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TODAY

Today is the 190th anniversary of Lewis and Clark's historical sighting of the Pacific Ocean.



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Everybody has a hero and with it a memory, but Jeff Nelson's story is what sports needs

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Willamette Street plans include a small fountain and creative pavement design

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Rain likely today with a high near 60.

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Young, old pay tribute to Rabin with hymns, poetry

■ **VIGIL:** About 80 people gathered to honor the late Israeli leader in the EMU Courtyard Monday night

By Ashley Bach
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As thousands of mourners lit candles in the square where Yitzhak Rabin died, a group of students and community members gathered in the EMU Courtyard Monday night to pay their respects to the fallen Israeli leader.

About 80 people joined together in song and spirit as members of local Jewish student groups led

the service. The crowd of young and old sang traditional Jewish hymns and read from responsive readings as the rain lightly poured down.

Sam Gechter, director of Hillel, opened the vigil with a declaration of purpose. "Tonight we gather to make a statement and mourn," he said. "We gather not to make a political statement but to remember a great leader who has died."

As additional mourners wandered in and the crowd swelled, the group sang and recited traditional Jewish verse and hymns of peace and life. Even the camera lights, cellular phones and car

motors going off in the distance couldn't sway the spirit of the crowd, who held hands and embraced each other as they remembered.

Sari Wisch of the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) told the crowd of her experience lobbying for peace in Washington and seeing Rabin speak at a conference there. Wisch put aside her prepared speech and instead spoke from memory, choking back tears in the process. She described seeing both Clinton and Rabin speak and how the crowd became mesmer-

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At a candlelight vigil, Zach Hochstadd and Anna Strauss celebrate the life of a man whose mission was peace.

Out of the sky



Exploring a helicopter, Military Science 1 students were given a chance to sit inside the helicopter, which was brought in by their professor, and receive instruction as to how it operates. The helicopter landed at the field on 15th Avenue and Agate Street.

Speakers fear higher education being neglected

■ **MONEY:** An OSPIRG-sponsored forum focused on the affects of proposed changes in financial aid funding

By Regina Brown
Higher Education Reporter

Students gathered Monday night for an OSPIRG-sponsored forum about proposed changes in federal financial aid and reductions in state funding of higher education.

Speakers from the University and the Oregon Student Lobby expressed concern that changes in financial aid, along with the state trend of reducing higher education spending, will create a financial crisis that will keep people away from Oregon's public colleges and universities.

"We're facing a crisis in funding of higher education," said Dave Hubin, executive assistant to the president. "We're facing a dramatic shift in who should carry the weight in higher education."

Politicians are showing an unwillingness to invest in the future by neglecting to support higher education, Hubin said. Balancing the budget by cutting higher education will transfer the debt to students receiving financial aid by placing them in personal debt, he said.

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Guatemalan woman speaks about human rights violations in her country

■ **INTERNATIONAL:** Speaker addressed the treatment of women and children in sweatshops

By Liz Beeler
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Students, faculty and community members gathered last Thursday to hear Guatemalan activist Maria Isabel Grijalva speak about human rights violations in her country.

Grijalva is one of three women on a national speaking tour sponsored by The Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (NISGUA).

The Eugene chapter of this organization, The Committee in Solidarity with

the Central American People (CISCAP), welcomed Grijalva as part of its 1995 fall campaign.

The purpose of this nation-wide tour is to educate people about the current situation in Guatemala. Grijalva addressed issues such as lack of public health care, poor economic conditions and women's work in Guatemala.

She said men are also negatively affected by these conditions, however, she spoke primarily about women because they are deprived of power most.

"Women are not only forced to struggle against wide-spread oppression throughout the country but are forced to struggle against men and male representatives of different organizations," she said.

Many young girls work in sweatshops



GRIJALVA

ately," she said.

Grijalva also emphasized the lack of public health care. She gave several examples of why uterine cancer is the number one cause of death among Guatemalan women. They include the lack of medical

up to 16 hours a day, where they are beaten and drugged in order to continue production, Grijalva said. All their civil rights are violated as they work in cramped spaces with little or no ventilation.

"One girl was tortured with cigar burns because she put a sleeve on inappropri-

care during child birth, the use of anti-contraceptives without medical supervision and exposure to pesticides.

Grijalva is currently working with the Labor of Federation of Food Workers (FESTRA), an organization responsible for a women's project that includes gynecological exams in factories, among other things.

Grijalva spoke about the risks she and other women take when coming forward with their stories. She said death threats have not stopped her from taking action, but have only made her more determined.

"I have not wanted to flee the country," Grijalva said.

Besides touring throughout Vancouver,

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