

Students to offer education ideas in Salem

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The ASUO is expecting about 300 University students will travel to Salem today to rally and discuss the future of higher education with legislators.

The ASUO has rented two buses and four vans to caravan students who want to go to Salem. The vehicles will leave at 10:30 a.m. from the intersection of 13th Avenue and University Street, said Karmen Fore, ASUO vice president.

The rally will begin at 1:30 p.m. on the Capitol steps. Students will meet with legislators from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Fore said 87 legislators have agreed to meet with students.

"We want students to talk about their experiences," Fore said. "What is it like to hold down one, two, sometimes three

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Oregon Student Lobby is sponsoring the statewide lobby day. Two years ago, OSU sponsored a similar lobby day, but this year students have a potential solution to the problem of decreased revenue for higher education.

House Joint Resolution 4 is a sales tax proposal Fore and other student leaders believe will free up money in the state's gen-

eral budget to fund colleges.

Ed Dennis, OSU field director, said students cannot only meet face-to-face with legislators today, but also they'll have suggestions on what legislators can do.

"The instrument you're using to crack the ice with gets sharper and sharper as you hone the message," he said. "When we're outside chanting our slogans, that's effective. That makes students feel empowered, but a lot of legislators will go out the side door for lunch."

Students from all seven public colleges and 16 community colleges will participate in the day's events. Dennis said he hopes about 800 students from around the state attend.

Organizers are hopeful students can convince legislators to listen by showing them students are serious about education and tax reform, Fore said.

"We want to say, 'Hey, we are working hard. We study. We want to guarantee higher ed is accessible,'" she said.

Some students have already talked to legislators during the ASUO phone drive. About 175 to 200 students used the phones ASUO members hooked up outside their office.

"Representative (Larry) Campbell called and said, 'OK, we got the point. Please stop calling,'" Fore said.

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injured 3,757 others and caused nearly \$6 billion in damage.

However, that quake was centered more than 50 miles south of San Francisco and Oakland, where most of the deaths occurred.

Scientists had suspected the second fault under downtown Portland. It was confirmed by an aerial magnetic survey conducted last September, Blakely said.

A small plane made 122 passes over the Portland area at 800 feet to measure the magnetic intensity of the earth's surface, he said. The faults are visible as linear patterns, showing strong magnetic attraction.

The newly mapped fault runs along the east side of the Willamette River from the University of Portland south to Mount Tabor. It lies beneath the Lloyd Center, one of the city's major shopping malls, and runs almost parallel to a fault that was discovered earlier.

The first fault is almost 50 kilometers longer than previously thought, Blakely said. It runs through Portland's west hills from the northern edge of the city's Forest Park, beneath Portland State University, and south to Milwaukie. Together, they form what geologists now are calling the Portland Quadrangle.

According to records that date back to 1841, the Portland area has experienced more than 100 minor earthquakes.

"Given that we have some earthquakes and some faults, the best guess is

that future earthquakes will occur on the major features," said Ian Madin, a geologist with the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

"Although that doesn't change the message that we've been trying to get out for the past few years, that Portland is subject to major earthquakes," Madin said. "It underscores that fact and it brings the potential for earthquakes right under our feet."

Meanwhile, regional officials with the Metropolitan Service Council and the Department of Geology have launched an unprecedented preparedness effort.

Geologists are digging trenches across fault lines and analyzing layers of earth to determine when the last movement occurred and how severe it might have been.

In addition, soil samples are being taken all over the city, Madin said, adding he already has records of samples taken near the foundations of existing buildings. Earthquakes typically are more severe on sand and silty soil saturated with water, the type of ground that lies beneath much of downtown.

Soil analysis maps will be combined with analyses of each building's structural integrity, giving city officials a map that shows the buildings and areas most susceptible to severe damage in an earthquake, Madin said.

A downtown map already has been drafted indicating the potential for damage based on soil conditions alone. It will be available for public sale April 1, Metro spokesman Gerry Uba said.

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agents raided the compound, seeking to serve firearms violations warrants on Koresh. Authorities said four agents and one child inside the compound — who Koresh said was his 2-year-old daughter — died in that raid. Another gun battle Sunday night left an adult cult member dead.

The Houston Chronicle, quoting unidentified sources, reported that children released from the compound said at least seven people inside were killed in the firefight. The newspaper also said agents believed they had killed as many as 15 people.

Koresh told a radio station he had been gravely wounded Sunday.

He began letting children out late Sunday after a station agreed to broadcast a statement by him. He released eight more Tuesday before his radio statement. Two women also left, the first adults to leave the compound voluntarily.

Sunday's assault had been planned for months but failed when the agents encountered overwhelming firepower, including at least one .50-caliber weapon. In addition to the four dead, 16 agents were wounded; all were out of the hospital or reported in stable condition Tuesday.

Koresh's relatives urged him to surrender.

"I wish he'd give up, I wish he'd give up," his grandmother, Jean Holub, said in Houston. "And I wish he'd get out of that place and start over and not get killed, take care of his family."

Members of the Branch Davidian sect believe Koresh is the Lamb mentioned in the Book of Revelation and can bring about the end of the world. The sect split from the Seventh-day Adventists years ago.

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next week.

Harris said CISCAP and the University of Oregon/University of El Salvador Sister University Project spent the past year raising money for the truck, the office and medical, construction and school supplies that will be delivered. Nationwide, more than \$255,000 was raised, CISCAP reported.

The trucks — many of them large panel — will remain in El Salvador for use by community groups.

The caravan was organized by a coalition of groups, including CISCAP, Pastors for Peace, Oxfam International and dozens of others.

Harris, owner of Peralandra Books and Music, and Bonduant, a CISCAP volunteer, have both traveled to Central America but have never been to El Salvador.

Harris said she opposes U.S. support of the El Salvadoran government's military. The government and the opposition party, the FMLN, signed peace accords last year after a 12-year civil war. Harris said she wants to be a part of the recovery process.

"I'm hopeful that a society is building that will be more egalitarian," Harris said. "rather than having all the money belong to the 14 richest families in that country."

Robert Bolman, CISCAP's Eugene caravan media coordinator, said military aid is still being sent by the U.S. administration and even well-intentioned economic contributions can be misused by the El Salvadoran government.

"The caravan offers us, as U.S. citizens, the opportunity to send a different kind of aid," he said. "The projects were chosen by the El Salvadoran people themselves, so we know every dollar we raise will contribute toward building a new El Salvador."

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