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Courtesy photo

Two participants in last year's DanceAbility workshop use a technique called improvisational contact to express themselves in dance movement.

shop similar to the one in Eugene.

The cost for the three-day workshop, to be held at Jefferson Middle School, is based on a sliding scale from \$0 to \$40.

Alessi said the seminar is not intended to be a money-making opportunity.

"We don't want money to be an inhibiting factor," he said. The workshop is partially funded by grants from the City of

Eugene, the Eugene Specialized Recreation Program and the Oregon Arts Commission.

For more information and pre-registration call Joint Forces dance Company at 342-3273.

## Court downs free speech guarantees

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Constitution doesn't grant citizens a fundamental right to sue the government over alleged violations of free speech guarantees, the Oregon Supreme Court said Thursday.

The court ruled on the question at the request of the U.S. District Court, which is considering a federal lawsuit brought as a result of a teacher strike in Eugene.

A group of picketing teachers and a radio news reporter

claimed in the lawsuit their rights were violated by being attacked by club-wielding police at an incident at Churchill High School on April 27, 1987.

The grounds on which they sought damages from the city included violations of free speech provisions of the state constitution.

That caused the federal court to ask the state court whether the plaintiffs can sue the city and its employees directly under the state constitution. The

state Supreme Court said they can't and that their claims have to be based on other legal grounds.

The decision means the federal court now will proceed on other issues in the case.

"Oregon's Bill of Rights provides no textual or historical basis for implying a right to damages for constitutional violations," the Supreme Court said in a unanimous opinion by Justice Robert Jones.

Jones said while Congress has provided rights to sue for damages for violations of federal constitutional protections, the Oregon Legislature hasn't passed comparable laws.

"If an implied private right of action for damages for governmental violations of (free speech) and other ... state constitutional provisions is to exist, it is appropriate that it come from the Legislature, not by action of this court," Jones said.

He said people claiming their state free speech rights are violated by municipalities "will be limited to existing common-law, equitable and statutory remedies."

Other grounds for claims cited in the teachers' lawsuit include violations of federal free speech rights, assault and battery, negligence and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

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