

## Shorr: Speaker discusses nuclear weapon

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situation in Iraq and how it impacts security.

He said he will also discuss how global warming affects national security.

"There are many who are saying that (the hurricanes) are just a sign of what kind of things may be in our future," Shorr said. "I think that students have concerns about the direction of our country and I'd like to have a dialogue with them at the University and see what they think about the policies our political leaders are supporting."

Shorr said this is a critical time for him to visit Oregon because there is a possibility for a vote this month in the Senate on funding for a new nuclear bunker buster weapon, and Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., has supported it in the past.

PSR has been successful in cutting nuclear funding in the past, but it's hard to see an impact right now because President Bush's administration is pro-nuclear weapons and it's hard to turn an entire administration around, he said.

He said community education from groups like his helps to erode support for nuclear weapons. PSR has been working for more than 20 years to educate people on the dangers of nuclear weapons and war, he said. Over the last couple of years PSR has managed to eliminate some nuclear weapons programs funding.

Its international affiliate won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985 for work that PSR was also involved with, Shorr said.

Shorr said PSR is also involved in lawsuits attempting to tighten regulations on pollutants released from energy use.

He said he also plans to talk about

how citizens can work together to ensure more competent politicians and political leaders are in power.

Shorr obtained his bachelor's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey and has since been a professional peace and anti-nuclear weapons activist. He has performed as an actor and political satirist. He has also written several screen plays and hosted a radio talk show in Florida.

He will be visiting Portland, Corvallis, Albany and Bend during his Oregon tour.

PSR's Oregon chapter Director Angela Crowley-Koch said PSR members in Portland are currently educating health care providers about environmental health issues. Her office worked with Beyond War in Eugene to bring Shorr to the University.

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## McKenzie: Floods could cost \$1,000s in damages

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the first rain, we always get some dripping."

The most recent leak dumped 80 gallons of rain into the room, filling it with about an inch of water, Assistant Director of SSIL Garron Hale said.

The lab is primarily a resource for geography students' cartography projects, but it also contains one of the few distance education testing centers on campus. Between the two labs there are 55 computer stations and two instructors' centers. The SSIL moved to their current location in the summer of 2000, and employees say they've been plagued by leaks ever since.

Staff members attribute the leaks to an old, poorly-designed roof and say the leaks will not end until a new roof is built. The rubber covering on the flat roof cracks in the heat of the sun, and water drips down after large rains, Hale said.

He added that although maintenance crews frequently fix the cracks, new ones appear and it's difficult to determine where the leak begins because the water travels through the fifth floor before arriving on the fourth.

"It has to get through a lot of concrete to get here ... it'll just follow a seam in the rubber to a crack, then it leaks," he said.

Hale said the flooding is a regular occurrence since the SSIL relocated five years ago.

"It was here with the building. It's never been fixed, to my knowledge," he said.

Facilities Services would not comment because their roofer is out of town.

After the water from the most recent leak was cleaned up, the University gave the SSIL tarps to protect the computers against further

damage.

Employees say the leaks have caused setbacks and difficulties for the lab.

The first flood they experienced caused \$1,000 worth of damages to two video monitors, employees say, but the insurance only covered \$500 worth of loss.

"Since they're \$500 each, I lost two of them and had to pay for one," Leue said.

Since then, the deductible has been raised to \$5,000, and Leue is seriously concerned about further damage.

"I could lose up to \$5,000 of equipment, and I'd have to pay that \$5,000," she said. "The problem is one of those that they can't just keep patching."

Rick Gorman, a system administrator for SSIL, said the problem must be rectified or more damage will occur.

"Fortunately, this time we didn't get any damage, but if we had, I'd be working quickly to solve the problem," Gorman said. "It's a pain with a capital P."

Leue and Hale said their lab is not the only room in McKenzie troubled by leaks.

"There was an area where water was just pouring down the Robinson Theatre doorway ... it was a big avalanche of water," Leue said.

Lab employee Ryan Vann said leaks are typical at Oregon public schools.

"My high school was way underfunded, and leaking was a pretty typical occurrence, so it doesn't seem like a big deal to me ... but on the other hand, there is \$1,000 machinery in there, so it'd be nice to protect it from water damage."

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## GTFF: Federation addresses wage increases

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GTFF reached an agreement following nine months of bargaining. The agreement came one day after the GTFF held its "Empty Campus Day" in which they taught their classes off-campus to demonstrate their contributions to the University.

At the time, the GTFF was concerned about student fees and about the University hiring undergraduates to lead discussion sections and grade papers.

They were also concerned that a requested pay raise was not approved, which the University attributed to a state wage freeze.

This year, concerns are similar.

"As always, we plan to focus on making working conditions better for GTFFs — with higher wages and lower fees," Julian Catchen, the president of the GTFF, wrote in

an e-mail.

Catchen wrote that although tuition is waived for GTFFs, they still must pay fees to the University, which can swallow up to 10 percent of their pay.

Marian Friestad, associate dean of the graduate school, said GTFFs are "well compensated," especially considering that their tuition is waived.

Friestad noted that at the University of Iowa, although GTFFs have a higher wage, they still must pay tuition.

"They turn around and give all their money back to the school," she said.

David Cecil, the organizer of the GTFF, said a true tuition waiver would include fees.

"For undergraduates, they lump tuition and fees together. It's only for the GTFFs that they're separate," he said. "We want the elimination of

student fees for GTFFs because we believe the tuition waiver they were promised when they came to U of O should be a full waiver."

Despite the disagreements, both parties said they expect talks to go relatively smoothly.

Catchen said "hopefully, nothing" will stand in the way of the GTFF's requests. "We look forward to working with the University to obtain a fair contract for our members," he said.

Friestad expressed similar optimism.

"I think that all of the parties are trying to come to an agreement that is fair and realistic," she said. "I think that any negotiation has a potential to be difficult, but I don't think it has to be."

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