

Speaker scorns loss of arts funding

■ **SPEECH:** Consultant offers perspective on the budget for the National Endowment for the Arts

By Laura Kepshire
Higher Education Reporter

Saving the National Endowment of the Arts from the clutches of Newt Gingrich and the Republicans in Congress would be as incredible as Moses parting the Red Sea, said Roger Copeland, a consultant for the National Endowment of the Arts in a speech at the University Thursday afternoon.

"The Arts are a \$37 million industry, employing 1.5 percent of the work force, with tax revenues of \$3.4 billion," Copeland said. "One would think that the NEA, which generates income that is about 11 times the size of

its own budget, is one hell of a good investment."

The NEA provides government subsidies to certain artists and artistic organizations.

Copeland said the "Newt World Order" disagrees and plans to put federally funded public sector programs and organizations like the NEA on the chopping block.

"The NEA at its current spending level of \$167 million a year barely exists to begin with," Copeland said. "It is a mere fly speck in our vast federal budget. To put this into perspective, \$167 million is less than the city of Berlin spends yearly on the arts for a population that's about 2 percent of ours."

Recently, two different bills regarding the NEA have passed in the Senate and the House.



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The House bill proposes to eliminate the endowment in two years and slash the NEA budget down to 40 percent, while the Senate bill proposes to

dramatically downsize the NEA by forcing it to lay off more than 70 percent of its staff, Copeland said.

Copeland said he is not sure what the final bill will look like when it is sent to President Bill Clinton.

"When the smoke does clear it will become evident that the NEA's long-term survival process is pretty grim," he said.

Seminar to explore America's Christian heritage

By Brian Womack
Community Reporter

Peter Marshall, author and historian, will be speaking on recovering America's Christian heritage this weekend at Willamette Christian Center.

The seminar is part of Christian Heritage Month, which was proclaimed by Gov. John Kitzhaber. "Christianity is an integral part of our Western civilization and the history of this nation," Kitzhaber said.

Marshall will be using primary history sources to document

how America is founded in Christian principles, said Carla Moser, coordinator for the seminar. Primary sources include the Mayflower Compact and original letters written by early settlers.

The time frame he will focus on will be the pre-colonial, colonial, revolutionary and early founding periods of the country.

Moser said the event will be important because many Americans are not always aware of the country's Christian heritage.

"As early as 1912, texts began

moving away from our Christian heritage," she said. "Now we are very far away from it. But primary sources still document this heritage."

The seminar will also give people a greater appreciation of history.

"We tend to live in a present-day capsule. We don't think of what went into building the freedoms set forth in the early days," Moser said.

The free seminar is from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. tonight and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Bombing of Japan may have been a tool of US

■ **LECTURE:** The US bombings of Japan may not have saved lives

By Jennifer Schmitt
Higher Education Reporter

Atomic bombs dropped on Japan in 1945 were not needed to end the war but may have been used as a show of power towards the Russians, said a leading historian and political economist at the final lecture of the Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemoration Lecture series.

It was clear that alternatives to the bombings existed and that Truman knew about them, Gar Alperovitz told approximately 100 students last night during his lecture at Willamette Hall titled, "The Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima: Historical Controversies and Political Legacies."

Truman's advisors told him that all he had to do to end the war was promise the Japanese people that their Emperor would be protected and

encourage the Red Army to invade Japan, he said.

But the agreement at the Potsdam conference that Truman presented to the Japanese omitted the paragraph that promised protection to the emperor and Truman actually postponed the invasion.

"It was just a way to build up to the atomic bomb rather than give them the assurances they needed so that they could surrender," Alperovitz said.

One theory concerning Truman's reasons for choosing to drop the bomb is that he chose to do it to make an impression on the Russians.

One of the myths of the bombing was that it saved nearly one million American lives, Alperovitz said.

"The truth is that we may have prolonged the war, waiting to test the bomb," he said. "So, in fact, the atomic bomb may not have saved lives but cost lives."

People should understand that there was a choice at the beginning of the atomic age, said Greg McLaughlin, assistant professor of sociology.

"There was a very real choice to use atomic bombs that could lead to an arms race," McLaughlin said. "The tragedy is that the wrong choice was made."



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