



Photo by Pat Malach

Journalism students Kamala Hollander, senior, (left to right) Dewey Weddington, senior, and Chris Ribeiro, senior, watch Gov. Bill Clinton and Sen. Al Gore campaign via satellite at Pegasus Pizza Thursday night.

Students listen to Clinton via TV

□ Democrat appears with running mate on more than 100 campuses

By Lisa Kneefel
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University students watched Democratic candidates Bill Clinton and Al Gore address education, AIDS, women's issues, health care and other concerns on a unique program targeted at college-age voters.

The program was sponsored by "Rock the Vote," a non-partisan organization that encourages young people to register.

Video satellite linked the event, which took place at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, to more than 100 "watch parties" at campuses throughout the nation. In addition, nationally syndicated FM talk-show "Rockline" broadcast the event to more than 150 radio stations.

Rockline's simulcast forum featured call-in questions from young people. Viewers and listeners were able to not only see and hear the candidates chat with the program's host, but could also call an 800-number to ask their own questions.

One University student's call penetrated the lines.

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Perot to run, chooses vet as running mate

□ Perot's faithful remain loyal as their candidate re-enters the presidential race

By Rene DeCair
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Ross Perot plunged back into the presidential race on Thursday, setting up a three-way struggle with President Bush and Bill Clinton. He said the major parties haven't tackled the nation's major economic problems but "we can fix anything."

Although the Texas billionaire withdrew from the race July 16, to his supporters, it was as if he had never left.

Bill McCommon, Washington County chairman for United We Stand America, said he was "extremely ecstatic" about Perot's announcement that he is a candidate again.

"I have no doubt that he is going to win in November," he said. "Since he made the



announcement, our phone hasn't stopped ringing. We're not having any negative calls."

When he withdrew earlier this summer, Perot wasn't an official candidate, but now has his name on the ballots in all 50 states. Perot has selected as his running mate retired Adm. James Stockdale, a prisoner of war for eight years during the Vietnam War.

McCommon said he appreciated that in his announcement Thursday, Perot apologized to supporters for originally withdrawing from the race.

"I believe in Ross Perot as a man," McCommon said. "He will not pull out. I'm sure this was completely thought out."

Betty Mason, another Perot

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Rust, campers protest eviction

□ Homeless face eviction as their site near park is closed

By Colleen Pohlig
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His jacket tossed aside and arms straining to set a soiled and abandoned couch in a large dumpster, Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust showed his support for homeless campers and discussed some options Thursday at the recently enforced banned camping site near Armitage Park.

Campers were given eviction notices on Monday, Sept. 28, stating they had until Oct. 1 to evacuate the state-owned site, which is across the McKenzie River from Armitage Park.

Rust supports the development of urban campgrounds in which a limited number of homeless families and individuals can live with access to safe drinking water, portable toilets and a camp host.

"Camping is an option," Rust said. "Personally, I think this is one of the better campsites for the homeless that I've seen."

Rust told the campers that support for his idea of urban campgrounds would be more forthcoming if the encampment



Photo by Michael Shindler

Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust spent time Thursday helping clean a recently closed homeless campsite near Armitage Park.

was left clean.

"It makes my job harder when, at the end, the public sees (the campers) left a mess," Rust said.

As of Thursday, most of the campers had moved their belongings and vehicles up to higher ground, along the road but still next to the site, for fear of being arrested and possibly losing their belongings.

Rust said he would like to see Gov. Barbara Roberts declare a housing emergency and open up the site to camping as at least a temporary homeless

solution. Next year, he is hoping for more.

"I hope the state will allow camping to happen next year for a limited number of people for six to eight months out of the year," he said. "This is a good site, and I think it can work."

Rust said the main hurdle in transforming the site to a campground for the homeless is that "people don't want it in their backyard."

The Division of State Lands was in the process of obtaining

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WEATHER

Today we'll have more of the same—rain. Highs will be between 70-75 and lows in the mid 50s.

Saturday will bring some morning clouds and fog with perhaps partial clearing in time for the football game. Come prepared for those possible showers and watch the Ducks and the Sun Devils Saturday at 1 p.m.

A CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL

Two memorial vigils are planned for today at the Lane County Courthouse as a show of support for the Salem gay, lesbian and black communities, in the wake of a firebombing of a Salem residence that killed a black lesbian and white gay man.

A memorial vigil will take place at noon, and a candlelight vigil will be at 7 p.m. at the courthouse, which is located at 8th Avenue and Oak Street.

According to the Associated Press, Hattie Mae Cohens and Brian Mock were killed after someone threw a Molotov cocktail through the window of their apartment last Saturday in Salem. Two of the men charged in the arson have been identified as skinheads by the Portland Police Bureau.

ENTERTAINMENT



The EMU Cultural Forum presents Baby Gramps and Walker T. Ryan with an evening of folk and blues at the WOW Hall on Saturday, Oct. 3.