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IN BRIEF

Portlanders rally against Bush on inauguration day

PORTLAND — Several hundred activists rallied in Portland on Thursday — the day of President Bush's inauguration — to protest the Iraq war and the administration's economic and social policies.

Police detained one protester at downtown rally, but it was unclear why.

About 100 protesters — many of them middle-age women in the activist group "Code Pink" — marched across the Burnside Bridge to a downtown rallying site. The marchers chanted "not our president, not our war."

They were joined at the downtown rallying site by groups of protesters that were still arriving late Thursday afternoon.

Police on bicycles and on foot milled around the rally.

The protesters included high school students who had gotten permission to miss class to take part in the demonstration.

Among them was Mike Schaefer, 17, a senior who said one reason he participated in the protest was that he was too young to vote in the last election and he wanted to make his voice heard.

"I couldn't vote, but my mom voted for Bush," he said.

Another high school student, 17-year-old Colleen Kenny, said: "I'm mostly really concerned about pro-choice issues and gay rights."

Jesse Hannon, 19, said he was protesting the war in Iraq and the Bush administration's economic policies: "The economy is in the toilet."

The Portland protests were part of demonstrations held in scattered places across the county to coincide with Bush's inauguration.

— The Associated Press

LTD: Free ride service will extend hours if strike ensues

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Along with the additional parking at Autzen Stadium, Assault Prevention Shuttle, a free ride service at the University, will be providing extended service around the clock for any student in need of a ride, ASUO Community and Housing Coordinator Scott Lu said.

APS will not turn anyone away, Lu said, but students are encouraged to seek other ways to get to campus before using the service.

"The first thing folks should really look into is walking, bicycling or carpooling," Lu said.

Carpool information will be available on the ASUO Web site, asuo.uoregon.edu, Lu said.

Vobora said LTD understands the effects a strike will have on the University and Lane Community College,

but said alternative bus services to the campuses are not possible.

Vobora said LTD does have employees who are willing to cross union picket lines if asked, but those people are not enough to make up for the drivers that would strike if ATU does not accept LTD's final contract offer.

"We have quality, professional people, and those are the people we want back on the job," Vobora said.

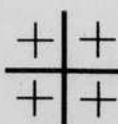
The union is required to give a 10-day notice before a strike can happen, and union officials are awaiting LTD's final contract offer.

According to an ATU press release, LTD's final offer is expected by Feb. 1.

"The clock starts when the paperwork is filed," Vobora said.

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