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MEETINGS

Race Task Force will meet today at noon in the Multicultural Center. For more information, call 346-3201.

African Student Association will meet Saturday at 5 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room F. For more information, call 346-4379.

MISCELLANEOUS

Pacific Forum will sponsor Shin Yasui, director of Student Peace Committee, and a lecture "The Student Peace Committee," today at noon at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid St. For more information, call 346-4694 or 344-0483.

Office of International Education and Exchange will sponsor a job search strategies workshop today at 3 p.m. in the

EMU Ben Linder Room. For more information, call 346-1238.

Singapore Student Association will have elections for 1995-96 today at 4:30 p.m. in Room 242 Gerlinger. For more information, call 346-4368.

Career Center will have a Campaign to Save the Environment table today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the EMU and from 3 to 8 p.m. in the EMU Century Room. For more information, call 346-3235.

Career Center will have sign ups for interview times for successful bidders today through Monday in Room 244 Hendricks with the following organizations: Columbia River Gymnastics Academy, Champs Sports, Triad Systems, Independent Insurance Agents of Oregon and Public Schools Personnel Corporation. For more information, call 346-3235.

Americans support increase in government power, poll finds

NEW YORK (AP) — Spying on suspicious groups, seizing their weapons, deporting foreign suspects — these are powers most Americans say the government should have after the Oklahoma bombing.

An Associated Press poll taken April 28 to May 2 found that 54 percent of U.S. adults believe the government must try to stop terrorists even if it intrudes on some people's rights and privacy.

Twenty-one percent say treading on rights and privacy is unacceptable, and 19 percent say it just won't work.

This tradeoff of civil liberties for public security is embraced by far more women, 64 percent, than men, 44 percent.

The poll also found that 61 percent expect this country to experience more terrorism in the year ahead.

The bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City was followed by a rush of counter-terrorism proposals. But amid the anxiety created by stories of para-

military extremists, many politicians urged caution about tampering with constitutional rights.

Americans usually tell pollsters the government is too intrusive. But proposals for new anti-terrorism powers get support from large majorities among the 1,009 Americans polled for the AP by ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa., part of AUS Consultants.

Sixty-five percent support the power to search for and seize weapons from groups that might be planning terrorism, even if the groups have not committed any crimes.

Sixty-three percent favor FBI power to infiltrate and spy on potential terrorist organizations in this country even without evidence of a crime.

Current guidelines restrict undercover operations to cases where there is strong evidence a crime has been committed or will be soon.

Civil libertarians say looser restrictions on surveillance could result in a repeat of abus-

es of the 1960s and '70s, when the FBI spied on and subverted some civil rights' groups and kept files on members' personal habits.

A Clinton administration proposal with bipartisan support in Congress would let the government quickly expel any foreigner suspected of planning terrorism, even a person who committed no crime. That proposal has 58 percent support in the poll.

Only 38 percent support giving government power to ban people from speaking on radio or television if they advocate anti-government violence. Fifty-six percent oppose such a ban.

In contrast, an overwhelming 70 percent would give government the power to ban information about bomb-making from public computer networks. Bomb recipes have been circulating in print for years and can be posted anonymously on many computer networks.

The poll results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Wording of law may be changed

SALEM (AP) — An anti-stalker law passed in 1993 is constitutionally flawed because of vague wording, the Oregon Court of Appeals said Wednesday.

Several trial judges already had found the law defective. The Legislature is considering a bill to fix the problems.

The sponsor of the law, Rep. Kevin Mannix, D-Salem, said the bill "resolves this problem completely."

The measure, HB2316, passed the House unanimously and is pending in the Senate.

Mannix, a lawyer, said he disagreed with the ruling but he was "not totally surprised."

The appeals court upheld lower court dismissals of stalking charges in cases from Washington and Jackson counties, focusing on the phrase "without legitimate purpose" as the ambiguous provision.

The law generally defines stalking as making repeated and unwanted contact "without legitimate purpose."

The appeals court said the language is vague

because it does not clearly say what behavior constitutes the crime.

"The statutes on their face do not tell a person of ordinary intelligence what is encompassed within the term 'legitimate purpose,'" the court said in an opinion by Judge William Riggs.

"Because they fail to do so, the statutes give no warning as to what conduct must be avoided," he said.

Mannix disagreed, saying the phrase has a basic meaning that people understand.

The state argued the phrase could be clarified by considering the legislative discussions about the bill in 1993.

But the appeals court said a term "that has no meaning to an ordinary person without reference to the legislative history cannot withstand a vagueness challenge."

The bill in the Senate eliminates the "legitimate purpose" wording and adds that stalking would amount to contact causing the victim "reasonable apprehension regarding personal safety."

Principled robber receives sentence

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A man who told authorities he robbed a bank to pay for his wife's cancer treatment was sentenced today to four years and three months in prison.

Larry Eugene Archer, 23, fell to his knees and wept as U.S. District Judge Elisjane T. Roy imposed the sentence.

Mrs. Roy said medical bills that Archer submitted for a presentencing report gave no indication that his wife had been treated for

cancer. The judge said the report indicated Mrs. Archer had been treated with antibiotics.

Archer's attorney, Val Price, said his client did not want details of Mrs. Archer's medical condition to be considered in sentencing. Price would not say whether Mrs. Archer has cancer.

Archer faced a maximum penalty of 20 years and a \$250,000 fine. Price asked the judge to sentence Archer to a federal boot camp program. But Mrs.

Roy said he did not qualify for the program because of his past criminal background.

The judge lowered the possible sentence under federal guidelines, saying Archer's 1989 forgery conviction didn't accurately represent the seriousness of the crime. He pleaded guilty to forging five \$25 checks.

Archer was accused of demanding \$10,000 from a Mid-South bank teller in Jonesboro during a robbery last year.

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