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goals," he said.

Maloney will also talk about the potential impacts of climate change and the risks businesses will face because of it. He said wind or solar power may help to mitigate this problem.

The symposium will run through Saturday on campus and is free to the public. For more information about the symposium and a full listevents, http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~sbs.

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Marijuana

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Foundation — or THC — to file two lawsuits, one state and one federal.

"Federal agents do not belong on state searches whatsoever because (ensuring compliance with state law is) an Oregon, not a federal, procedure," he said. "Hopefully, this lawsuit will help to change that.'

DEA Assistant Special Agent Ken Magee, the Portland official who oversees narcotics enforcement operations in Oregon, said a cooperative agreement between state and federal enforcement in any narcotics investigation is essential to organizing task force arrangements.

'Agents have a statutory obligation to enforce the laws passed by

the elected officials of this country," he said. "This is not the first time a lawsuit of this kind has been filed."

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> Leroy Stubblefield veteran

Substance Abuse Prevention Program director Miki Mace teaches a class through SAPP called "The Truth About Marijuana," and said she thinks lawsuits such as Stubblefield's could eventually lead to an accordance between federal and state laws.

"I think there has to be a day when they agree, because lawsuits will continue to occur until legislation changes," she said. "If anything, it should give somebody pause as to whether things should remain the same."

Stubblefield's attorney, Anne Witte of Portland, said she intends to ask state public health officer Grant Higginson, administrator of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act. and the American Civil Liberties Union to file a suit with them in federal court. She said she hopes to stop Attorney General John Asheroft and the DEA from prosecuting medical marijuana patients, many of whom, like her client, are war veterans.

At age 18, Stubblefield volunteered to fight in Vietnam. By the age of 20, Stubblefield said he had tried marijuana twice and decided against using it at all, especially while in combat, because he thought it would hinder his ability to function. In 1969, the 21-year-old soldier flew home with a need for sleep and a desire for companionship.

Stubblefield went out on the town, driving his parents' car. About a mile from home, he fell asleep at the wheel and broke his neck in a car accident, leaving him a quadriplegic. The Coast Guard gave him an honorable medical discharge for passing out in a state of complacency, casually referred to as a "safe zone" by soldiers and veterans.

"I'd say at least 90 percent of vets could benefit mentally and physically from the use of marijuana," Stubblefield said, referring to PTSD-related flashbacks he and other veterans experience, which can be controlled by constant consumption of "downers" like marijuana, he said. Because of na, Stubblefield said he does not have to use as much methadone, a harsher medication previously prescribed for his pain.

"I'm proud to be able to help Leroy and others and continue this fight," said THC Executive Director Paul Stanford, founder of the nonprofit pro-marijuana group. After the September seizure, THC gave Stubblefield, Russell and Vandehay seven new plants total and an ounce of marijuana each.

Thankful for the support for his case, Stubblefield said he wants people to take a second look at the system. "What good does it do to cast a

vote," he said, "when we, as the peo-

ple, don't get what we vote for?' Caron Alarab is a freelance writer

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