

400 gather to save schools

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SALEM — A handful of University students joined educators, children, human service professionals and human rights advocates on the steps of the Capitol Friday in a rally aimed at encouraging legislators to come up with a tax proposal to refer to voters.

Many in the crowd of more than 400 people wore multicolored pins that said "Tax reform: Don't leave Salem without it" and carried signs demanding "Tax reform now."

The \$97 million cut in human services during the last bienni-

um brought out human service advocates who want to prevent the cuts the state is currently facing in the next biennium.

Following the rally, participants flooded the building to meet with legislators to inform them about the reality of cuts taking place in education and human services around the state as a result of 1990's Measure 5.

Five University students, led by ASUO Vice President Karmen Fore, met with Rep. Lee Beyer, D-Springfield, to lobby for tax reform and find out about the status of the bill the Senate passed that would, if passed by the House without amendments, add

\$27 million back to the higher education budget.

Beyer said the only significant thing that the Legislature will do this session is refer a tax plan.

"If you're going to get it passed and that's the number one priority, you have to have something that none of the major players object to," Beyer said.

"You've got to have something the Associated Oregon Industries doesn't object to because they're the ones that have the money and capabilities to defeat everything."

Beyer encourages students to tell people what they are facing as a result of cuts from Measure 5.



Photo by Katy Moeller
People of all ages and kinds rallied to encourage legislators to make a new tax proposal at the Capitol building Friday in Salem.

Rescue rafters



Photo by Anthony Forney

Bruce Mason, director of the University Outdoor Program, shows Paul Budlong the proper way to hook up a rope-haul system in order to save a boat trapped against a rock or in heavy current. Budlong was one of about 20 people enrolled in the river rescue program on the lawn in front of Hendricks Hall Sunday.

Marchers 'take back the night'

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About 300 women marched the streets of Eugene Friday night chanting "Two, four, six, eight. No more date rape" and "No matter what we wear. No matter where we go. Yes means yes. And no means no" in the annual Take Back the Night march.

Some marchers gathered outside of Fantasy Warehouse, a store on Broadway Street that sells pornographic items, and chanted "Hey, hey, ho, ho. Pornography has got to go."

Before the event, which was sponsored by Sexual Assault Support Services, several speakers spoke at a rally.

The march offered the women "a taste of freedom," said Erin Collier of SASS. It was also a chance for women to express some of their sadness and outrage about violence against women.

"In peacetime in our community as well as in wartime in Bosnia, rape is a crime used to control women and cause them to live in fear," she said.

Shelley James, lead singer of the band Pyramid Breakfast and rally emcee, said the night was both serious and exciting.

"I choose to believe and hope for a better day when women get the respect they deserve and can walk the streets safely," she said.

It's often hard for women to speak out, said Susan Trefts, a community self-defense instructor. Women are supposed to be quiet. The Take Back the Night march was a way for women to regain their voices and express themselves.

"Are you ready to take back the night?" Trefts

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asked. "Why stop there? Why not take back the day? Why not take back the world?"

To end violence against women, men and women must unite in opposition of those people who perpetuate it, said Ross Freeman, a Men Against Rape member. Freeman said he was inspired by those who work to end violence against women.

"The work begins here," he said. "This is a call for solidarity of the masses."

Freeman quoted the words of dead reggae singer Bob Marley: "The time has come."

Diana Collins Puente, ASUO vice president-elect, said taking back the night for her signifies taking back her rights.

"We continue to be prisoners of someone else's war," she said. "It is the hatred and fear in someone else that keeps us locked in our cell blocks."

People must share the common truth that intolerance, racism, sexism, homophobia and anti-Semitism are one, Collins Puente said.

"To fight against one, we must fight against all," she said. "We must look inside ourselves and understand our own bigotry because we can confront others' bigotry."

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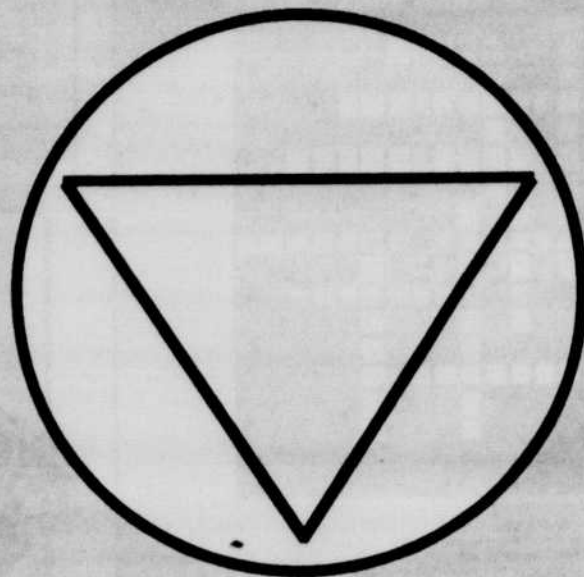
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