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Columbus Day

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Hunt compared Columbus to Hitler, saying that celebrating a holiday in his name is the same as celebrating Hitler's birthday.

Columbus "is not a great American," he said. "In my opinion, we should celebrate indigenous people day, and to hell with Columbus Day."

NASU member Hector Cash-Bolanos said Columbus has been

portrayed in a positive light because the history books were written by white people, and the Native American's viewpoint has not been represented.

"People have to understand and respect the other reality," he said.

Norris said most people know Columbus wasn't a good man, but it is still important to educate on native issues because people are naive to the native struggle.

"We want to put our voice out there and let people know we are still here and struggling for our sovereign rights," she said.

NASU member Bryan Hudson agrees.

"It is time for people to understand the ethics on which this country is based," he said.

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University Events

Monday, Oct. 8

Group discussion: To kick-off National Coming Out Day events, local spiritual leaders will talk about religion and spirituality in the LGBT community. Noon-1 p.m. EMU Rogue Room. Free.

Bake Sale: Oregon Hillel is sponsoring a Jewish student community bake sale. Half of the donations will be sent to the New York Emergency Relief Fund. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. University Bookstore, 13th Avenue and Kincaid Street.

Friday, Oct. 12

Oregon Archaeology Celebration 2001: Biological anthropologist and University Anthropology Professor John Lukacs presents "Reconstructing Ancient Lifeways from Bioarchaeology: Mesolithic Foragers of North India." 5:30 p.m. 175 Knight Law Center. Free.

For a full calendar listing, go to www.dailyemerald.com. Send event information to calendar@dailyemerald.com.

Bombing

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from north to south and east to west, and thanks be to God that what America is tasting now is only a copy of what we have tasted," bin Laden said.

"God has blessed a group of vanguard Muslims, the forefront of Islam, to destroy America. May God bless them and allot them a supreme place in heaven," he said. "I swear to God that America will not live in peace before peace reigns in Palestine."

Bin Laden was not specifically a target in Sunday's attacks, according to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. He said the war on terror aims at much bigger targets than bin Laden alone: the eradication of terrorist networks.

The U.S.- and British-led campaign will be "sustained" and "continuous," Rumsfeld said, "until we are convinced that those terrorist networks are destroyed."

In addition, some 37,500 rations of food and medical supplies were air-dropped for the suffering Afghan people. Bush said the move underscored that the war is not directed against the Afghan people, but against the terrorists in their midst and the regime that shelters them.

The strikes started 26 days after the most devastating attack on American soil since the Civil War. The Sept. 11 terrorist assaults killed an estimated 5,600 Americans in New York, suburban Washington and Pennsylvania, and blasted the nation out of an era of peace and confidence into a state of war and fear.

In London, British Prime Minister Tony Blair acknowledged that the new campaign carries risks for Afghan civilians who might be killed, and it could ignite new terrorist assaults. But, Blair said, "the dangers of inaction are far, far greater — the threat of further such outrages, the threat to our economies, the threat to the stability of the world."

Bush warned that Americans face the possibility of terrorist reprisals both at home and abroad. As a precaution, Vice President Dick Cheney was moved to an undisclosed location while Bush remained at the White House. The State Department warned Americans abroad to be alert. National Guard and police security was beefed up around the nation.

"I know many Americans feel fear today," Bush said. "And our government is taking strong precautions. All law enforcement and intelligence agencies are working aggressively around America, around the world and around the clock."

The president asked the American people for patience with the inconvenience that comes with increased security, with the endurance of what will be a long campaign, and "all the sacrifices that may come."

The headquarters of Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban regime in Kandahar was destroyed in the first wave of missile strikes, according to Al-Jazeera television in Qatar. But the Taliban ambassador to Pakistan said the regime's leader and bin Laden both survived.

"By the grace of God, Mullah Omar and bin Laden are alive," Taliban Ambassador Abdul Salam Zaeef told reporters in Islamabad, Pakistan.

Independent verification of his

claim was impossible. Rumsfeld told reporters in mid-afternoon that it was too soon to know how successful the strikes were. He said he did not know of any casualties or planes being downed.

The Taliban vowed to fight. "This attack by America is a terrorist act," Zaeef told the Afghan Islamic Press agency. "Poor and common Afghans will die, for which America will be responsible. This is an attack on an independent country. We will fight to the last breath."

In recognition that Muslim reaction to the assault on Afghanistan could be extreme, the State Department's alert warned Americans abroad to beware of "strong anti-American sentiment and retaliatory actions against U.S. citizens and interests throughout the world by terrorists and those who are sympathetic to or otherwise support terrorism." It urged Americans overseas to monitor local news, maintain contact with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate and to limit their movements.

In Rome, aides to deposed Afghan king Mohammad Zahir Shah said they were not advised in advance about Sunday's military attacks, and expressed concern that a political vacuum could ensue if the Taliban are quickly routed.

In a statement issued by his secretariat, the former king acknowledged the "legitimate right" of the United States to "seek justice" against perpetrators of the Sept. 11 attack, but urged the United States and its allies to "respect the territorial integrity of Afghanistan and the safety and the life of our innocent people."

The 86-year-old monarch, ousted in a coup nearly 30 years ago, was prepared to return to his country within a week's time if needed to convene a supreme council of national unity to help create a transitional government, said Dr. Zalmay Rassoul, an aide to Zahir.

Bush settled on his military plan weeks ago, according to a senior administration official who was involved in decision-making. The president conducted a final run-through of the plan by videoconference Saturday at the Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland to make sure that all military, diplomatic and security plans were in place.

With his plans set, Bush called congressional leaders late Saturday to alert them.

"We stand united with the president and with our troops," Republican and Democratic leaders of the House and Senate said in a joint statement issued Sunday after the attacks were launched.

One U.S. intelligence officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said CIA analysts believe that bin Laden and the Taliban gravely underestimated U.S. will.

"Bin Laden certainly believes what he says about the United States — it's weak, corrupt and immoral, and it would fall over the minute he hit it hard enough," the U.S. intelligence official said.

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