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Roberts to speak on campus

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Gov. Barbara Roberts and teacher Kathleen Cross will be the featured speakers at the second annual Oregon Student Lobby Conference, to be held at the University Nov. 8 and 9.

Roberts will speak about the future of higher education in the state and discuss her "Conversation with Oregon" plan to have Oregonians design their own state services and tax structure.

Cross is a teacher and counselor for Self Enhancement Inc., a program that works with at-risk youth in the Portland Public Schools. She will speak about the problems people of different races have in communicating with one another.

Students from all over the state are expected to attend the conference, which last year drew 200 students, said Jennifer Bills, ASUO president and chairwoman of the OSU Board of Directors.

"The reason we're having the conference is that people are always complaining about apathy on the campus and I think complaining about apathy is good

and nice, but if you don't do anything about it, then you're part of the apathetic student body," Bills said.

The conference will also offer 14 workshops with a focus on such issues as financial aid, child care, elimination of oppression, disabled access, leadership skills, rape awareness, self-defense and hate speech on campus.

Additionally, four workshops will be offered from a United States Student Association program. These workshops will focus on student activism, including issue organizing, strategy, recruitment and coalition building.

The deadline to register for the weekend's events is Friday, Nov. 1. Registration forms and time schedules are available in the ASUO office in EMU Suite 4. The cost of the conference is \$35 per student.

The Incidental Fee Committee has allocated \$500 to the ASUO to cover the cost entirely for 20 students and cover half the cost for 15 students. The students who receive the money will be chosen by lottery. The ASUO office has further information on the lottery sign-up.

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er in chief is a liar.

"The truth is coming out," Davis said. "North is a loose cannon."

The truth has also come out that Robert Gates, who has been nominated to head the CIA, was also "in the know."

"If Gates is confirmed, I think it will be a clear admission that covert operatives control our future much more than Congress does," he said.

Davis likened congressional hearings, like those of Gates and Clarence Thomas, to professional wrestling matches, where the outcomes are always predetermined and always close. "The problem is a lot of people think it's real."

However, Davis said he is hopeful that the American people will realize the truth and take direct action through grass roots organization to correct this state of affairs.

"We (have to) stop listening to the polls that tell us what to think and tell each other what we think," Davis said.

Davis described an upcoming national teleconference that seeks to do just that. "Causes and Cures" will link citizens from more than 150 U.S. cities to discuss the nation's drug problem in terms that go beyond the Reagan-Bush drug war rhetoric.

"It's not just a problem of peasants in Peru ... or minorities in the inner cities," Davis said. "The problem is the link between U.S. foreign policy and the flow of drugs, ... and we're not the only one's saying it."

Davis said entries from North's private journal included specific accounts of drug sales and transport.



Bill Davis

Like the Iran-Contra scandal, Davis sees the drug problem as a symptom of a larger, pervasive issue.

"We as a nation are like a family with an addiction problem," Davis said. "The problem is that we are in denial."


The teleconference is seeking an alternative to the so-called "War on Drugs," which Davis said has been waged by hypocrites.

Before Davis could get through his introduction, an audience member interrupted the speech and asked Davis about his association with a known racist of ultra-conservative political convictions.

Davis admitted he dealt with Bo Gritz for a short time until he found out that Gritz was active in a populist party that espouses a blatantly racist platform.

Davis defended the relationship on the grounds that Gritz had valuable information to offer the Christic Institute.

"You have to deal with some pretty seamy characters," Davis said. "If you want to know about the drug trade you don't ask Mother Theresa."



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