Frohnmayer discusses leadership

By Sarah Skidmore

The ends justify the means.

This political credo of Niccolo Machiavelli, a notorious political theorist of the 1500s, is "disturbingly modern" in the midst of the presidential impeachment proceedings, University President Dave Frohnmayer said to the Eugene Rotary Club Tuesday.

While Frohnmayer said he has "no present judgment" on the allegations against President Clinton, he compared modern leadership ethics to Machiavelli's political ideals.

"In Machiavelli's world, worthy values clash," Frohnmayer said. "If one believes in political leadership as a means to civic greatness, then doing what others may consider as evil is not evil at all.

Machiavelli's theories outlined the need for leaders to use cunning, deceit and expedience for the good of the people. Clinton allegedly de-ceived the people by lying about his affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Frohnmayer said society is "in the midst of scandal brought about by the discovery of that very deceit

Machiavelli seemed to be praising." Clinton's videotaped grand jury testimony was released to the pub-lic the day before Frohnmayer's speech.

In light of the controversy, Frohnmayer asked, "Can you be a leader without being unethical and immoral in your tactics?"

Some students said they felt that morality is an important com-ponent of leadership.

"He's got to have morals to lead our country," junior Leslie Gillette said.

However, in Machiavelli's world because "worthy values clash," the role of a good leader was not always the same as the role of a good person.

"A president has a responsibility to the people and being under oath is one of them," said Heather Coughlin, a second-year mathematics graduate student. "It affects his credibility."

"I don't think it is impeachable, but maybe he should resign," said Jasmine Udey, a senior psychology major.

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EMU security

Continued from Page 1A risk," Winitzky said. "This way, if someone loses them, we only have to re-key a few doors.

The downside to the system, he admitted, is that people who need access to different areas of the building now have to carry numerous keys. But when people complain to Winitzky, he shows them his ring of 38 keys.

"I would love to have just one key to do my job - that would be the perfect solution," he said. "But you never want to sacrifice security for convenience.

Miller agrees, which is why he would like to see the EMU board debate this fall about how many

students really need after-hours access to the building now that parts of the EMU are open until 2 a.m.

Although the EMU belongs to students and students should have access to it, Miller said, he wonders whether students truly need to put their safety at risk and work in the building late at night when minimal staff is available to answer emergency calls.

Laura Wallace, EMU board summer chair, agrees that the board should formulate an access policy.

'It's a security issue. I've been in the building late at night and felt unsafe," she said. "Personally, I would rather feel safe than be able to get into the building after hours."

Wallace said the board will definitely address the question of afterhours access this year, and once it has decided on a policy, the EMU may install an electronic key system using money a past board has set aside for this purpose.

With the electronic system, students and staff would use cards instead of keys to open the building. The EMU could control access by removing students from its database, rendering their cards useless.

Although the system would be expensive to install and maintain, it would also make the EMU easier to secure, Wallace said.

After all, she added, "how often can we really re-key the building?"

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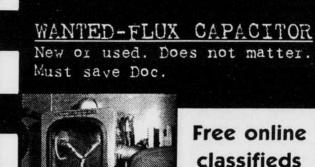
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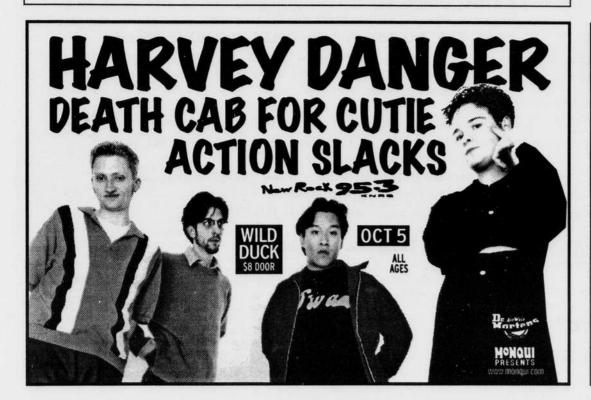


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