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Overflow crowd of 10,000 greets Clinton tour

□ Candidate stumps for DeFazio, AuCoin victories

By Rene DeCair
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Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton touched down in McArthur Court Thursday as part of a whirlwind tour to secure Oregon votes and encourage people to elect Democratic legislators.

About 10,000 people crowded the bleachers to hear him speak, and another 10,000 were turned away at the door.

Clinton — the front-runner in the race — spoke for about 30 minutes before leaving to continue his "Winning the West in '92" tour with several Western governors, including Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts.

"I would certainly hate to play basketball against the University of Oregon," Clinton said, referring to the clapping, noisy crowd as he stepped on stage.

The mostly pro-Clinton audience did the "wave" with its Clinton/Gore signs. "Quack for Clinton," one sign read.

The Arkansas governor played up the West theme, saying the area has always been a source of leadership in the United States.

"Many people look to the West and see tomorrow," he said, adding that if he is elected, he won't neglect this area.

Moreover, he said, Oregonians should vote no and not promote Ballot Measure 9 — which would require that government consider homosexuality "abnormal" and "perverse."

"I ask you to send a message to America by resoundingly defeating Resolution

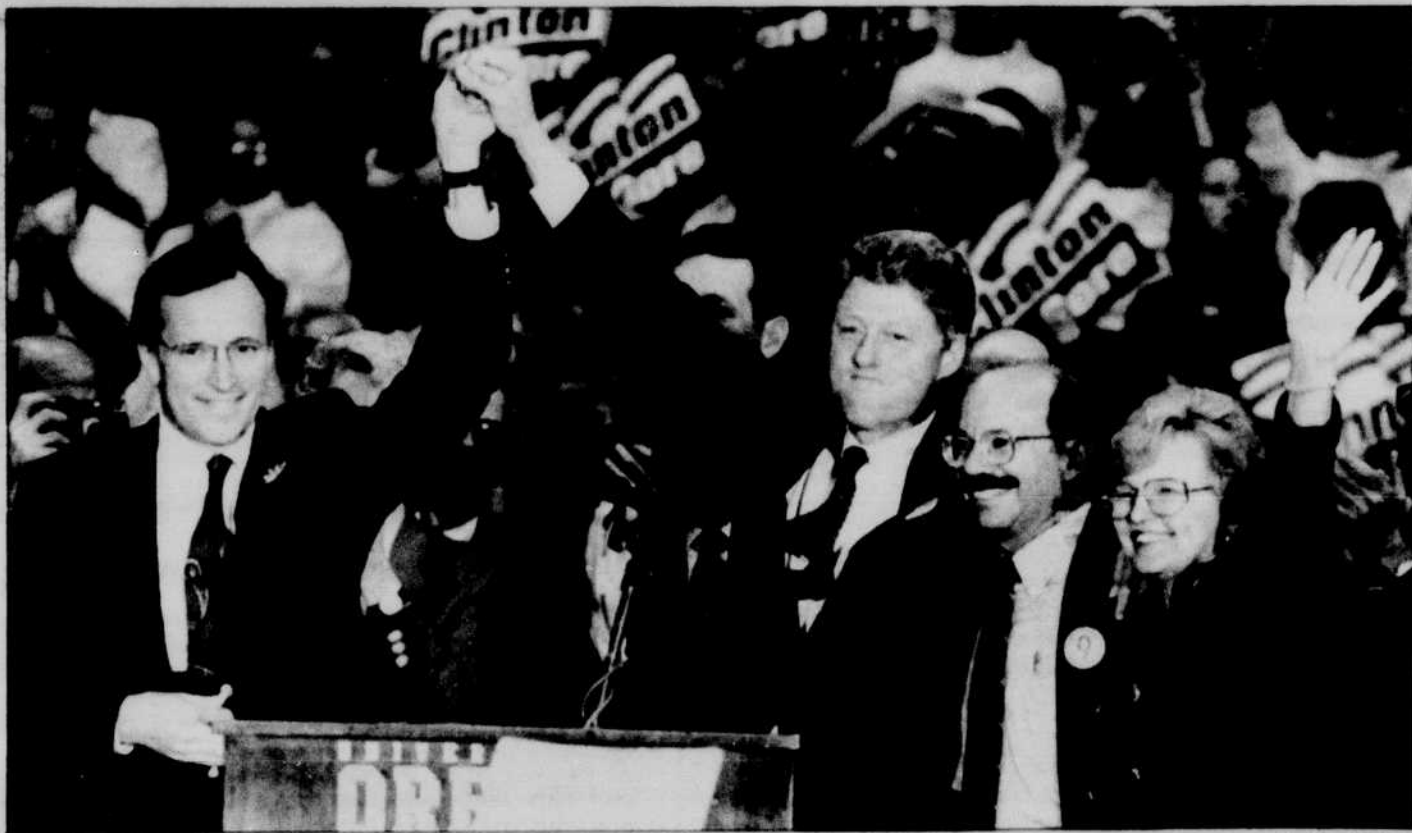


Photo by Jeff Paalay

Rep. Les AuCoin (left to right), Gov. Bill Clinton, Rep. Peter DeFazio and Gov. Barbara Roberts share the stage during their visit to McArthur Court Thursday.

9," Clinton said, receiving an extra amount of applause.

He repeated his points of the past few months, making mention to the economy and his credentials. But he first stumped for Senate candidate Les AuCoin.

Clinton urged people to help him "im-

plement the change" by voting for the Democrat who is challenging Republican Sen. Bob Packwood for Packwood's 24-year Senate seat.

Speaking about his own qualifications, Clinton said, "Of all the people you can vote for, there's only one person who can

balance a budget.

"And (there is) only one person who hasn't been a part of the Washington political establishment," he said. "And that is me."

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Sorority members say they like support provided by sisters

□ While not for everyone, a house can provide a "small niche"

By Mandy Baucum
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Sorority women like University freshman Bridget Farrenkopf, a Gamma Phi Beta pledge, say they love the structure, friendship and social life the sorority provides.

Other sorority members say the time they have to put in at their houses can be overwhelming.

"I think sororities give a good support system to people in the overwhelming college environment," Farrenkopf said. "It's nice to know you can have a whole house of friends."

