

Capitol: legislation affects students

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Senator Tom Hartung, is complimentary to school reform. The bill allows for the creation of charter school facilities.

Senator Hartung said at a public hearing, "If you think the educational system is perfect, don't vote for SB100; if you think there is still room for improvement, vote for it."

A charter bill hearing was held that morning by the Education Committee. The bill passed from the committee 16-14 in favor of the bill.

After the passing of the bill, Senator Hartung said, "The educational system has been recognized as not being perfect; it needs improvements."

The highlight of the day is when Governor John Kitzhaber took time out of his busy day to shake hands with students and constituents, and offer a friendly word about students' concerns.

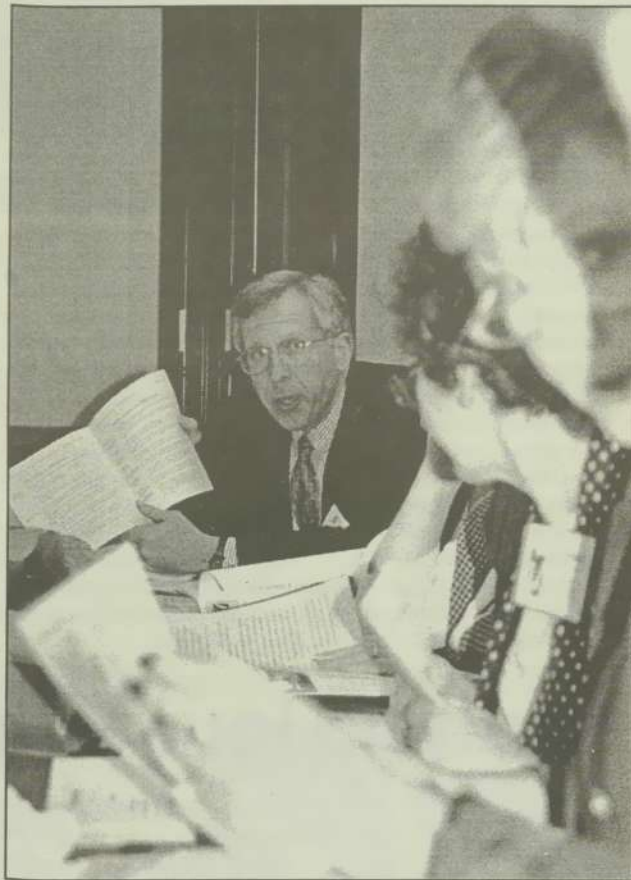


Senator Gary George, Vice Chair Susan Castillo, Chair Tom Hartung and Committee Administrator Janet Jacob listen to testimony on Student Bill 428.



College President John Keyser goes over the itinerary for the Community College Day at the state capitol with other Clackamas staff members.

Governor John Kitzhaber appeared briefly at several of the hearings regarding educational issues.



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Conversation Partners Program has good start

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The Conversation Partners Program began the first step on Jan. 19, 1999 in building a positive cultural exchange.

The program pairs up students that are currently studying English as a Second Language (ESL) with Spanish students who are trying to increase their skills. This program allows for a full language and cultural exchange.

Kathleen Fallon, ESL coordinator, said that the orienta-

tion on the 19th had a "fabulous turnout."

According to Fallon, the partners have already met. She also stated that they are very excited about their experience. Some of the partners have been meeting on their own and exchanging culture and language and are learning something new every time they meet. Another meeting of the whole group is scheduled at a restaurant sometime in February.

When asked how the whole experience feels to her, Kathleen Fallon proclaimed one word: "Exciting."

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