

# U2 elevates Northwest through passion, soul

■ The stripped-down stage isn't stopping the legendary band from selling out arenas for Elevation Tour 2001



## REVIEW

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There were no giant screens, hanging hydraulic automobiles, or 40-foot mirrorball lemons, and most of the hit songs were played with the house lights on. But the self-proclaimed "best band in the world," U2, played the concert of a lifetime in the Great Northwest ... twice.

Playing to sold-out crowds in Tacoma, Wash., on Thursday and Portland on Sunday, Bono Vox, The Edge, Adam Clayton and Larry Mullen Jr. walked, danced and sprinted around the huge, heart-shaped catwalk, which extended halfway into the crowd from the stage. It was all to the delight of the 300 fans who showed up at six in the morning, myself included, for the chance to be admitted in-

side the catwalk and stand only inches away from the rock-and-roll legends.

The band got down to the basics of stage production, at least compared to their famous "Zoo TV" and "Popmart" tours of the 1990s. No one cared. The concerts were not about the show, but the passion and soul of the music that has carried a meaning for the last 20 years. A sea of cigarette lighters provided all the lighting needed.

The set lists included U2's early hits "I Will Follow" and "Sunday Bloody Sunday," current radio singles "Beautiful Day" and "Walk On," and everything in between from their brilliant 20-year career. "Bullet the Blue Sky" was jazzed up with a little bit of Led Zeppelin's "Whole Lotta Love" and David Bowie's "Young American." Bono and The Edge performed a cover of Elvis Presley's "Unchained Melody" in Tacoma, while in Portland, Bono devoted "One" in honor of Joey Ramone, who passed away earlier that day.

"We're one, we carry each other/Joey Ramone, my big brother!" he lamented.

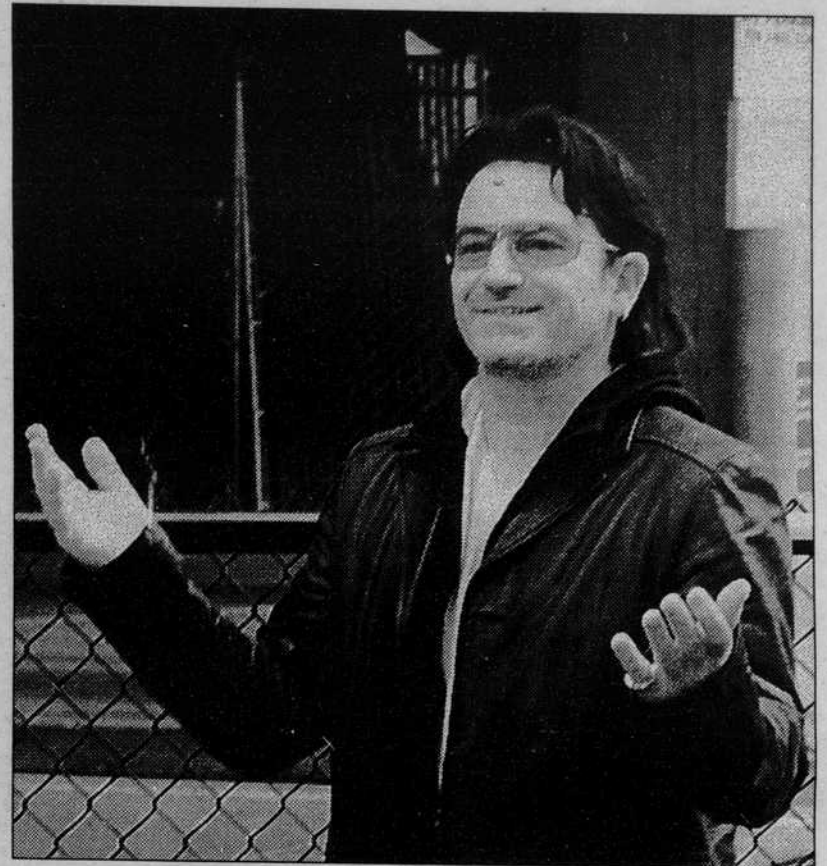
In between songs, and during them as well, Bono mingled with the fans, pulling star-struck, wide-

eyed girls up onto the catwalk to dance and sing along with him. However, the Portland show got out of hand when fans managed to pull Bono off the catwalk and onto the floor headfirst — a six-foot fall. While Bono was being rescued from the mob by security, Adam, Larry and The Edge kept the show going with "The Fly."

