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Photo by Michael Shindler

Three University students rally in Salem Friday for a special legislative session. About 400 students from around Oregon joined forces to demand restructuring of the state tax system.

Students demand new tax structure

University students unite with schools statewide Friday to rally on the capitol steps

By Daralyn Trappe
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SALEM — Students from colleges and universities across the state descended on the capitol Friday to voice their demand for a special legislative session.

About 400 people rallied on the steps of the capitol building for more than an hour. About 100 of the protesters were University students.

The students delivered letters and petitions with hundreds of signatures requesting that state congressional leaders and the governor call a special session and begin restructuring the state tax system.

The students — who chanted "Two, four, six, eight, we can't afford to graduate" — spoke about how cuts resulting from Measure 5's passage have hurt their schools.

Signs stating, "Without a Quality Education, Oregon Will Become One Big L.A.," and, "Individual Prosperity Depends on Taxation For Education," were among

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Chair repair helps job skills



Photo by Michael Shindler

Robert Cox, a participant in Goodwill's on-the-job training program, sands a well-worn University chair.

Both University, Goodwill benefit from refurbishing chair project

By Rivers Janssen
Emerald Reporter

From the side, Mario Ortiz sees an opening, a spot that hasn't been hit yet. He steps a little closer, takes aim and pulls the trigger.

Out comes a stream of lacquer, the first of two varnish coats used to cover the chair Ortiz is restoring. He carefully saturates every area, moving slowly down the chair, checking underneath, then the sides, and then the top.

His goggles and mask protect him from the spray, which is quickly sucked into the fan in front of him.

The oak chairs, with their graffiti-covered desk tops, have undergone a lifetime of abuse in University classrooms. But now they are getting a well-earned makeover.

The chairs are being contracted out to Goodwill Industries for refurbishing. The contract calls for \$250,000 of chair repair, \$16,000 of which was used to start the operation. The rest of the money will be spent for the repairs, which will cost a little more than \$40 a chair.

Melinda Kletzok, Goodwill's public relations director, said buying new chairs would have cost the University about twice as much. Eventually, the workers will refurbish 6,000 chairs.

The chairs certainly need the attention. Old and

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Board's 'tuition tour' to seek public input

Students could be asked to pay 100 percent of the cost of their education

By Carrie Dennett
Emerald Associate Editor

Oregonians can put in their two cents about whether to raise tuition or cut enrollment for the eight-campus State System of Higher Education as an 18-city "tuition tour" kicks off Tuesday in Eugene.

The Oregon State Board of Higher Education's tuition committee will have 19 public meetings in the next five weeks as it prepares a tuition policy recommendation for the state

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MAKING IT THROUGH

Older students, many of whom have families to support, face special challenges. A new group helps some of them cope with their day-to-day struggles.

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THE NEXT GENERATION

University students on Saturday played host to a group of elementary school students, who visited the University as part of Preview 2006.

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WOMEN BEAT THREE

The Oregon women's track team beat out New Mexico, San Diego State and Texas-El Paso at Saturday's Don Kirby Memorial Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M.

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Riot damage estimates in, federal investigation begins

The FBI and Eugene police are investigating more than \$9,000 in Federal Building damages

By Gerrit Koepping
Emerald Reporter

Student protesters who inflicted about \$9,000 damage to the Federal Building in a Thursday riot may face an FBI investigation. The University, however, will not be coming after them.

Gerard Mosely, vice provost for academic support and student services, and Jane DeGidio, dean of students, said in a Thursday statement that because the incident occurred off campus no sanctions would be sought for Student Conduct Code violations.

"The University most likely will



Photo by Bill Robinson

Student rioters face an FBI investigation, but will not be disciplined by the University.

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