

## CISCAP

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vocate of "P4P."

"I've always admired the Pastors for Peace for doing something concrete," Silver said. "Not just sitting around and talking about how horrible it is, but putting themselves at risk and making an important statement, and I want to be a part of that."

Everett, also a volunteer for CISCAP and a longtime human rights activist, said that though his 1996 caravan experienced a few obstacles, the journey was worth the trouble.

"I was approached by people in Cuba who needed help," Everett said. "This one woman had a son

who had problems with his esophagus and asked me to find a contractor that was only found in the US."

This caravan's mission will be to "honor Cuba's innovations in energy and transportation alternatives" by distributing donated bicycles and acting as a "mobile bicycle facility" once in Cuba. It will also deliver medical equipment, medicines, educational materials and other supplies. Caravan vehicles will converge in Texas to cross the Mexican border.

CISCAP will sponsor a potluck to greet the caravan and give a send-off to Silver at 6 p.m. on Oct. 19 at the Koinonia Center. A speaker from the P4P organization will also talk about the details of the Cuba measure, which the House of Representa-

tives voted on last Wednesday. The measure would let Cuba buy U.S. food for the first time in four decades and is part of a bill that would allow the import of U.S.-made pharmaceuticals.

CISCAP coordinator Scott Mikseh compared the group's efforts to the civil disobedience acts of black people throughout history. He said that though the Friendship caravan may not end the controversial blockade, they will at least send a powerful message.

"You have to go step by step," he said. "That's what the Friendship is all about. It's saying to our government that 'you need to end this blockade' ... Even if it's a little thing, if you do it enough, it will make a difference."



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## OUS

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the report's estimated faculty costs were not accurate.

"It's too low; it's way too low," she said.

Richmond also stressed that there are not enough funds to make an across-the-board commitment to engineering. She said the state should instead focus on specific programs and attempt to make those better.

"We can not afford to cover every area of engineering in this state," she said. "We need to be focusing. Let's narrow ... what we mean [by] excellence."

OUS Vice Chancellor Tom Andrews explained the funding situation for the engineering investment plan and said that Oregon will not be able to finance the investment using only state funds.

"The farther ... an institution moves up the aspiration ladder, the further it gets from state funding," he said.

OUS has already requested \$30 million from the state Engineering Education Investment Fund, \$17 million of which will come from private sources. More funds will be requested, depending on which option the board approves Friday, Andrews said.

If the board approves the plan proposed by the OUS, it would mean a state commitment of \$10.63 million every two years, which would be matched by private funding, for a total of \$21.26 million every two years. The funding would begin in 2001, Andrews said.

According to OUS reports, the bulk of the existing funding — \$53.37 million every two years — would go to Oregon State University. The University of Oregon would stand to gain about \$17 million every two years. Andrews also said that Oregon State University and Portland State University would receive most of the facilities improvements and new buildings because the two schools account for nearly 80 percent of all engineering degrees within the OUS, which explains the disparity in funding levels.

University Provost John Moseley, however, said that despite the small size of the University's share, the investment would still mean an improvement for the University of Oregon.

"The investment at [the University] is entirely in computer science. With that investment we will move into the tier one for computer science," he said.

Moseley also cautioned that Oregon schools can't compare themselves to other schools in the nation that are larger and boast bigger engineering schools. He said states such as California, Michigan and North Carolina already have huge engineering schools and strong ties to the private sector, which keeps those schools well-funded. He said the Oregon University System should be careful to keep its plans to scale with its means and not try to keep up with larger schools.

"One of the fallacies of tier-one institutions is based on larger scales ... they're based on large scales based on larger economies," he said.

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## Astronauts mistakenly generate space junk

By Marcia Dunn  
The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Two spacewalking astronauts clamped power equipment onto the international space station on Tuesday and inadvertently added to the collection of junk whizzing around Earth.

A cap for a depressurization valve floated away moments after Bill McArthur emerged from space shuttle Discovery.

The aluminum cover, about the size of a gas cap on a car, bounced against the space station, then against the shuttle robot arm. Then it was gone.

"It was a nice billiard shot," McArthur radioed. "It's become the latest addition to tiny bodies orbiting the Earth."

Mission Control said the lost cap was no reason for concern. Its tether either came loose or broke. Flight controllers expect the cap to plunge through the atmosphere and burn up in a few days.

The main purpose of Tuesday's spacewalk — the third in as many days — was to mount two power converters on the space station's aluminum framework, or truss.

Astronaut Leroy Chiao performed

the job from the end of Discovery's robot arm. He removed the 175-pound converters one by one from the shuttle cargo bay. From inside the shuttle, Michael Lopez-Alegria used the robot arm to give Chiao a lift.

The converters will be used to regulate power once a pair of solar wings are installed during the next construction mission, in December.

Chiao and McArthur clearly enjoyed their 240-mile-high construction work.

"How would you like to live on this thing for a few months?" McArthur asked.

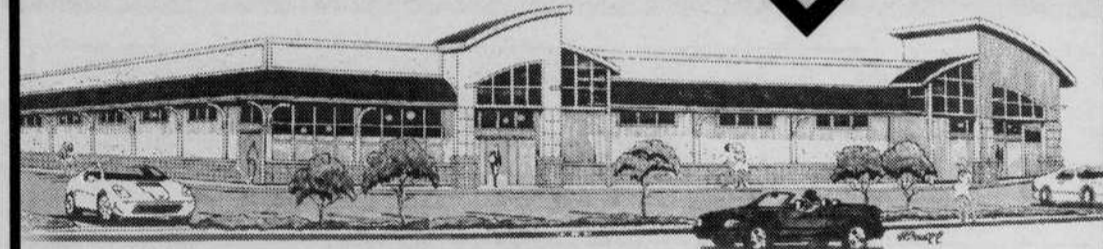
"I think that would be pretty cool," Chiao replied.

One spacewalk remains. On Wednesday, Lopez-Alegria and Jeff Wisoff will go back out to clean the top of the truss for the arrival of the solar wings, test their mini jetpacks and practice carrying each other. NASA wants to see how hard it would be for a spacewalker to rescue an incapacitated colleague.

When Discovery pulls away Friday, it will leave behind 10 tons of new space station pieces. It will also leave the space station in a slightly higher orbit.

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