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## Speaker stresses Jewish studies

**■ SPEECH:** Deborah Lipstadt says the Holocaust is not the cornerstone of culture

**By Jennifer Schmitt**  
*Higher Education Reporter*

The Holocaust should not be the symbol of Jewish identity but instead should prompt the Jewish community to educate itself on its traditions and cultures, said a professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust studies in a speech Monday night during the "Ethics after the Holocaust" conference.



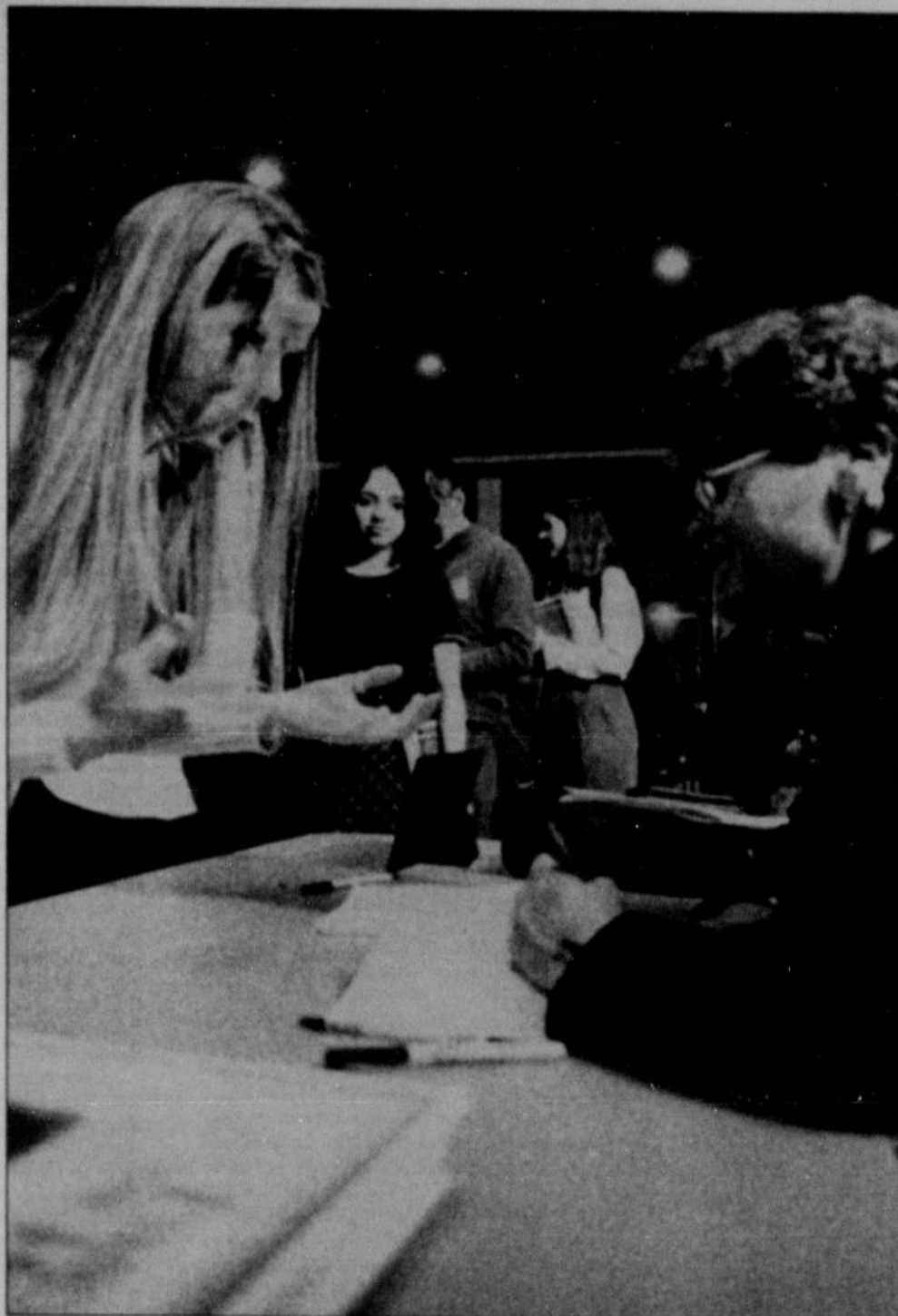
**LIPSTADT**

Approximately two hundred people attended Deborah Lipstadt's speech, "Imaging the End: American Jewry and the Memory of the Holocaust," which focused on how the Holocaust fits into the identity of American Jews.

