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plan, came to hear Clinton speak.

"We're here to give support to Hillary because the program we're in transitions us off welfare and we'll have to pay for health care ourselves," said LaTonya Alexander, who is part of PIVOT, a Portland program for young mothers that includes vocational training.

Jon Haines, a disabled blue-collar worker from Portland, said he also supported the plan.

"At the foundation of our democracy is health care security. It's what people do. They're born, they live, they die, they have babies in between," Haines said.

"As for Clinton's plan, at least he had a plan. There was no other option until the president went out on a limb," he said.

Others were less supportive, such as Merlin Egan, of United We Stand America, a group that first formed to support Ross Perot in his bid for the presidency.

"Universal health care can't be implemented any more than you can make one pair of shoes to fit everyone," he said. "We should implement health care systems that fit small geographic areas first."

Egan said that the group supported health care reform, but wanted to "let the people know there's other feelings besides support for this program."

Other opponents of the plan were wearing red, white and blue T-shirts with the "Top 10 reasons why government-run health care is a BAD idea" printed on the



First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks before a raucous crowd at Portland's Pioneer Square on Friday.

back.

These included reason number eight, "It would confirm that the certain things in life are indeed taxes and death in that order," number two, "Mental illness benefits do not extend to congressional voting disorders," and number three, "Post office service at Pentagon prices."

Russ Willison of Portland, who was wearing one of the shirts, said the health care plan would take rights away from people.

"The health care plan is something that would wipe out a lot of small businesses because it's lack of choice," he said.

Clinton followed a succession of other speakers, including Portland mayor Vera Katz, U.S. Rep-

resentatives Ron Wyden and Peter DeFazio and Rachel Caruthers, a 16-year-old junior at Aloha High School who talked about what it was like to be uninsured.

She and her mother both have epilepsy. The younger Caruthers was also diagnosed with cancer of the nervous system.

After her father was laid off from his job, the family lost its health insurance, and was unable to find another insurance plan because both Rachel and her mother had pre-existing health problems.

She and her mother are now covered by Medicaid, but should her mother begin working, which she hopes to do, Medicaid will

no longer apply.

"The reason why I'm here is because I know so many people who are unable to get insurance and the public needs to know that we have to do something, because everyone deserves to have insurance," she said.

Clinton began her speech by thanking the state of Oregon for being a leader in health care reform.

"It is this state which recognized before the federal government that if you did not insure everyone," she said, "if you did not guarantee that all citizens had insurance, then no citizen was secure and there was no way to control the costs of health care."

She said that regardless of a person's background or beliefs,

every American should be guaranteed health care as a right.

"I know there are nurses in this crowd who are tired of spending their time on paperwork, and want to take care of patients for a change, and there are doctors in this group who went to medical school because they wanted to take care of people and use their skills and education to heal, and what they do now is spend their time hassling with insurance companies to get permission to treat their own patients."

She said the bottom line had to be guaranteed insurance and that financing had to be provided for the guaranteed insurance as well.

Clinton said the economic reasons for guaranteeing health insurance included savings for the government and for people who are paying for health insurance now.

"We will also be able to say we have done the right thing because it's a question of social justice as well, and it is also a social issue for our country," she said.

"It may be possible for some members of Congress who know what the right thing is to turn their backs on doing it because they can't stand the political heat. That may be possible, but if we work hard enough in the next few weeks, it will be extremely uncomfortable to do.

"Because if we make it clear that it's real people's lives, it's the future of this country, it's economically, socially and morally the right thing to do, then anyone who votes against universal coverage is not just casting an easy vote to get out of a political dilemma, but is going to have to be held accountable for that kind of vote."

HOOD

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runs up the northern face next to the glacier. Some people just drive to the end of a dirt road and start walking, equipped with nothing more than the shoes on their feet. They head for the snow, another 3,000 feet up.

On Eliot Glacier, where the four hikers fell Saturday, proper equipment is needed even in the best conditions. None of the group used ice axes or crampons, spikes worn on the feet.

"That's why accidents happen," said Chris Pappas, a 30-year-old mountain enthusiast staying at Timberline Lodge, a ski resort on the other side of Mount Hood. "People go out without any training and without the proper equipment."

The bodies of the two victims — 16-year-old Ole Groupe and 51-year-old Gerald R. Milton — were recovered Sunday.

Their companions were in fair condition today. Groupe's stepfather, Mathew Hunt, 30, suffered a broken arm, severe bruises and a scalp cut. Peter Monte, 36, had minor injuries.

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only a portion of a student's total tuition bill and might be thought of as the money used to pay for classes.

A student's tuition bill, then, not only includes the instructional fee, but incidental fees, a health insurance fee, a resource/technology fee and a building fee.

Under the proposed plan, resident undergraduate students who are paying \$1086 a term for tuition this fall can expect to pay about \$1160 per term starting next fall and \$1242 the year after, providing the only increase is in the instructional fee.

Under those same conditions, resident graduate students, who will pay \$1645 a term this fall, may have to pay about \$1770 per term after the first increase and \$1906 per term after the second.

Nonresident undergraduates also

face a slight per-year tuition increase under this proposal of 3 percent, as compared to a 10 percent increase at OSU and an 8 percent increase at other state schools, including PSU.

Nonresident undergraduate tuition is \$3590 a term, starting this fall. With the first 3 percent increase, it will be about \$3690, and with the second, \$3793, if there are no other fee increases.

Nonresident graduate students may find their instructional fee increased by as much as 18 percent per year at the University.

Assuming no increase in other fees, these students, who are now paying approximately \$2453 in tuition per term, will pay about \$3060 after the first increase and \$3565 after the second.

The large increase in nonresident graduate tuition is because nonresident undergraduates currently have higher tuition than graduates, and it

should be the other way around, Ihrig said.

However, Ed Dennis, the field director for the Oregon Student Lobby, said these tuition increases may not be as large as projected.

"Revenue projections are much higher than expected," Dennis said, referring to profits from the lottery and state taxes, both income and property.

Dennis also said that tuition increases may also depend on what state ballot measures are passed in the November election, because some measures, for example, the crime-related ones, will cost money to implement.

This year's tuition costs reflect a 7 percent increase for resident undergraduate students and a 15 percent increase for resident graduate students and nonresident undergraduate students.

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