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Teach-in will focus on Mid East crisis; DeFazio set to take part in discussion

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A group of students and faculty will spend the day discussing and learning about the Persian Gulf crisis, Friday, Dec. 7.

A rally, two symposiums and a series of 17 workshops are being held as part of a national campus movement, which comes on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

The teach-in, aimed at creating a dialogue on the Gulf crisis, has been organized by the No Gulf War Coalition, which is made up of faculty, students and student groups.

Panel members will discuss a wide range of issues concerning the Gulf crisis in the workshops. The workshops will

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Adan said the workshops, "create a space for people who otherwise don't feel comfortable speaking out in a political science class" and that they appeal to the diverse interests of students.

"We want people there who have all sorts of concerns," Wiebalk said. "There are a lot of people involved in this who have never been involved in politics before. It's not just so-called radicals and liberals."

There are at least 20 other

Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Eugene, is traveling to Eugene from Washington, D.C. to give speeches at the rally and first symposium, said his press secretary, Jeff Stier.

"Representative DeFazio is very concerned about the Gulf crisis and his concerns go back to the Reagan Administration's involvement in the Iran-Iraq war," he said.

The rally begins at noon on the corner of 13th Avenue and Kincaid Street.

The first symposium is at 2 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room. The workshops are arranged in two sets, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., and from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The final symposium, at 8 p.m., is titled "Where are We Going? Proposals for Peaceful Solutions."

Students and faculty interested in being on a panel, or seeking more information, should contact the No Gulf War Coalition at 346-4248.

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"explain the issue, open it up for discussion, and create an interactive dialogue," said Angela Wiebalk, an organizer of the event and a senior majoring in sociology and peace studies. "I want to stress that the workshops are not classes."

The organizers of the teach-in want students and Eugene community members to take time out of their day to become more informed.

Bo Adan, a graduate teaching fellow in English and coalition member, stressed the need for individuals to educate themselves.

campuses holding teach-ins on Dec. 7, Wiebalk said. She said a wide range of student groups, including the ASUO, OSPIRG, and GALA, have helped to organize the teach-in and are taking part in the workshops.

The workshops include topics such as the historical origins of the Gulf crisis, media coverage of the Gulf crisis, the draft and draft resistance, and perspectives from Middle East students.

The teach-in will begin with a rally protesting current U.S. policy in the Gulf, followed by a symposium titled, "Why are We Here?"



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