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Piece of mind

Richard Morrison, an anthropology major and art minor, sculpts snakes in the form of the symbol infinity out of soapstone in the EMU Craft Center Tuesday evening. Although it is a requirement for his elementary sculpting course, Morrison said he believes sculpting is essential for peace of mind. Products from the Craft Center will be shown at today and Thursday's craft fair in the EMU Firm Room.

Photo by Kate Joost

DeFazio vowing to end El Salvador involvement

By Chris Bouneff Emerald Reporter

About 200 students heard Rep. Peter DeFazio during a Tuesday afternoon "teach-in" tell of a lack of action and concern on the part of Congress to events in El Salvador.

The forum, organized at the last minute, was sponsored in part by the Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People and several other University student groups, said Michael James, CISCAP member.

DeFazio was on hand to update how the issue of El Salvador presently sits in Congress now that the lawmaking body is breaking for the holidays.

"I couldn't be much more angry and much more cynical about it," DeFazio said, "There's so little concern on Capital Hill about what's being done in the name of the American people."

DeFazio referred to a bill introduced in the House near the end of the session that would prevent El Salvador from obtaining 30 percent of U.S. military aid until Congress meets again in January

DeFazio said he and several other representatives asked to introduce a bill that would cut off all aid, but the bill was met with negative reaction.

"Basically, what we heard from folks is 'we don't want to consider your amendment'." he said. "We need to stop this slaughter with our tax dollars when I go back to Washington next year."

DeFazio also referred to the recent massacre by Salvadorian troops of Jesuit priests and other church personnel as another example of the human rights violations occurring in that country.

Congress was unable to act on the recent increase in hostilities because the fighting unfolded during the end of the session, DeFazio said.

DeFazio's aide, Jeff Stier, was also present to tell of DeFazio's effort to challenge U.S. military actions based of the War Powers Act of 1973.

Javier Castro, an Salvadoran citizen with the Salvadoran Refugee Commit-



Peter DeFazio

tee, said the American people need to realize the revolutionary movements in Central America will not be repressed.

"The U.S. people at this point should understand the process of change in the whole region can be postponed ... only for a little while," he said. "There is something that cannot be killed with weapons, and that is the willingness of the people.

"The only way out (of the current civil war) ... is by change in bases — economic and political bases." Castro said.

Military aid only serves to make the elite groups even wealthier, which further divides the country, Castro said.

These elite groups resist any type of political or economic reform because this decreases their power and wealth, he said.

"What is happening ... is completely wrong and immoral," he said. "U.S. people have to understand current events in Central America because what happens is going to touch you."

Sylvia Gregory, a church worker who spent time in El Salvador as a physicians assistant, described the life of a Salvadoran woman whose three sons and husband were killed by government troops because they protested government policies.

Students aiding Portland community

By Stephanie Mencimer Emerald Contributor

Twenty University architecture students are getting first-hand urban design experience this term while helping the Portland community find creative solutions to some of its city planning

Under the direction of instructors John Cava and Brad Cloepfil, the students are spending the term in Portland examining a 31-acre stretch of land near historic Union Station. Cava said this industrial part of the city has the potential to become a more integral part of city life.

Based on guidelines established by the Portland Development Commission, students will design the area to incorporate hotels, offices, retail housing, light industry, and a major public attraction such as a museum or aquarium. Each student will design a building within the context of the overall plan.

Models and drawings of the project are on a public display in the new Portland studio on 2nd Street and S.W. Oak Avenue.

The actual development of the Union Station area will not use any single student's plan, however. The studio is designed to help the community with defining problems and solutions.

"We see the studio as providing a more conceptual role" than what the community can afford to do, said Donald Corner, head of the University Department of Architecture.

Students in the design studio do preliminary studies that address "what if?" kinds of questions, which Corner said is not the kind of work usually done by a professional firm.

"You could never afford to pay an architecture firm to do this kind of study." he said.

The student study is more specific than a city planning study but much larger than that of a private firm, Corner said.

Cava said he thinks the architecture department would like to have all of its students participate in a project like the Portland studio.

"The opportunity that it represents for the students is extraordinary," Corner said. "For us, the built environment is a critical part of the reference library."

The architecture department offers other urban studios in Rome and is developing one in Mexico City, Cava said.

However, the Portland studio is convenient and an inexpensive way for students to "get out into the world" and study actual urban design is-

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Child care program started by workers

By Jane Stelle Emerald Contributor

Workers in the Student Health Center have begun their own child care program in response to the University's lack of child care for staff and faculty.

University students get first pick for openings in the University's child care programs. leaving very little room for children of staff or faculty.

A new program in the Student Health Center got under way this fall when four mothers persuaded administrators Bob Petit and Jim Jackson to let them use an old storage room in the Xray department. The health center emptied and cleaned the room, and the parents furnished it.

The University also agreed to cover the child care center under its insurance policy.

"We've gotten a little more of a nod from the University," said Marilyn Mangus, one of the founders of the program.

Mangus and the other parents pay \$300 each per month to cover the cost of their two part-time care providers. They also pay expenses and Mangus says it works out to about \$320 per month.

The women pay the money individually to the Uni-

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