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First debate opens to mixed reviews

□ Supporters on all sides say their candidates "won" debate

By Pat Malach
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The first of the long-awaited and much-ballyhooed presidential debates took place Sunday, and the winner may have been the man the political "experts" say has no chance of being elected in November.

The clear highlight of the evening was Ross Perot's self-satisfying statement that he'd be "all ears" to any solutions offered for the nation's problems.

Bill McCommon, Washington County chairman for United We Stand America, a Perot support group, said Perot was the hands-down winner.

"(Perot) was clear and concise," McCommon said. "He stuck with the issues and didn't bash people."

Citing Perot's lack of a genuine chance to win the election as a reason for his candor, even partisan Democrat and Republican observers said Perot was

impressive.

Drain resident Jack Kirkpatrick, 72, who watched the debate at the Eugene Democratic headquarters, said he appreciated Perot's direct answers.

"Perot made a lot of real yes-and-no type of answers," he said, "and that was impressive. I think he's saying a lot of things because he knows he isn't going to be (president)."

Kim Green, a 21-year-old senior political science major at the University, said Perot was the "star of the show."

"He has a great wit and sense of humor. I don't agree with him and a lot of his policies," she said after watching the debate at the Democratic headquarters, "but I do admire his intelligence."

University junior John Clarke, who writes for the *Oregon Commentator*, a conservative journal on campus, also said Perot did a good job of answering questions directly.

"Ross Perot was straightforward and directly answered questions that were given to him," Clarke said, "and at

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Opponents gather to condemn Measure 9

□ National Coming Out Day a chance to discuss gay issues

By Rene DeCair
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Democratic candidates and gay and lesbian students gathered in the EMU Courtyard Friday to recognize National Coming Out Day and to denounce Ballot Measure 9.

The event, which lasted nearly two hours, was a chance for people to publicly and proudly announce their homosexuality.

But more people used the time to express their opposition to the measure that would require the state to consider homosexuality "unnatural" and "perverse."

Speakers stood in front of a bookshelf with a chain around it, on which hung a sign that said, "Lon Mabon, which book



Cynthia Wooten

are you going to ban first?"

U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Springfield; U.S. Senate candidate Rep. Les AuCoin, D-Portland; and Cynthia Wooten, candidate for state representative

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Photo by Michael Shindler

Yurok tribe member Annelia Norris of Eugene performs a native dance at the two-day Indian celebration.

Native Americans share culture

□ Festival in park becomes hands-on learning experience

By Sarah Clark
Emerald Reporter

Ten-year-old Courtney Warren said kids at school have teased her for being a Grande Ronde Indian.

Dressed in rainbow-beaded purple regalia — "It's not called a costume" — the Eugene fifth-grader said it's kids ignorant of Native American life who tease her.

"There was one kid who used to tease me until I told him to go to a powwow, and he did," Courtney said. "He doesn't tease me anymore."

Courtney was one of many Native Americans sharing their culture this weekend at Alton Baker Park. Courtney said she hoped the two-day celebration showed people "Indians are for real; they're not for fake."

The celebration, organized by the Friends of the Museum of Natural History and area Indian education programs, featured Native American arts, crafts and food.

More than 70 tribes from across the United States were represented, including Sioux, Cherokee and Alaska natives. Tribes from Oregon included Klamath (southern Oregon), Grande Ronde (McMinnville area) and Siletz (Oregon Coast).

Michael Terry, a Swisshome resident who performed stunts and supplied props for movies such as *Dances With Wolves*, *Far and Away* and *Last of the Mohicans*, displayed his hand-made replica of an 1860s Plains Indian



Photo by Michael Shindler

Cameron Souers, 4, participated in the celebration's activities by exhibiting dress from his Lakota tribe.

encampment, complete with teepees, a sweatlodge and his war-painted pinto, Apache. The event fell on the weekend before Co-

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WEATHER

Today will bring partly cloudy skies in the morning with highs in the upper 60s. Possible sunshine in the afternoon. Lows tonight will be in the 40s.

Today in History

Five hundred years ago, on Oct. 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus arrived with his expedition in the present-day Bahamas.



Archives Photo

FROM THE PAST

The Columbus Day Storm raged on Oct. 12, 1962. One hundred trees were lost on the campus.

SPORTS

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP) — The top-ranked Washington Huskies felt tailback Napoleon Kaufman was going to develop into a star. They just didn't think it was going to be this quickly.

The flashy 5-foot-9, 170-pound sophomore from Lompoc, Calif., made his first college start a memorable one when he ran for 208 yards and two touchdowns in a 35-16 victory over California.

In 30 carries Saturday, Kaufman answered two key questions: Would he fumble and would he be durable enough to last through a long day's work?

"I just wanted to prove I'm a pretty good player," he said.