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Legislators visit campus, hear concerns

Democrats: Mike Lehman and Floyd Prozanski encourage students to share issues with state

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Six freshman democrats from the State Legislature visited the University campus on Monday to meet with administrators, faculty and student groups to hear their concerns.

Members from MEChA shared concerns, which ranged from increasing tuition costs to the possibility of an Oregon adaptation of California's Proposition 187.

State Reps. Mike Lehman, D-Eugene and Floyd Prozanski, D-Eugene emphasized the need for students to let their legislators know they don't support corporate tax cuts, which state representatives said would give money back to corporations such as Nike and McDonald's.

Lehman said that during the 1993-95 biennium, the corporate tax collected \$153 million, which the Legislature could use to allocate to higher education.

But instead, Lehman said many legislators in the Republican-lead Legislature support returning the money to the corporations.

Lehman said in the past, the tax has collected more money than the state projects, and in three of the four instances, the state has reallocated the money.

Both representatives encouraged students to contact their legislators in this crucial period before the Legislature votes. Lehman said they need to step up and be heard.

Lehman said students should give personal examples of how they will need to take a term off of school to work or seek public assistance to deal with the cost of tuition increasing.

"You need to remind some of those old farts that this is the reality they need to be faced with," he said to students.

Prozanski said he is optimistic that higher education will receive more money from the state.

"I'm still holding hope until the gavel goes down," he said. "Anything is better than where we're at right now."

Immigration issues were also a concern to MEChA members.

Prozanski and Lehman began their session with the group by encouraging them to voice their opposition to a bill requiring proof of citizenship in order to be issued a drivers' license.



Kitty Piercy, a first year Democrat from Eugene, spoke to students on Monday as part of the Freshmen Democrats road show. MATT GARTON/Emerald



Six freshmen Democrats from the State Legislature came to the University to meet with administrators, faculty, and student groups to hear their concerns. MATT GARTON/Emerald

Students will lobby Salem with stories

Budget: Oregon Student Lobby plans to sway legislators regarding higher education cuts

Amy Columbo
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The Oregon Student Lobby wants to flood the state capital today with students, who would provide legislators with personal accounts of how tuition increases and cuts to financial aid will affect them.

It is an attempt to sway the Republican-lead Legislature to look kindly upon higher education when finalizing the budget for the next biennium.

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Media stereotypes focus of lecture

Speaker: Racial fallacies perpetuated by journalists

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Racial stereotyping in the news media was the focus of this year's Ruhl lecture given by Ellis Cose, who dispelled myths about African-Americans Monday.

Cose, 44, spoke on several preconceived racial beliefs which are either brought forth or are unquestioned by the media.

Cose began his lecture by discussing reactions people had about his latest book, *The News Media: Getting Beyond Obvious Truths*.

"I found many people were asking why I had written the wrong book," Cose said. "I had written a book about middle-class black Americans. The peo-



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"I got used to hearing this so much that came up with a response: 'Why doesn't somebody write a book about the real whites—those who are poor and uneducated.'"

Cose said that African-Americans are often portrayed as being poverty stricken in the media and by Americans in general.

"I was searching through a computer program called Lexis-Nexis," Cose said. "I wanted find out how many times the

ple who I talked to asked me why I didn't write a book about the real blacks in this country—those who are poor and uneducated.

New York Times referred to blacks as being poor. Then, I made another search to see how times whites were referred to in the same way," Cose continued.

"Almost every reference about blacks was about being poor, while nearly every reference made to whites mentioned them as being middle-class," he said. "People are seen as doing or being certain things by the media."

Cose related a personal example.

"About two years ago, I resigned as chairman of the editorial board of the *New York Daily News*," Cose said. "The next day there was a headline in the *New York Times* which read: 'Black editor resigns.'"

"When was the last time a headline said 'White editor resigns,' or 'White business man

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■ GOOD MORNING

► ATLANTA (AP) — Thousands of people turned out Monday, some lining up before dawn, just to get order forms to get into a drawing for tickets to the 1996 Summer Olympics.

"I figure it's a once-in-a-lifetime chance," said Gabe Owens, who was among about 150 people standing in line at a grocery in the Atlanta suburbs when the booklets of order forms were released at 6 a.m.

"They told me a lot of people were going to be here, and I didn't want to miss out," he said.

About 36 million brochures were to be distributed at more than 15,000 outlets across the country, including Home Depots and groceries that sell Coca-Cola.

Kroger spokesman Bob Phalen said each of the chain's 133 Atlanta-area stores distributed 500 to 1,000 brochures

per hour.

However, spot checks across the country found that some stores listed as distribution points in Oregon, Indiana, Kentucky and North Carolina did not yet have the brochures available.

"We've been getting many calls for them. It's been generating a lot of excitement," said Mark Pygot, manager of a Food Lion in Raleigh, N.C.

Mark Preisinger, a spokesman for The Coca-Cola Co. in Atlanta, said a few areas were not yet distributing the brochures, in some cases because they conflicted with other promotions.

Mail orders received in the first 60 days will be put in a pool and selected randomly. Those received later will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.