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U.S., Britain bomb Afghanistan



An F/A-18C Hornet is launched Sunday from the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, operating in the Arabian Sea. The carrier is part of Operation Enduring Freedom, a strike against terrorist training camps and military installations of the Taliban regime. The strikes are designed to disrupt the use of Afghanistan as a base for terrorist operations.

■ Sunday's military response to terrorism is just the beginning, according to President Bush

By Steven Thomma
Knight Ridder Newspapers

(KRT) American and British forces struck Afghanistan on Sunday with a massive military barrage, unleashing the first punishing assault in a war to destroy the terrorists who attacked the United States Sept. 11 and the radical Islamic regime that protects them.

"The battle is now joined on many fronts," President Bush told the nation in a televised speech from the White House Treaty Room. "We will not waver. We will not tire. We will not fail. Peace and freedom will prevail."

The beginning of America's response was delivered by 15 land-based B-1, B-2 and B-52 bombers, 25 carrier-based war-

planes and 50 cruise missiles from U.S. and British warships, including submarines, in the Arabian Sea. They struck Afghanistan's air defenses, its air force and terrorist training camps.

Bush promised a broad international alliance in coming days. He noted that Canada, Australia, Germany and France have pledged to commit military forces as the campaign rolls on. And he said more than 40 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East have granted air transit or landing rights, and that many already have shared intelligence.

"Initially, the terrorists may burrow deeper into caves and other entrenched hiding places," he said. "Our military action is also designed to clear the way for sustained, comprehensive and relentless operations to drive them out and bring them to justice."

Osama bin Laden, the mastermind behind the Sept. 11 attacks on America, vowed new terror in a statement videotaped from his hiding place, presumably in Afghanistan, and released Sunday. It appeared to have been made before the attacks, for bin Laden spoke in daylight, while the attacks began at 9:27 p.m. local time.

"America has been filled with horror

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Groups denounce U.S. military acts, urge peace

■ A demonstration took place on campus Sunday as part of a national day of action for peace

By Lindsay Buchele and Marcus Hathcock
Oregon Daily Emerald

Local Eugene peace groups gathered in the EMU Amphitheater on Sunday to protest the United States' military action against Afghanistan.

Nearly 150 people attended the rally, which was organized in part by the University Survival Center. The protest, part of a national day of action for peace called by the National Coalition for Peace and Justice, was scheduled before the United States began air strikes Sunday morning, but the focus of the rally remained the same: "One planet, one future, one people."

The demonstration opened in song, continued for more than an hour with speeches and ended with a march

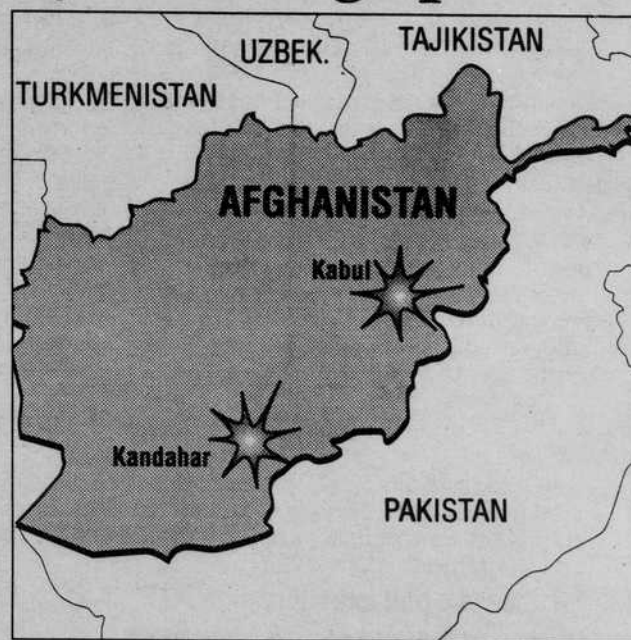
around campus. Speakers touched on everything from their frustrations concerning government policy to their disappointment with the American public's response to U.S. military action.

University sociology professor Michael Dreiling said 90 percent of the U.S. population supports military action against terrorism, a fact that has him just as scared as he was after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"I'm confused on how to communicate to this 90 percent," Dreiling said. "I want to say they are being ignorant, stupid, racist — but these are words of anger. They won't create a connection, and people won't understand hurtful words."

Dreiling also said that the symbols that were attacked — the World Trade Center and the Pentagon — are symbols of capitalism and military might, which have escalated the poor foreign policy that instigated these attacks.

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Student groups offer different perspective of Columbus Day history

■ A series of events intends to educate and inform students about Native American issues

By Anna Seeley
Oregon Daily Emerald

Columbus Day is a time when many Americans can take a break from school or work in honor of the famous explorer. But for Native Americans, the day signifies the start of an ongoing struggle for their rights.

Today kicks off a week-long series of events called "Indigenous American Genocide — Continued

Resistance" sponsored by the Native American Student Union, MEChA, the ASUO and the Multicultural Center. Its purpose is to educate and inform people of the Native American struggle and protest against Columbus Day, Annelia Norris, CO-director of NASU said.

"People forget issues that affect indigenous people of this country," she said. Christopher Columbus "wasn't a good man, and we want to further people's education about what his legacy has left."

This week's events include a speak-out in the EMU Amphithe-

ater, a candlelight vigil and NASU members petitioning against Columbus Day's status as a national holiday. Cultural activities will end the week's events in celebration, Norris said.

Sociology Professor Charles Hunt's lecture on Columbus is also included in this week's events. In it, he speaks on how Columbus really treated Native Americans.

Contrary to how he has been portrayed in schools, Columbus was not a hero, according to Hunt. He believes Columbus should be taught as an important

man, but the way he affected the Native Americans should be told as well.

"He is important because he begins modern globalization, which is still going on today," he said.

Columbus exterminated between 100,000 and 500,000 Native Americans, Hunt said. Columbus cut off their hands, burned them alive, worked them to death and set dogs on them, he said.

"He killed a lot of people," Hunt said. "The man committed genocide."

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NASU Events

Today: 12 p.m. speak-out in amphitheater

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. candlelight vigil in amphitheater

Tuesday-Thursday: NASU will be showing films in the Multicultural Center

Wednesday: 10 a.m. lecture by Professor Charles Hunt in 150 Columbia

Friday: Dancing and music in the amphitheater

Source: Annelia Norris, co-director of NASU