"What must be achieved is a balance between remembering what was done to the Jews and living as a Jew," Lipstadt said.

The difference in American ideals and lifestyle in the 1940s and those in the 1960s had a large impact on the amount of attention given to the Holocaust.

In the 1950s and through the 1960s, Jews were trying to blend into American culture and hesitated to discuss the Holocaust. In postwar America, the United States and Germany were allies against communism and Jews were encouraged to keep silent



Jenna Balsavage, a Sophomore religious studies major, talks with Deborah Lipstadt after her speech on American Jews and how American perceptions of the Holocaust changed.

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## Union, state find tentative agreement

**■ NEGOTIATIONS:** Delegates from the Oregon Public Employees Union will decide whether its members will vote on the two-year contract with OSSHE

**By Laura Kepshire**  
*Higher Education Reporter*

The Oregon State System of Higher Education and the Oregon Public Employees Union came to a tentative agreement on a two-year contract last Friday morning after seven months of bargaining.

The higher education system became OPEU's new employer last August, and both groups have been negotiating since October to form a new contract.

The tentative contract contains settlements on improved language, a salary increase, early retirement, medical insurance and length of contract, said Jeff Seekatz, chair of the bargaining team for OPEU.

"I believe it's the best agreement we could have come up with under the circumstances," Seekatz said.

OPEU declared an impasse on April 19 when both sides failed to come to a resolution, leaving them 30 days to come to an agreement. Bargaining continued last week with a mediator on Tuesday and Thursday. The two sides reached a tentative agreement on a contract at 4:30 a.m. Friday, said Nora Deery, the delegate representing the University at the bargaining table.

The tentative agreement will be presented Saturday to the bargaining delegates in Salem at the Union Headquarters. If the delegates decide to go ahead with the contract, OPEU members will vote on it by the end of the month, Deery said.

Deery and Seekatz said they believe the majority of the members will ratify the contract.



## Campus radio station questions vote to block funding measures

**■ DISCUSSION:** ASUO Programs Finance Committee and other student government bodies suggested the budget proposal go to the ballot during the last election

**By Kristin Bailey**  
*Student Activities Reporter*

The results of the 1996 University elections left many satisfied. Some still say, however, the democratic process on campus did not fulfill its obligation to students.

KWVA Radio Station went on the ballot, requesting a total of \$66,800. None of the measures passed, and many people are still trying to figure out why.

A recent article in *The Commentator* by KWVA General Manager James Pierson has prompted discussion of where the blame, if any, lies for the failed measures.

"It's unfortunate that a lot of people thought of blaming other people for what happened," Pierson said. "But really what I was addressing in *The Commentator* article was the fact that the system is designed in such a way that it doesn't really promote the posterity of groups like the radio station on a level it could."

KWVA received \$56,182 from the ASUO Programs Finance Committee for the 1996-97 school year, which was an 8.47 percent increase over this year's allocation. Additional funding requests, namely for the purchase and implementation of new technological equipment, went to the ballot at the suggestion of the PFC and other

student government bodies.

"Everyone in the PFC and just about everyone I can think of in the ASUO — everyone that helped us get our ballot propositions up and running — was really gunning for us," Pierson said. "Everyone was very supportive and was much in favor of seeing us succeed."

However, when all three measures failed, KWVA found itself without the monies it had hoped for, Pierson said.

"At the ballot, looking at propositions like ours, it's really hard to get across what you're trying to do," he said. "I half expected the measures to fail. That was my concern when I submitted the proposals."

Had the measures passed, KWVA would have received

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