

'Mighty Mo' arrives at Pearl Harbor to join USS Arizona

The historic battleship is destined to become a World War II museum

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PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — The USS Missouri, the ship where World War II ended, was brought here to join the USS Arizona, sunk in the 1941 Japanese attack that, for Americans, was where the war began.

Some 20,000 people turned out

for a huge beach party Sunday to welcome the 887-foot, 58,000-ton mothballed battleship as it completed an 18-day crossing from the West Coast.

Air National Guard jets did a flyover, fireboats sprayed high streams of water, military bands played, public officials had brief remarks, Chinese dragon and hula dancers performed and the party climaxed at sunset with a fireworks display.

A flotilla of more than 100 boats joined the Missouri as "the

Mighty Mo" was towed past Waikiki Beach.

After it is towed into Pearl Harbor, it is due for a \$1 million refurbishment that will create a museum scheduled to open in January. It will rest near the Arizona, which is straddled by a gleaming white shrine.

"We're dealing with a historic landmark and a national treasure," said Roy Yee, president of the USS Missouri Memorial Association. "The marriage of this ship with the Arizona and the Pearl

Harbor complex someday will gain an importance I think as great as a Statue of Liberty for the West."

It was on the teak deck of the 54-year-old Missouri in Tokyo Bay that Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu and U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur signed the surrender documents on Sept. 2, 1945.

The surrender came three years, eight months and 25 days after Japanese planes shattered a quiet Sunday morning with a sur-

prise attack on military bases, crippling the Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor. The attack brought the United States into the war.

A combat veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict, the Missouri was decommissioned in 1955 and placed on display at Bremerton, Wash., where it drew about 180,000 visitors a year. It was overhauled in 1986 and used in the Persian Gulf War before the Navy mothballed it again at Bremerton in 1992 to save operating costs of \$24 million a year.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Clinton visits school; Kinkel arraigned

President Clinton visited Thurston High School June 13 after speaking at Portland State University's commencement ceremony. He met privately with the May 21 shooting victims and their families for more than an hour, and he later spoke at an assembly in the school's gymnasium.

Clinton told the 700 students and faculty who attended that he is directing Education Secretary Richard Riley and Attorney General Janet Reno to develop an "early warning guide" that will help schools and parents identify and respond to troubled students.

In a radio address earlier in the day, the president called the recent string of school violence a "litany of loss" and suggested it was a symptom of a culture that glorifies violence.

During his visit, Clinton also spoke by phone with Teresa Miltonberger, the only victim still hospitalized. Miltonberger, 17, remains in serious condition at Sacred Heart Medical Center. She was moved out of intensive care and into a regular room June 11 and has been receiving in-room therapy. A hospital spokeswoman described Miltonberger's improvement as "incremental."

Kip Kinkel was arraigned Tuesday on 58 charges related to the May 21 shooting, including four charges of aggravated murder. The minimum penalty for an aggravated murder conviction is life in prison with the possibility of parole after 30 years.

Provost appoints two to interim positions

University Provost John Moseley recently named the new vice provost for research and the Graduate School dean. Marketing professor Marian Friestad was named Graduate School dean, and arts and sciences associate dean Thomas Dyke was named vice provost June 10.

Both positions are interim, and they will continue until the University conducts a national search for a replacement. The appointments are intended to divide the responsibilities in the Office of the Provost that were formerly held by Steadman Upham, vice provost for research and graduate dean. Upham will leave the University July 1 to assume the presidency of Claremont Graduate University.

Dyke joined the University chemistry faculty in 1974 and became associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in

1994. Friestad joined the University Department of Marketing in the Charles H. Lundquist College of business in 1987 and became an associate professor in 1994. She became the business college doctoral program director in 1997.

Two professors get prestigious award

The University faculty awarded accounting professor Helen Gernon and deceased East Asian languages and literatures professor Alan Wolfe recipients of the 1998 Charles E. Johnson Memorial Awards. The awards traditionally honor only one faculty member each year who has demonstrated exceptional service to the university and its community, but the faculty committee was unable to decide on a single recipient.

Wolfe died in early 1998. He began his University career in 1980 when he joined the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures. He became co-director of the Japanese language program late in the 1980s. He became head of the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures in 1995.

Gernon, head of the Department of Accounting, came to the University 20 years ago, becoming a full professor in 1992.

1998 UO Commencement Degree Candidates

	Spring Term '98	Winter Term '98	Fall Term '97
Bachelor's	1,982	388	403
Master's	432	66	92
Doctoral	75	17	36
Doctor of Jurisprudence	164	0	8
Certificates	12	4	2

Geographic Origin

1998 graduates represent 56 nations and 46 states

Oregon	2,016 students
California	510 students
Washington	124 students
Other states	564 students
Other nations	457 students

Ethnic Identity

White, non-Hispanic	2,660 students
Hispanic	122 students
Foreign	438 students
African-American	56 students
Asian, Pacific Islander	216 students
Native American	38 students
Unknown/unspecified	151 students

Gender

Female	1,938
Male	1,743

Age

	Oldest	Youngest
Bachelor's	63 yrs	19 yrs
Graduate	59 yrs	22 yrs

Multiple Majors

Undergraduate	
Double	327
Triple	6

SOURCE: UO Office of Communication