Nicole Nikrandt, University senior and a Gamma Phi member, said she believes the soror-



File photo

Members of the greek system gave toys to children of unemployed and homeless parents during the 2nd annual Family Shelter Christmas Party last year.

ity system provides a "small niche within a large community campus."

Nikrandt said the sorority members share common inter-

ests even though their personalities are diverse.

President of the Panhellenic

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Greek men deny image

□ Greeks say fraternities don't necessarily fit "Animal House" stereotypes

By Kori Cliffo
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Upon hearing the word fraternities, many people automatically think of *Animal House*, wild parties and guys with only two things on their minds — drinking and women.

Because of these ideas of greek life, there are many stereotypes about fraternities and the men who belong to them.

These beliefs about the greek system are what keep many people away.

Freshman Todd Bezates said the only reason he rushed was "to meet people. I knew I wasn't going to pledge because of everything I've heard about fraternities, but I knew rushing would be the best way to meet people."

Stereotypes are not the only reasons why men don't join fraternities. Living in the house and lack of free time were

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WEATHER

There will be local fog this morning and sun in the afternoon. Highs will be in the mid 70s. Tonight will be fair with lows in the 40s.

Saturday there will be fair skies with high clouds and highs between 70-75.

Remember this Sunday morning to set your clocks back one hour. We are returning to daylight standard time.

AGGRAVATING HOMEWORK

MADRAS (AP) — A 13-year-old boy said in a taped interview with police that he killed a couple he was staying with after becoming upset because they made him do his homework.

Jacob Colman is charged with aggravated murder in the April 20 shotgun slaying of Pete and Janet Read in their home in Culver, about 95 miles southeast of Portland.

Colman had been removed from his biological mother and was staying with the couple while awaiting an opening at the St. Mary's Home for Boys in the Portland suburb of Beaverton.

Asked why he shot the Reads, the boy responded: "I didn't like them."

SPORTS

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A student sit-in at Alabama State University drew support Thursday from faculty and the football team, raising doubts about whether Saturday's game with Prairie View A&M will be played.

About 400 students continued a sit-in at the administration building Thursday and several hundred more gathered outside in support of the students' demands, including lower parking fees and a vote on the board of trustees.

Only 21 of the university's more than 100 football players attended Wednesday's practice and about the same number appeared on the field Thursday.