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create comfort with them.

It was "very good and taught me to observe people more and great to have everyone participate," said one of the attendees.

"It was interesting, lots of energy. Very helpful," said another. "Even though I don't like to act, but I thought it was really very impressive."

The leadership conference is one example that demonstrate the fact that there is a lot to learn outside of the classroom.

It is "hearing again and learning again how to communicate non-verbally," said Dr. Widoff, director of Student Activities. "Workshops are one of many out-of-the-class activities that are designed to compliment what happened to the student in the class," she continued. "So in this case, whether you are a humanities student or an engineering student or business student or any other academic school, find tuning the way you communicate your ideas can be very helpful." Dr. Widoff also welcomes any other workshop topic students are interested in.

Altamese Kelley, secretary of SGA did a wonderful presentation for Mr. Gori. She said, "It was a very nice learning experience and Mr. Gori did a wonderful job. I was expecting more students to attend, but because of the weather it was only a few individuals beside SGA and our CAs." The evaluation for the conference was approximately 65% Excellent, 33% Good, and 2% Fair.

Jordinian college student ordered deported without hearing

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH - An immigration judge has ordered the deportation of a Jordanian attending La Roche College for failing to register with a federal program that tracks visitors from primarily Muslim countries.

Abdelqader Abu-Snaine, 22, said he will catch a flight from New York City and leave the country on Tuesday, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported Sunday.

Abu-Snaine was led off the suburban Pittsburgh campus in handcuffs in June 2003 because he did not show up to register with the National Security Entry Exit Registration System, which targets visitors from 25 countries, mainly in the Middle East. The program was set up following the Sept. 11 attacks.

"I was disappointed. I would have explained everything," Abu-Snaine said, saying he didn't register because he was swamped with an 18-credit class load at the time. "I would have told him that I really was intending to register. There was no political reason why I wouldn't register."

But Abu-Snaine didn't get to say that in person because Judge Donald Ferlise issued the deportation order without a hearing on Friday, saying he had already decided months ago that the student purposely didn't register.

Elaine Komis, a spokeswoman for the Justice Department's Executive Office of Immigration Review, said testimony is usually taken in such cases but doesn't have to be.

Immigration officials said Abu-Snaine's rights weren't violated because the judge did consider written evidence submitted on

his behalf by the American Civil Liberties Union.

"He did receive his day in court. It was just on paper," said Manny Van Pelt, a spokesman for Immigration and Customs Enforcement. "That's how these things sometimes go."

Robert Whitehill, an attorney working with ACLU, said Ferlise told Abu-Snaine's attorneys he found the student acted willfully and was therefore deportable.

"I've never heard of not letting respondents testify, especially as to the substance of the case," said Jeanne Butterfield, executive director of the American Immigration Lawyers Association of Washington, D.C. "The whole issue turns on whether it was willful or excusable. If he (the judge) is not willing to hear testimony, how can he make a fair decision?"

Abu-Snaine was detained for nine days after his arrest last June. The case has prompted debate over whether the law, which required males older than 16 to be interviewed, fingerprinted and photographed, goes too far in the name of national security.

Abu-Snaine had letters from the college's administration, vouching for his character and his 3.2 grade-point average in computer science.

"You take a kid like this and you mistreat him in the way he's been mistreated and you give fodder to our enemies to say, 'Look, this isn't such a great country after all,'" said Witold "Vic" Walczak, litigation director for the Pittsburgh ACLU office.

Abu-Snaine said he still has a high opinion of America, but had this message for those who pushed for his deportation: "You did me wrong. And I didn't expect that."

Nation needs more companies to make flu shots, flu experts say

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press Science Writer

NEW YORK - If the United States wants to avoid future shortages of flu vaccine it must take steps to draw drug companies back into the business of making the inoculations, flu experts say.

In a bad year, the stakes could be higher than just saving people from fever, headaches and a runny nose.

"What if you had 20 or 30 percent of your population not able to go to work or to school? It would affect the economy. It would affect, in a sense, our security," said Dr. Gregory Poland of the Mayo Clinic, who sits on a federal vaccine advisory board.

Health officials warned of shortages last Tuesday after one of the two companies that supply most of the nation's flu inoculations said it couldn't provide any. British authorities had suspended the license of Chiron Corp. because of problems at its vaccine plant in Liverpool. That chopped the nation's supply of flu vaccine in half.

When the news reached a meeting of vaccine experts Tuesday morning, "we were shocked and surprised, and then we got depressed, and then we just moved into problem-solving," recalled Dr. William Schaffner of Vanderbilt University.

"It doesn't help the firemen to get angry at the fire, you've got to go to work and put it out."

