

Vigil

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Ibrahim Hamide — a member of the Eugene Middle East Peace Group, a group that was not involved in the vigil — said he believes most Americans support the military movement. Nonetheless, Hamide said he isn't surprised to see political opposition and added that he supports the protest.

"You can't bring peace by clubbing people over the head," he said. "The sooner we give it up, the sooner we will be on the right path."

Ironically, the vigil was held in front of Democratic offices, offices that tend to house politicians who voice the most opposition to military involvement in the Middle East.

Kristie Greco, press secretary for DeFazio, said the vigil is a good idea, but added participants don't need to persuade the representative. Greco said DeFazio is already concerned about U.S. military involvement.

"Peter is always supportive of people sharing their views," Greco

said. "He's aware, and I think they're aware of his views."

Wyden's press secretary, Carol Guthrie, said the senator believes active citizen involvement is a step toward bettering the community and the country, but she would not say whether he supports the vigil or the military's current involvement.

"Senator Wyden certainly shares the view that American foreign policy should not be driven by military action, but by concerted and thoughtful engagement and through efforts to alleviate human suffering and poverty," Guthrie said.

The Bi-Monthly Vigil for a Just Peace, put together by volunteers, is a political response to the events since Sept. 11. Tuesday's vigil was the second put on by demonstrators. The vigil will take place every second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. On June 12, the vigil will move to the local office of Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore.

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Adam Amato Emerald

Former University student Kristin Valasek demonstrates outside the offices of Senator Ron Wyden and Congressman Peter DeFazio in downtown Eugene to express her belief that the current U.S. military operations should not be expanded.

News briefs

Community organizations flock to internship fair

The Community Internship Program will host an outdoor internship fair from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today in the EMU Amphitheater.

The CIP functions as a campus resource for students searching for internships and other volunteer opportunities that provide credit and a chance to make a difference in the community.

"You can donate time anywhere you want," CIP outdoor school division head Adam Peterson said. "We offer all kinds of opportunities to places you wouldn't expect."

Peterson, a freshman, is responsible for locating and assigning camps at which to volunteer as well as organizing outdoor schools and programs at each location. He said this year's fair will be the "best one yet" because of the diverse group of organizations that will be participating.

"Our goal is to raise student awareness of all the opportunities out there," Peterson said. "The coolest thing about this year's fair is we're bringing interns from different schools and University students together, all in one place."

Service organizations participating in the fair include American Red Cross, Kidsports, Food for Lane County, Relief Nursery and the YMCA. Each organization will provide information about their services as well as volunteer opportunities for students to get involved. Information about human service organizations, mentorship organizations and leadership opportunities will be available.

— Caron Alarab

Emerald hosts forum to discuss diversity issues

The Emerald will host an open forum at 6:30 p.m. today in the EMU Ben Linder Room for students to discuss the paper's coverage of ethnic student unions and diversity issues.

Students are encouraged to come with concrete ideas and constructive comments about what the Emerald is doing right, what needs to be improved and what stories should be covered in the future.

The event will be videotaped and used to make a training video for future Emerald staff members.

For more information, call the Emerald at 346-5511 and ask for Jessica Blanchard or Serena Markstrom.

— Kara Cogswell

THE UO SCHOOL OF MUSIC PRESENTS

Future Music Oregon

Jeffrey Stolet, director

A concert of experimental music, featuring the work of noted electro-acoustic composer **Barry Truax**, known for his work in the **World Soundscape Project** and for contributions to acoustic ecology.

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EXTRA! EXTRA!

Emerald holds meeting to discuss diversity coverage.

Here's your chance to help improve coverage of diversity issues in the Emerald. We are sponsoring an open forum to address issues relating to covering ethnic student unions and diversity. Tell us what we're doing right, let us know how we can improve future coverage.

Are there stories you think the Emerald should cover and hasn't? Let us know what those stories are.

Tell us what stories you have seen in the paper that you would like to see more of. *Come with concrete ideas and constructive comments.*

Who: Interested students, Emerald staffers, Ann Bentz (mediator)

What: Town Hall Meeting to discuss diversity coverage in the Emerald

When: TONIGHT, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Ben Linder Room, EMU

Why: We're looking for constructive criticism. We want to know how students think we are doing and collect ideas on how to improve.

The event will be video taped and will be used to make a training video for future Emerald staffs. For more information call the Emerald at 346-5511 and ask for Jessica Blanchard or Serena Markstrom