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Rally: Students signed letters to leaders

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The rally also prepared letters for Israel leader Shimon Peres, the communities in Israel and Israeli families.

Many of the speakers urged the audience not to give in to the temptation for revenge. This would be a defeat, they said.

"Returning hate multiplies hate," said Hanan Silis, the rabbi for Hillel. "Violence multiplies violence and toughness multiplies toughness. We get rid of an enemy by getting rid of enmity."

University Professor David Frank, who has taught classes on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, assured the crowd that "even in the darkest moments there is some light." He said over 10,000 Muslims had rallied in Gaza against the violence.

Mustafa Kasubhai, a Muslim law student at the University, warned that Israel and Palestine "must do something to end this violence." He said many extremist groups question whether their members are willing to die for their cause.

"That is too easy," he said. "A better question to ask is are we willing to live? There is no glory and no honor in what it is those extremists have done."

David Hubin, the executive assistant to the president, read a letter from University Presi-



Will Berkovitz speaks at the rally for peace in the EMU Courtyard Wednesday. The rally was organized by the Jewish Student Union.

dent Dave Frohnmayer. Frohnmayer was out of the state and unable to attend, he said.

"I grieve with you today," he wrote. "I join you in this moment of sorrow."

The speakers all pleaded for peace between Israel and Palestine. Kasubhai said he had based his speech on two presumptions:

"We all want peace," he said. "We are here today to rediscover that hope."

Other speakers repeated that peace must happen soon, and that the violence should not kill the hope for peace.

"The time is now," said Shakhnis. "We must not let a small faction of madmen decide the future. We are at a crossroads - our voices must be heard."

The rally ended with a prayer read in English, two songs sung in Hebrew and one sung in English.

Police department in desperate need of funds

■ **SHORTAGE:** If the sheriff's levy is approved in March, it will help Eugene's understaffed police force

By Abe Estimada
 Community Reporter

Detective sergeant Earl McMullen of the sheriff's department remembers back to the '70s when more than 100 deputies patrolled Lane County.

Twenty years later, the sheriff's department has fallen on hard times. Now, only 13 deputies cover a Lane County area with 4,000 square miles and 275,000 residents within its boundaries. That's .25 of an officer per 1,000 citizens.

"It's absolutely ridiculous," McMullen said of the lack of deputies. "How can we expect to serve with this amount of people? We simply don't have enough personnel to reach as many people as quickly as we'd like."

If the proposed \$84 million Lane County sheriff's levy is approved March 12, Lane County will not get back 100 deputies. But the law-enforcement measure would go a long way in reversing the slow erosion of the sheriff's department.

The county only has four detectives at its disposal to investigate felony crimes. When the county has to investigate a triple homicide, for instance, "it just devastates our department," McMullen said.

Also, the sheriff's department cannot immediately follow serious property crimes such as forgeries and burglaries.

"If you don't have a suspect or any idea of who may have committed the burglary, we can't really investigate," the sergeant said.

Not only is the department severely understaffed, it is also bursting at the seams with prison overcrowding. The Lane County jail can only hold 270 people a day, but the average daily jail popula-

tion is more than 300 inmates.

"Anything more than 270, we let them go back into the streets," McMullen said.

If the Lane County sheriff's levy is passed, it would help address the manpower and prison overcrowding problems. The three-year levy would cost a Eugene taxpayer owning a \$100,000 piece of property an additional \$121 in taxes per month. Rural residents would be taxed \$262 per month for a \$100,000 home. The present levy charges \$3.90 per month.

Lane County Sheriff Bob McManus, the author of the levy, pledged that his department would respond to all property crimes if the levy is passed. The new levy would enable the county to hire 55 new deputies and 39 new correction officers.

Twenty-six patrol deputies and two sergeants would provide additional help for the main office.

Eleven more deputies and a sergeant would be brought on board to patrol central Lane, Cottage Grove and Florence. More patrol officers means the emergency-response time would be cut down from the current average of 45 minutes, McMullen said.

Seventeen new detectives would be hired to more thoroughly investigate property and felony crimes. The new levy would also help pay for 48 more beds at the Lane County jail. The forest work camp would be reopened, providing 180 additional beds. The additional jail space would complement Eugene's plans to hire more police officers, McMullen said.

"It doesn't matter if you hire more officers if you can't handle the people they arrest," he said. "Where the heck are we gonna put them if we don't have the room?"

"We have a system here that's on the verge of meltdown," McMullen said. "Politicians and people need a viable plan to deal with the problem. This levy does that and more."

Lane County commissioner seeks seat in Senate

■ **CANDIDACY:** Jerry Rust says natural resources are a priority in his campaign

By Melissa Lebahn
 Community Reporter

Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust announced his candidacy for the United States Senate at a College Democrats meeting Wednesday night.

Serving the citizens for the last 20 years as Lane County Commissioner for South Eugene and the University area, Rust said he promises to run a clean

and positive campaign.

He said his campaign goals are natural resource issues and investigating strategies to deal with families and children with problems.

Clean air and water, salmon conservation and terminating the last nuclear power plant in the Northwest are just some of the natural resource issues that Rust said were important to the Oregon environment.

He said one Washington power supply plant costs 50 million dollars a year to run,

which costs more to operate than what it is selling.

"We could take that money and put it into conservation, which would create jobs," Rust said.

Although natural resources are an important issue so are families and children, he said.

"Prevention and treatment for families and children in trouble are issues we need to invest in," Rust said.

Investing in the prevention of another generation of alcohol and drugs is a priority, he said.