

Bill could give grad students a study break

□ New proposal would allow in-state tuition for GTFs not teaching

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Non-resident graduate students could take time off from teaching classes to finish their own degrees while paying in-state tuition if Senate Bill 655 passes.

Other residency requirements, including paying state income taxes and registering a motor vehicle in Oregon, would need to be met before the student could pay in-state tuition.

Currently, students employed as GTFs receive a tuition waiver and a \$5,000 stipend for nine months, said Steadman Upham, vice provost and dean of the Graduate School.

State Sen. Grattan Kerans, who sponsored the bill, said it "makes good sense from a management standpoint and from helping people to graduate."

"The state System of Higher Education recognizes it's in their interest to have people move through in orderly fashion, discharge their teaching jobs and not burn out," Kerans said. "That's expensive and disruptive."

Larry Williams, secretary-treasurer of the Graduate Teaching Fellow Federation, said the request for legislation came about after new, stricter residency requirements were passed last year.

The current rules define people who are in the state primarily for educational purposes as non-residents, and the old rules allowed students to become residents after one year if they could prove they intended to remain in the state.

"Under the new rules," Williams said, "we find that people take longer to finish graduate degrees or fewer people finish because of added financial constraints."

Williams said both masters and doctoral students could take advantage of this policy, but "doctoral students might be more likely to take the time off."

"Most of the people that have to work on dissertations might want to take a term off," Williams said.

However, although Upham said he supported the bill in principle, he believes the bill has several problems.

"I think Senator Kerans has cap-

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Thousands attend leader's funeral

□ A procession honors Cesar Chavez, who led the effort to help farm workers

DELANO, Calif. (AP) — Hundreds of farm workers shared the task Thursday of carrying the pine casket containing the body of Cesar Chavez past dusty fields to his funeral mass.

As many as 25,000 people marched for more than 2 1/2 hours to Forty Acres, where Chavez founded the farm labor union three decades ago.

Through the United Farm Workers, Chavez led the effort to bring dignity to the lives of migrant farmhands. He died April 22 in Arizona at age 66.

Many in the procession held the familiar UFW banner — a stark black eagle on a red field — while others waved banners with a white background to symbolize Christian resurrection.

"This man gave every ounce of energy that he had for farm workers and other poor people," David Martinez, the union's secretary-treasurer, told reporters.

Workers, labor leaders, politicians and celebrities who marched with Chavez for "la causa," the cause, returned to Forty Acres to walk behind his body. Ten thousand gladiolas, his wife's favorite flower, were distributed to marchers.

Those attending included Ethel Kennedy, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and former Gov. Jerry Brown. One group wearing Aztec ceremonial garb danced the entire 2 1/2-mile route in bare feet.

Pallbearers wearing white shirts and gold crosses carried the casket in relays, with eight fresh workers taking over every three minutes. Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony, a longtime Chavez supporter, led the procession.

Ernest Encinia, 27, said he came to honor the memory of his father, a Chavez supporter who died in January.

"I did it because my dad couldn't make it," he said.

As the procession passed an elementary school, pupils left classes to watch. Behind them, student-drawn murals hung from the outside walls, including one that read, "Gracias, Cesar."



Cesar Chavez



Photo by Jeff Paslay

The University flew this flag outside the EMU at half-mast Thursday in memory of labor union organizer Cesar Chavez.

Flag flown at half-mast to honor Chavez

□ Brand orders flag lowered to commemorate human rights leader's burial

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The University's flag was lowered to half-mast Thursday to mark the passing of an internationally known leader in the human rights movement.

Cesar Chavez, who died last week at age 66, was the United Farm Workers founder and president who led efforts to bring dignity to the lives of thousands of migrant

farm workers.

Through countless grape boycotts, fastings and marches, Chavez and his supporters raised international awareness of the poor treatment of migrant farmhands. More importantly, he gave them a voice.

University President Myles Brand, who issued the lowering of the flag in Chavez's honor, commented on the leaders' many contributions.

"Although Chavez's life is a heroic model and source of pride for members of the Chicano community, we at the University today honor Chavez for his passionate commitment, and for his success in giving

a voice to the voiceless people," Brand wrote in an issued statement.

"His humanity, dignity and dedication make Cesar Chavez a powerful role model for all leaders everywhere," he said.

Chavez also expanded the opportunities for education and opened the doors for higher education for migrant farmworkers, Brand said.

"Those who were instrumental at creating and continuing the High School Equivalency Program here at the University credit Chavez as their inspiration," Brand said.

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WEATHER

April showers... Expect partly sunny skies today, but enjoy it while you can. Rain is forecast for the weekend.

Today in History

In 1975, the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon fell to Communist forces as President Duong Van Minh announced an unconditional surrender.

RECRUIT'S RELATIVES SENTENCED

ALBANY (AP) — A mother and daughter from Eugene have been sentenced to two years' probation for shoving former West Albany High School basketball star J.D. Vetter during a game in December 1991.

Norma Dominguez, 46, and her 24-year-old daughter, Tenda Dominguez, also were fined \$150 each and ordered to perform 40 hours of community service in the sentencing hearing Wednesday. The Dominguez's are mother and sister of Oregon football recruit Jamaal Wallace.

The women were convicted of harassment by a Linn County District Court jury on Feb. 19.

The two women ran onto the court and shoved Vetter into the opposing team's bench at a game with Willamette High School on Dec. 28, 1991.

SPORTS

Oregon golfers Jeff Lyons and Cam Martin were named to the Pacific-10 all-conference second team Thursday.

Martin and Lyons led the Ducks to one of their most successful seasons in years, as Oregon won three tournaments, including back-to-back titles this month.

Martin won the Western Intercollegiate tournament this month, and followed it by finishing second in the U.S. Intercollegiate the next week.

Oregon sophomore Ted Snavelly also received honorable mention on the team.

Arizona's David Berganio was named golfer of the year and Arizona State's Randy Dein was named coach of the year.