

FLOOD '96

Disaster: 15,000 forced from homes

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plants completely and told residents to buy bottled water.

The flooding is the result of a series of storms that marched in from the Pacific beginning two weeks ago. The first were cold, piling up snow in the mountains that form a scenic backdrop to Portland — the Cascades to the east, the rolling Coast Range to the west.

On Monday, a warmer storm stalled over the state, and the snow started melting, adding to the record rains — more than 5 inches a day in some areas.

Sparkling mountain streams, narrow enough to jump across two weeks ago, turned monstrous, tearing through the forest, ripping small bridges apart.

As the swollen streams converged in the Willamette River valley, evergreen trees were ripped out by their roots, bobbing and lunging downstream like huge battering rams.

At least 15,000 Oregonians were forced from their homes,

including 12,000 in the Salem area, where a parade of U-Hauls, horse trailers and pickup trucks streamed through the rain.

Bill and Connie Mellin grabbed a few valuables from their home in Keizer, near Salem, and headed for higher ground.

"We've stacked our furniture up on books that we don't like," Bill Mellin said. "We're going to grab some photos, kids' toys and clothes and get out of here."

In Salem, parts of downtown were under water and state government workers were told to stay home.

The gathering waters barreled toward Portland, Oregon's biggest city, which sits astride the Willamette near its confluence with the Columbia River.

On the Columbia River east of Portland, a tugboat rescued Harold Jank, 70, from a house that was breaking apart late Wednesday as it raced down the waterway. The tugboat couldn't rescue Jank's wife, Jacqueline, 62, and she was missing.

A 9-year-old girl drowned in a culvert Wednesday when she went out to get the mail near the small Willamette Valley town of Scio. Wednesday night, Verna Wenger, 84, of Corvallis died when her car ran into runoff from the Luckiamute River in five miles south of Monmouth in Polk County.

Five young men had to be rescued by a diving team after their rafts overturned on a joy ride down Fanno Creek near Tigard in suburban Portland. There were no injuries.

Downgrading earlier predictions that the Willamette would rise 1.2 feet over the sea wall that protects low-lying downtown office buildings, weather forecasters said late Thursday they expected the river to crest just a few inches over the wall, at about 6 a.m. Friday.

That would equal the level of Portland's last big flood, at Christmas 1964, which killed 47 people and left 17,000 people homeless throughout the Northwest.

Library, ethnic studies, fees on student minds

■ COMMITTEE: Made up of students, ASPAC advises President Frohnmayer

By Kristin Bailey
Student Activities Reporter

When University President Dave Frohnmayer receives his report from the Associated Students President's Advisory Committee (ASPAC), he'll find out that students want ethnic studies major and minor programs, extended hours at Knight Library, and questions answered about the quarterly technology resource fee.

ASPAC is made up of student representatives and advises Frohnmayer on matters of student concern. Approximately 35

people converged in the Gumwood Room Thursday afternoon to discuss important issues concerning the University.

The attending students discussed their desire to implement an ethnic studies degree at the University.

"I think there's a lot of interest in this, but it's real quiet," said student representative at-large Forest Mealey. "We just need to feel out if everyone on campus thinks it's a good idea."

Some students expressed their concerns about keeping up with educational trends.

"I think it's embarrassing that the University hasn't had the opportunity [to have an ethnic studies program]," said member

and junior political science major Bart Alexander. "It's something the University should do, not only for prestige but because it's the way our society is."

Moving the Knight Library closing hour from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. is also a suggestion of students. Washburn said the University has an annual budget of \$200 million and changing the library's hours would only cost \$60,000.

Students also discussed the quarterly \$50 technological assessment fee and whether it is cost-efficient.

"It's a joke," Alexander said. "We're spending \$150 a year and Gladstone still goes down."

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