The band has remained down-to-earth, despite their worldwide fame. After Bono pulled up in his jet-black Lincoln limousine in Portland, I and 15 other lucky concertgoers got the chance to discreetly meet and chat with him for more than 15 minutes. It was a special moment for me. It's true, the band is all about the fans.

U2's "Elevation Tour 2001" is supporting their 12th studio album, "All That You Can't Leave Behind." It has been viewed as a return to the band's roots and their best album since "Achtung Baby" in 1991.

British singer P.J. Harvey opened both nights and energized the crowd with a mix of alternative and grunge rock, but it was evident that the fans came ready for U2, as a majority of the seats remained empty until U2 took the stage.



U2 frontman Bono makes his way from his limousine to his fans before the soundcheck for Sunday's show at the Rose Garden in Portland.

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## CRIME WATCH

### Vandalism

**Wednesday, April 11, 1:31 a.m.:** An officer witnessed a person vandalizing bicycles at racks near 13th Avenue and Kincaid Street.

**Thursday, April 12, 2:06 p.m.:** A caller reported a fire in the barkdust in the grassy area in front of Grayson Hall.

**Friday, April 13, 6:45 a.m.:** A caller reported damage to a parked vehicle at the University Inn.

**Friday, April 13, 10:34 p.m.:** A caller reported a fire behind Agate Hall, possibly in the parking lot, near the breezeway.

**Sunday, April 15, 5:14 a.m.:** An officer reported a firework explosion in the Bean West Courtyard.

### Suspicious Activities/Disorderly

### Conduct

**Friday, April 13, 4:30 p.m.:** A caller reported a missing computer from the Knight Library.

**Saturday, April 14, 12:17 p.m.:** A female caller reported a male taking pictures of the outside and inside of her house just east of campus.

### Threats/Physical Violence

**Friday, April 13, 5:07 p.m.:** Officers received a report of an attempted rape near the Autzen Foot Bridge.

**Sunday, April 15, 2:13 a.m.:** A male caller requested assistance after an assault near the Knight Library.

### Alcohol/Illegal Substances

**Wednesday, April 11, 9:03 p.m.:** A caller reported a large group of subjects with alcohol in the Pioneer Cemetery.

**Wednesday, April 11, 11:57 p.m.:** A male caller reported four suspicious

subjects smoking marijuana near the EMU.

**Thursday, April 12, 10:33 p.m.:** An officer contacted three Watson Hall residents for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

**Saturday, April 14, 12:40 a.m.:** A male caller reported people smoking marijuana in Collier Hall.

### Theft

**Thursday, April 12, 4:08 p.m.:** A caller

reported theft of items from his or her vehicle.

**Thursday, April 12, 6:55 p.m.:** A caller reported his or her bicycle had been stolen from the bike racks near the Knight Law School.

### Miscellaneous

**Monday, April 9, 6:29 p.m.:** A caller reported two females in a tree outside Cloran Hall.

**Wednesday, April 11, 5:21 p.m.:** A

caller reported losing a dog in the Straub Hall parking lot.

**Wednesday, April 11, 11:26 p.m.:** A male caller reported another male student was having a seizure near Thornton Hall in the Bean East Quad area.

**Friday, April 13, 5:50 p.m.:** A caller reported a smell of natural gas at Columbia Hall.

**Sunday, April 15, 3:42 a.m.:** An officer reported an explosion near parking lot 29B near Gerlinger Hall.

## 'Jenna's Bill' would battle school bullies

EUGENE — Some parents say teachers and administrators don't know how to handle reports that their children are being intimidated or harassed by other students, and they're pushing for stricter rules against bullying.

Several parents and students visited the Capitol last week to urge state lawmakers to pass legislation that sets clear guidelines for dealing with school bullies.

Rep. Richard Devlin, D-Tualatin, is sponsor of HB3403, which has been dubbed "Jenna's Bill" for one of his constituents, 14-year-old Jenna Herbison.

Her mother, Elisa Herbison, says that when Jenna told her principal she was being taunted and intimidated by older girls, the principal did nothing. When her mother got in-

volved, she was advised to transfer Jenna to another school.

Marilyn Nersesian of the Eugene School District said it's not uncommon for school districts not to have a defined solution for bullying.

"They often don't know what else to do unless they've done some training to prevent this kind of behavior," she said.

The bill, which received its first hearing before the House Education Committee last week, would require all school districts to prohibit harassment, intimidation and bullying. Districts would have to define such behaviors and set up consequences for students who bully. Procedures for reporting, investigating and responding to cases would also be required.

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