The basic problem is that "we've lost most of our domestic manufacturers" of flu vaccine, said Richard Webby at St. Jude

Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. "When you're relying on two manufacturers ... and one goes down, you're up the creek."

Drug companies have pulled out of flu vaccine production because it's not very profitable and it's financially risky, health experts said.

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demand for flu shots fluctuates from year to year as public interest waxes and wanes. Last season brought huge demand for a flu shot; the year before saw little interest, Poland said. But flu shots have to be made far in advance, so the manufacturers must rely on estimates and then they're "out there naked in the marketplace," said Schaffner.

If a flu shot isn't used during the season, it must be discarded. So companies generally throw away millions of doses a year, Poland said.

What's more, making vaccines

requires massive capital investment and involves the costs of complying with federal regulations, and the market is relatively small, he said.

So what can be done to draw more companies into making flu vaccines?

One strategy would be to make demand higher and more reliable by getting more healthy adults to get flu shots regularly, Webby said. Between the publicity over last year's early flu season and the current concern that bird flu could spawn a lethal human pandemic, "flu certainly has had a relatively high profile the last couple years," Webby said. "All of this I think is certainly raising public awareness."

Other experts suggest having the government commit to buying a certain number of doses at a given price each year, buffering the uncertainty. Currently, most flu vaccine in the United States is bought by the private sector.

Not only could government buy more flu vaccine and promote flu shots more aggressively, it could also require health insurance companies to cover flu shots as well as other vaccines for adults, Schaffner said. A companion public program could provide flu shots for uninsured people, he suggested.

"It would create a huge new market."

By next year, a guaranteed government purchase might ensure that the three flu vaccine makers that now supply the nation remain in the business, Poland said. Besides the two major suppliers, another company makes the new inhaled vaccine, FluMist.

Is that hair in my ears?

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enriched? How about wondering why I was too busy to help raise money for the rain forest and now it's gone. Pal, if ifs and buts were candy and nuts, we'd all have a wonderful Christmas!

It saddens me when I hear that many of the adult students feel alienated on campus, that they don't fit in. It is true that many of them are not as cool as me, but there's nothing I can do about that. If they just took a moment to make friends, they'd realize there's nothing to be scared of. Except for maybe that guy in my one Mass

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Comm. class, he scares me a little. Anyway, join a club. I joined Lion Ambassadors shortly after coming back to school and have had a blast. They let me run around as the Nittany Lion mascot at our functions and feed me pizza! The girls (98 percent girls, guys, 98 percent! Join today, stupid!) get a kick out of it and I don't think they see me as some old dude, or do they? No, it's cool. I'd say that all my friends now are ten to twenty years younger than me and I don't think that's weird. Or is it? Anyway, I'm getting tired. It's time for a nap.

Mount St. Helens lets off steam

By David Ammons
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MOUNT ST. HELENS NATIONAL MONUMENT, Wash. - Mount St. Helens belched more steam Monday following several days of tremors and low-level earthquakes that have raised fears that the mountain might blow at any moment.

It was not immediately clear how large Monday's emission was, or whether it contained ash, but U.S. Geological Survey geologist Willie Scott said any ash would fall mostly in the crater and not threaten any structures.

The steam burst blanketed the top of the mountain in a white cloud and followed a similar blast and 20-minute tremor late Sunday.

A drumbeat of earthquakes since a plume of steam was released on Friday indicated that pressure was mounting within the mountain. Geological Survey crews also observed a shift in the crater floor and on part of the 1,000-foot lava dome that essentially serves as a plug for magma, he said.

"Cracks are opening up so we know something is pushing up close to the surface right now," Geological Survey geologist Tom Pierson told NBC's "Today" show Monday.

Scientists have said they do not expect anything close to the devastation of Mount St. Helen's May 18, 1980, explosion, which killed 57 people and coated much of the Northwest with ash.

The mountain's alert was raised to Level 3, the highest possible, after a volcanic tremor was detected Saturday for the first time since before the mountain's 1980 eruption. Crowds have gathered along

park roads at what was said to be a safe distance to see what happens next. Barbecues were fired up and entrepreneurs sold hot dogs and coffee to people camped along the side of the road.

Most air traffic was prohibited within a 5-mile radius of the volcano.

The 1980 blast obliterated the top 1,300 feet of the volcano, devastated miles of forest and buried the North Fork of the Toutle River in debris and ash as much as 600 feet deep.

This time, the main concern was a significant ash plume carrying gritty pulverized rock and silica that could damage aircraft engines and the surfaces of cars and homes.

Many spectators couldn't wait out the mountain. Sunday's sunset brought a mass exodus off the mountain.

"Our attention span is about like this," said James Wilder, 25, of Aberdeen, holding his forefinger and thumb about one-quarter of an inch apart. "We've been here five hours and we need to leave pretty soon."



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