that the El Salvadoran government enter into negotiations toward a political solution for all in El Salvador; and, that the people guilty of committing human rights violations in El Salvador be brought to justice.

Falling short of that, Zerbo, an active member of the University of Oregon/University of El Salvador Sister University Project, said the protesters would not budge.

Protesters began their blockade of the building at 6:40 a.m.

By 8 a.m., more than half the federal employees were informed they would not be allowed to pass through the picket line. At 8:05 a.m., one of the employees who already was in the building held up a sign telling other employees to leave and come back after 10 a.m.

Jeff Stier, an aide to Congressman Peter DeFazio, was one of many who were blocked from entering the building. Stier said DeFazio's support for the issue did

not imply an immediate endorsement of the blockading of the building.

"He (DeFazio) doesn't support unlawful action and as a member of his staff, I echo that opinion," Stier said.

Another employee walked around the entire building only to find none of the entrances open.

"I feel that it's my right to go to work," said Legal Secretary Barb Yothers. "I don't mind the fact that they're demonstrating, but I just think they're hurting their own cause."

Many of the other employees were not as willing to talk. Most cited not knowing enough about the situation in El Salvador as the main reason. Few, however, were able to be coaxed out of their shell.

"I'm completely against our involvement in El Salvador too, but I don't see how this is going to change anything," said Connie Scolla, a GIS Coordinator for the federal government.

The first arrest took place at 8:15 a.m. in front of the building's High Street entrance when University student Rob Margraf was hauled off by FBI agents. Margraf, an active member of the UO/UES Sister University Project, was released at about 11:10 a.m. after being cited for disorderly conduct.

"Our intention was to get arrested," Margraf said after he was released. "We really wanted to force the police to have to take that step."

Many of the other protesters echoed Margraf's sentiments.

"I'm here today to stop military aid to a government in El Salvador that is killing its citizenry with American money and arms," said Shannon Oliver, the co-director of the University's Student Campaign for Disarmament. "I believe strongly enough to be arrest-

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