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Today Showers
High 48, Low 43

Wednesday Rain
High 53, Low 43

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Students help the hungry

Many Lane County residents will not go hungry this Thanksgiving because of student volunteer efforts

By David Ryan
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Nearly one-fifth of Lane County residents are at or below the poverty line, many are in need of food and some are homeless. A coalition of student groups is working with community agencies to make sure the week of Thanksgiving will be a stomach-stuffed one for these hungry people.

The UO Survival Center, a student activist group working for environmental and social justice, coordinated with the Committee to Reestablish OSPIRG, the UO Interfraternity Council and the ASUO Women's Center to help the hungry this Thanksgiving holiday.

On Saturday, volunteers from the coalition urged shoppers to buy food for the hungry at five supermarkets in the Eugene-Springfield area, including Mike's IGA on Franklin Boulevard and the Willamette Street Price Chopper.

OSPIRG volunteer Merriah Fairchild said it was the group's first event of the year to help the hungry.

The supermarket campaign, called "Grocery Wish List" was the first of a two-step plan to feed the needy this Thanksgiving. The second step will be volunteering at a Thanksgiving day dinner for the homeless. Volunteers gave shoppers a list of foods they could buy for the hungry, including peanut butter and canned vegetables. Shoppers could then donate their food in barrels lent to the coalition by Food For Lane County.

In addition to canned vegetables, some shoppers bought Thanksgiving staple foods.

One person bought yams, said Kyla Schuller, a volunteer from the ASUO Women's Center.

Some shoppers donated food because they support Food For Lane County.

"I just happen to know how good Food For Lane County is," said Tom West, a 45-year-old resident of the



Jon Wagner collects food donations from customers in front of Willamette Street Price Chopper on behalf of the Coalition to Re-Establish OSPIRG. All proceeds from the event went to Food for Lane County.

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Students want representation on commission

Students feel that representation will help ease tensions between the community, the University and the police department

By David Ryan
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University students urged the City Council to include a student from the ASUO on a proposed police commission during a public forum at City Hall Monday night.

The proposed police commission would be different from a failed city measure to create a citizen review board in that it would deal with a broad number of issues and report to the city council, not just on issues of police misconduct. The commission would contain 12 members, which includes two city councilors, a representative from the city's human right's commission, eight residents and a member recommended by the police chief. The City Council will not act on the proposed police commission until December 7.

At the forum, the City Council listened to residents who had something to say. A group of 14 students showed up to support the police commission and request the city add a student representative.

Melissa Watson, a senior at the University, said students were portrayed in the media and conversations as drunken rioters with no respect for police authority.

"We are here tonight to be proactive, to be involved in the process, to inform you to the student sentiment and ultimately to be part of the solution to the growing animosity between police and students," she said.

Watson said the establishment of a police commission and the addition of a student representative would foster a better relationship between the students and police.

"Although the current ordinance encourages the recruitment of youth, we feel that in light of all the current problems in the community a student representative is imperative," she said. "A student member would be seen not only as a voice, but also

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International student panel to teach about world peace affairs

"Culture of Peace" speakers hope to encourage students to become more knowledgeable about global issues

By Erin Snelgrove
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Five international students will speak at a panel discussion today about how their lives have been affected by the level of violence in their native countries.

The discussion, "Culture of Peace," will happen at 4 p.m. in the EMU Gumwood room. The International Peer Assistants, a division of the Office of International Education and Exchange, is sponsoring the program.

The "Culture of Peace" workshop was created to educate the

public about world affairs and international issues. This program is a continuation of last year's discussion titled "A World in Crisis."

"This panel's purpose is to educate the U.S. about trauma occurring halfway around the world," said Mirna Muratovic, a student panelist from Bosnia. "Americans often take for granted normal, everyday rights such as peace and freedom, but in other parts of the world, people often die while fighting to receive these same privileges."

Yating Chang, an international

peer assistant and co-organizer of this event, is hoping the "Culture of Peace" discussion will encourage people to become more knowledgeable about global issues.

"The goal of 'Culture of Peace' is to increase people's awareness of what is going on in the world," Chang said. "Being aware of world issues and problems is also a form of helping."

The panelists for this discussion include: Ivan Arredondo-Castro, a junior from Mexico; Asha Mary John, a junior from In-

dia; Muratovic, a sophomore from Bosnia; Kimeli Ole-Naiyomah, a sophomore from Kenya and Mitch Wilkinson, a doctorate student from the Native American Osage Nation. These panelists are five out of the approximately 1,420 international students attending the University.

Each of these students will present peace-related topics concerning their native countries. They will focus on issues such as political instability, the nuclear arms race and war.

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Peace Panel

WHAT: "Culture of Peace," world peace affairs panel discussion.

WHEN: Today 4 p.m.
WHERE: EMU Gumwood room.

WHO: Panelists from Mexico, India, Bosnia, Kenya and the Osage Nation.